



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel  
 April 20, 2023  
 Conference Call

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>TERM ENDING</b>
Mike Bellamy Tallahassee Fire	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Brad Bischoff Bradenton Fire Department	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1st term)
Aaron Colburn Reedy Creek Emergency Svs.	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1st term)
Kasie Crowe Division of Forestry	Florida Forest Service	Jan.31, 2023 (2nd term)
Thomas DiBernardo Florida Department of Health	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2023 (1st term)
Darrel Donatto Town of Palm Beach Fire	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2023 (1st 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)
Jeremy Joseph Florida Forest Service	Florida Forest Service/DOA	Jan. 31, 2027 (1st term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association of Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd term)
Terry Parris Panama City Beach F/R	State Fire Marshal	Jan. 1, 2023 (1st term)
Michael Woodward Oviedo Fire Department	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (1st term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)

**ABSENT:**

Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough CC	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd term)

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

**Chairman Bellamy welcomed Jeremy Joseph to the FFIRS panel.**

**Chairman Bellamy recognized Chief Ralph Franklin who is attending his last meeting after serving for 5 years.**

**On a motion duly made**, the minutes from the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel held on January 19, 2023, were approved.

**Motion carried.**

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

Director Rice thanked Chief Franklin for his service and congratulated him on his retirement.

Director Rice welcomed Jeremy Joseph.

- John Gatlin, former Bureau Chief of Fire Prevention John Gatlin has been promoted to Assistant Director.
- Continuing to meet with SFM partners, meeting with DEM, Florida Forest Service, DMS, FDLE, etc. Next stop will be with the Florida Fire Chiefs', FPF, and FFMIA. In the meantime, visits with internal folks are going well and about ¾ of the way through.
- Met with Mark Glass and Director Guthrie with DEM – speaking on NFPA 3000
- Budget
  - Feasibility Study for FCDICE was completed which led to a 2.5-million-dollar LBR for replacement for FCDICE. As of right now, it is still on the table in the House, Senate, and Governor's office.
  - Work is continuing on the dashboards for Tableau.
  - Code Book – 8<sup>th</sup> Edition – moving through rule process.
  - Funding for FSFC – requested 9.5 million
    - Plumbing
    - Electric
    - Roof
    - Auditorium
    - Renovations
  - Request for Community Risk Reduction position

- Recently attended the first ever USFA State Fire Marshal Forum. Discussions on;
  - NFRIS, NFRIS updates
  - Civilian fire deaths (home fires)
    - To date, we have 55 civilian fire deaths in Florida
    - USFA is tracking civilian fire deaths in Florida more accurately than we are. Will be working with Arson Division to ensure proper reporting through their division as well as the fire departments.

**REPORT FROM FFIRS:** *given by Willie Saulsberry, Jonna Smyth, SFM*

- Working hard to get accurate, timely, completed, reliable reporting
- Working on getting departments to understand and use data for strategic planning
- Will be reaching out to review dashboards (with pilot departments)
- The Department has given storage withing the server to check data and help develop dashboards
- Annual Report – in production, hoping for early release
- Working with non-reporting departments
- Future webinar training and field training

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

- Last year the system closed with 4.8 million records, representing 83.5% of providers. As with fire, it is voluntary reporting. Have a close eye on those not submitting data.
- 97% of all 911 calls are collected
- Updates
  - Heat maps – zip code overlays now available
  - Custom and notify alerts – can create alerts for dashboards
  - Injuries and deaths – shaping system to monitor. Of the 64 injury/deaths in system, 43% were from a residential single-family house, the remaining injury/deaths were from hospitals or healthcare institutions, 10% were apartments and then it goes down to smaller decimal points.
  - Virtual training is provided 2 – 3 times a week as well as in person training (regional)
  - Funds available for syndromic surveillance between EMS and Fire. This would allow DOH to start importing NFIRS data. The scope of work is currently being designed
- Suicides
  - DOH has several epidemiologists on board who have multiple links to vital records (death records). Going back 5 years, EMT/Paramedic deaths records were cross referenced with listed suicides (if listed as such which could lead to slight under reporting). The data is being reported and we will soon have data for Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement/Dispatchers suicide rates. Data should be provided at the summer Executive Conference.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**AUDIENCE:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, July 17, 2023, Naples, Florida

**ADJOURN.**

*Audio File available upon request.*