



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel  
November 17, 2021  
Ocala, FL/Conference Call

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>TERM ENDING</b>
Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Kasie Crowe Division of Forestry	Florida Forest Service	Jan.31, 2023 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Thomas DiBernardo Florida Department of Health	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Darrel Donatto Town of Palm Beach Fire	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Nick Herlihy North Port Fire Rescue	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association of Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough CC	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)

**ABSENT:**

Mike Bellamy Tallahassee Fire	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Jerry Forte City of Palm Coast Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 20, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Ralph Franklin Okeechobee County Fire	FL Association of Counties	June 20, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Jason Schneider Winter Garden Fire Dept.	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)

The Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel meeting was called to order.

**On a motion duly made**, the minutes from the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel held on July 19, 2021 were approved.

**Motion carried.**

**REPORT FROM DIVISION:** *given by Julius Halas, Director*

**Director Halas** introduced new Assistant Director JoAnne Rice.

- Grant Funding (totals)
  - University of Miami FF Cancer Research – over 6 years almost 8.5 million
  - Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Grant over 4 million
  - Fire Construction & Equipment nearly 30 million
  - De-Con Kits up to 1 million with an additional 50,000 from Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation
  - Firefighter Decontamination Equipment Grants - 250,000 to 500,000
- Setting goal for the next decade of sharing analytics (Fire and EMS) to enhance community risk reduction.

#### **Assistant Director Rice**

Items funded through federal dollars for the Florida State Fire College (Covid Relief Funds) – approximately 2.7 million. These items were all previously Legislative Budget Requests (LBR's)

- Water Filtration System
- Roof (Arson Bldg.)
- Settling Issues
- Paving (phase 2)
- New Generator (from diesel to natural gas)

LBR's

- FFIRS Reporting System
- FCDICE

#### **Julius Halas**

The Surfside Collapse, which brought on a full deployment of our US&R teams, has really brought to light, not only to the CFO, but also the Governor and other elected officials, as to why we have these teams. They are not only for natural disasters. There is a lot of support for funding the teams.

**REPORT FROM FFIRS:** *given by Wayne Watts (report distributed)*

- **Calendar year 2021,**
  - The FFIRS section has processed 1.492 million incidents with 339 agencies reporting
  - 159 civilian fire deaths
  - 6 firefighter deaths
  - In 2020, over 800 civilians were injured from fires (rely on Department of Health as they have emergency room data)
- 2020 Florida Fires Annual Report is nearing publication
- Some agencies are still reporting data after deadline

Panel members Donatto and Aviles requested that the non-reporting department list be updated and that a chart indicating fluctuation in non-reporting departments be provided at the next meeting.

**REPORT FROM EMS:** *Tom DiBernardo, Florida Department of Health*

- Paramedics – 34,153
- EMT's – 38,973
- Public Safety Telecommunicators – 7,299
- Agencies – 302
- Permitted Vehicles – 6, 959
- 2021 YTD EMS records – 4,006,843 (Biospatial)
- MVC, includes fire and EMS vehicles (\*new feature)
- Florida Department of Health is starting to create EMS Community Risk Reduction (CRR) with EMS Data

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Update on Tableau Data Analytics – Julius Halas
  - Continue to move forward along with five other agencies that fall under the Department of Financial Services. This has dropped the cost. Unfortunately, the NFIRS system is not a simple download into Tableau. The Division IT Department is working on it
- A Legislative Budget Request (LBR) has been submitted for \$380,000, for the departments that participate in the reporting system to have licensed access to the data
- Legislature meets Jan 11 – March 11

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**AUDIENCE:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** **Thursday, January 20, 2022, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Ocean Center, Daytona Beach**

**ADJOURN.**

*Audio File available upon request.*