

# Unofficial Notes

Standards Council Meeting - Tallahassee March 19, 2012

Roll call to ascertain a quorum. Quorum was met.

Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel Meeting

John Pascalone -

- Motion for approval of the min of the meeting from Daytona. Motion Passed

Julius Halas – Director of the State Fire Marshal’s Office.

- Not much new going on since the meetings in Daytona at Fire Rescue East
- Federal Government has decided to combine the various 15 Federal Grants into one grant. Talked about purchasing vehicles for CBRNE response, Janet Napolitano, the Secretary of Homeland Security said to go out and expedite the purchases.
- Per Julias Halas, Not allowed to purchase vehicles for local agencies with the exception of Miami, Region 7 who has a lot of money that may get returned.
- Halas stated that Janet Napolitano made the statements about vehicle purchases.
- Stated that Miami has 16 million, so the purchase of a vehicle may be justified.
- Bryan Koon, Director of Florida Emergency Management has called a meeting for emergency funding
- Need to identify what we are going to buy and what we cannot buy and we need to find where to spend the money.
- 2008 and 2009 money needs to be spent by Sept 30th of 2012.
- Dave Halstead, Deputy Director of Florida Emergency Management announced his retirement effective June 1st.
- No horrible bills to deal with. very cooperative dialogue with different associations

Keith - FFIRS Report

- Introducing his staff that works on all of the reports and data collection.
- Mailing out the statistical yearly data to the fire departments now. Mutual aid and response times. If you have not received them yet, please call FFIRS to get your report.
- need to get your data to FFIRS by April 30th to be included in the annual report
- 2010 - 151 fire related deaths
- 2011 - 94 fire related deaths
- 2012 - Schedule for training for FFIRS, Manatee County is pending.
- NETC - April 29 - May 1st - training on the data entry
- 30 counties are closed out. waiting on Hardee County
- If you are canceled enroute, you need to put 611 for incident type which is cancelled enroute. You must also put 93 as actions taken.
- If the incident is anything other than cancelled enroute, you cannot use 93 code for actions taken.
- Fire Calls: 2010 - 68,057. 2011 - 67,752
- Ems Calls: 2010 - 1,796,824. 2011 - 1,847,001

- Non-Fire & Non-EMS: 2010 - 567,666. 2011 - 562,440
- Total Response: 2010 - 2,432,717. 2011 - 2,478,473
- 2010 - 542 Departments reported. 2011 - 533 Departments reported
- The book with the fire data report numbers is ready to go out to print.
- email Keith if you have suggestions for the book that is being produced:  
ffirs@myfloridacfo.com
- Medical Quality Assurance Agency - EMT's and Paramedics will fall under them
- Part time law enforcement will be able to work part time as a dispatcher
- EMS MSTAR systems is due for replacement and an RFP is out
- house bill 1227 for law enforcement dispatcher
- Chair of this Council and the Chair of the Standards Council - consider a rotation of who sits for the chair position.
- The next Standards Council Meeting is at the summer conference which is at Championsgate Orlando - Friday, July 20th - 830 am.
- meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm

### **Standards Council Meeting - 2:41pm**

Ron Parish - motion to approve the mins of the meeting - motion passed

Barry Baker, Chief of Bureau of Fire Standards and Training - update

Legislation update

- 270 bills that passed
- Fallen Hero's act. who die in the line of duty homestead tax relief passed HB 93 & 95
- Electronic filing of construction plans / building plans. Allows for plans to be submitted electronically
- Theft of flow valves now has an increase in penalties to the offenders
- Drug Free workplace passed regarding random drug testing
- Dept. of Health did not move EMS like they thought
- Division of Forestry is now Florida Forestry Service.
- Only 10% of the bills passed

Julius Halas - Director of the State Fire Marshal's Office

Barry Baker spoke initially

- Conducting reviews of administrative rules
- Fire fighter 1 & 2 exam is doing well and they are not having any complaints.
- Dennis Hackett has been confirmed as the interim section supervisor. Paperwork has been submitted for final approval as the section supervisor.
- 69 departments that have had excessive injuries
- 2nd line of duty death - Chief Parish's members.
- Fire Officer 3 and 4 - ready to finalize and roll out in the next few months. Also ready to roll out the Fire Code Administrator courses and criteria. This will come out soon.
- You will get college credits at the bachelor level along with Pro-Board
- Fire Safety Instructor issue - July 1, 2010. 633.352. Identifies how a person who is certified as an instructor would be able to maintain their FF certification. Currently

you would need to work full time as an instructor, volunteer for 6 months prior to expiration date, work as a full time instructor or take the State Exam to renew your certification. Nothing was said about what is being done. There is a memo going out to advise about this issue. The memo was released at the end of the meeting.

- nothing has been done as of yet and unless something gets changed by July of 2013, instructors will have to be full time or currently working as a fire fighter or volunteer.
- Klein - how close are we to getting something passed?
- If you are a certified instructor and not certified as a FF, you are limited to what you could teach. Without FF cert, you could not teach min stands or live fire training.
- Baker - presented a plan for CEU program that would take care of this issue.
- Hoping to have the bill completely put together by this July.
- Baker stated that we should look at the impact this change would have to the fire service and see if it is something we really want to support. Appears that their position is one that wants to explore the options. It appears that they are not in complete support of it.

#### Bill Klein

- Report on the fire fighter 2 hours. Met with Ch. Baker in Ocala and he does not support an increase in hours.
- Looking at conducting the S-130, S-190 hours online, however, the hours would then be removed from the curriculum at the college level which would not allow for the reallocation of hours to cover the Physical Education, Physical Training or Testing Review which is all listed in the Administrative code for items that need to be covered in FF1/2.
- looking at making Forestry, S-130, S-190, L-180 certification as a prerequisite to FF1
- The performance objectives - talked about doing the Florida testing objectives.
- moved to textbooks to keep the testable material current
- Option would be to identify testable subject areas and keep them as a constant. This would eliminate the testing of anything in the 1407 page manual.
- Would like to have a defined equipment list for testable items. They are requesting items that are not required on the equipment list.
- Discussed the verification of hours. DOE has removed the line item that encourages the additional training hours. This statement is still listed in 69A.
- Looking at other alternatives for the hour's issue.
- Could make it a prerequisite to FF2 instead of FF1. This would allow for the students to have some fire experience prior to taking the forestry courses.
- The Department of Education is currently paying at 450 hours and there is not a guarantee that they will continue to pay at that level.

Next Meeting July 20, 2012 at Championsgate Orlando.