



Firefighters Employment, Standards, and Training Council Meeting
January 19, 2023
Daytona Beach, FL

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME	REPRESENTING	TERM ENDING
Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Mike Bellamy Tallahassee Fire	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Brad Bischoff Bradenton Fire Department	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Aaron Colburn Reedy Creek Emergency Svs.	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Kasie Crowe Division of Forestry	Florida Fire Service	Jan. 31, 2023 (2 nd term)
Thomas DiBernardo Florida Department of Health	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Darrel Donatto Town of Palm Beach	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Ralph Franklin Okeechobee County Fire	FL Association of Counties	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2026 (2 nd term)
Terry Parris Panama City Beach	State Fire Marshal	Jan. 1, 2023 (1 st term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough C.C	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd term)
Michael Woodward City of Oviedo Fire Dept.	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (1 st term)

ABSENT:

Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)

The Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting was called to order.

On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council held on November 17, 2022, were approved.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION: *given by JoAnne Rice, Director*

- Continuing work on the 8th Edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, shooting for completion by June 30, 2023

Director Rice reminded council members that the State Fire Marshal's (SFM) office relies on the FFIRS and FFESTC councils to bring information to the table. Members need to be a resource out in the State and bring information back. Challenged members to get fully engaged to provide SFM with tasks and challenges.

Director Rice thanked Kasie Crowe from the Florida Forest Service and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his time on both the FFIRS and FFESTC Councils.

REPORT FROM THE BUREAU: *given by Mark Harper Bureau Chief*

As a follow up from the previous meeting, Chief Harper provided a handout referencing certifications and employment tracking. Data provided was over a three-year period.

Standards Section

- Firefighter Certification
 - Firefighter II – 46,087
 - Firefighter I – 3, 501
 - Firefighters employed – 37, 665
 - Certifications issued – 11, 082
 - CY 2022 – 2, 299 Firefighter II certified (last year 2, 416 were certified). We have experienced an increase during 2021 due to make up from 2020 COVID.
- Pro Board completed site visit Nov. 2022.

Training Section

- 2022 3, 548 students attended class
- This section receives between 900 – 1000 requests each month for new course approvals, class offerings, and instructor and training provider requests.
- Two course deliveries have been transitioned to virtual
 - Evaluating Performance Based Design
 - SERP

- We have received (1/11/2023) a draft agreement from NFPA referencing the licensing agreement for Florida to be able to approve instructors to teach the Certified Fire Protection Specialist course. In review with SFM legal.

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- FEMA position-specific training – \$450K
- IMT training exercise – \$76K
- Full-scale exercise (3 days) \$250K

Grants

- Volunteer Assistance Grant - \$1 million
 - Processed 21 applications which will obligate the \$1 million
- Decontamination Equipment Grant - \$500K
 - Processed 36 applications. Primary eligible equipment – PPE, extractors, and vehicle exhaust capture systems.
 - Received almost \$2 million in requested equipment
 - Each grant requires a safety compliance inspection to be completed before approved

Deferred Building Maintenance – Federal funding - \$2,744,765

- Replace roof on Arson/Prevention building - \$250,250
- Roof repairs on other buildings - \$101,793
- Generator replacement - \$275,000
- Paving Phase II - \$275,000
- Building infrastructure settling – \$1.5 million
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Rule Development

- Live Fire Instructor (69A-37: 401-405)
 - Nearing final hearing
- Firefighter Employer Comprehensive Safety and Health Program (69 A.62.021)
 - Notice of change, o workshop or hearing required
- Fire Service Instructor (69A-37:0.59)
 - The Department conducted a workshop, and the record was held open to receive comments. Division making edits to text and will move to the Notice of Rule Development.
- Program of Study and Vocational Courses (69A-27.065)
 - Workshop was held, will advise when ready to move to Notice of Rule Development
- Definitions (69A-37.084)
 - Adding “Title IV Program” to language
 - Workshop held, will advise when ready to move to Notice of Rule Development
- Firesafety Inspector and Fire Code Administrator (69A-39.005)
 - Changes with instructor qualification

- Workshop held, will advise when ready to move to Notice of Rule Development

The last four rules identified about (69A-37.059, .065, .084, and 69A-39.005 are combined into a single rulemaking packet for administrative ease. The workshop referenced above included all four of the rules.

Bureau of Fire Prevention (Chief John Gatlin)

- Rule development beginning for Florida Fire Prevention Code 8th edition
- Rule development continues for New Rule surrounding unlicensed contractors
- Planned January go-live for new Miami Dade Construction Mining Program
- FY 21/22 Bureau Activity
 - Boilers – 9,563 inspections
 - Inspection – 15,518 inspections
 - Plans – 1, 078 reviews
 - Regulatory – 7, 828 licenses processed
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Upcoming events at FSFC

- FACAP Conference – March 1 – 3
- Volunteer Week – April 24 – 29
- Instructor Conference – May 4 – 5
- Cancer/Mental Health Symposium – May 25
- NFA State Weekend – June 3 – 5

FSFC Campus

- Chiller pipes being worked on
- Generator should be delivered in March

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion duly made, Carlos Aviles was elected Chairman of the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council for a 2nd term.

Motion carried.

On a motion duly made, Jim Millican was elected Vice Chairman of the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council for a 2nd term.

Motion carried.

Mike Bellamy

On a motion duly made, the Council will submit a letter to the CFO requesting support of legislation during the 2023 session that restores the age and years of service to pre 2012 levels for special risk class members of FRS.

(HB 239 SB 224)

Motion carried.

AUDIENCE:

Rocco Salvatore, FPF, thanked Council for considering the support of the special risk class members of FRS.

Julius Halas, congratulated JoAnne Rice on her appointment to Director.

Encouraged all and their constituent groups and vendors, to support the Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial with donations.

Kasie Crowe, Division of Forestry, thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 20, 2023 – Conference call

ADJOURN.

Audio file available upon request