

Florida
Fire
Training
Directors
Association

Key West, Florida
20 July 2013

MINUTES



Officers:

Chair.....Ron Williams, Lake Tech
Vice-Chair.....Bill Klein, Brevard CC
Treasurer.....Michael Dashosh, Indian River SC
Secretary.....Michael McNally, Coral Springs Fire Academy
Trustee at Large...Phillip Royal, Citrus County
Trustee at Large...Larry Swartz, Manatee Tech

9:43 am - Called the FFTDA Association meeting to order by Rob Williams

Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting by Phillip Royal, Second by Melvin Stone

- Motion for treasurers report by Jack Jarrell and a second by Melvin Stone. Motion passed
- McNally - Gave a report on the subcommittee for all minimum standards pre-qualifications, course content and post enrollment outcomes.

✚ items covered by this committee are as follows:

- Cognitive Testing
- Physical Test (CPAT)
- Drug Testing
- Medical Evaluation
- Pre-course training requirements
- Felonies
- Standardization of Curriculum
- Standardization of Lesson Plan
- Publisher
- Instructor Qualifications
- Instructor CEU Requirements
- Test Management
- Student-to-Instructor Ratio
- Class Size
- Best Practices
- Formulae / Process to Determine Instructional Hours
- Facility Requirements
- Equipment Requirements
- Program Evaluation
- Instructor Evaluation
- Facility Evaluation

- Fire Officer Series - **September 10th** in West Palm Beach **10am** - 1pm- Public Hearing
 - Additional Hearing in Tallahassee the following week if needed.
 - Earliest it would be on the books is November

Presentation by Bill Klein:

- 24 questions for the Standards Council
- Jack Jared Motion to present the questions to the council and second by Jim McAlister
- Hand Vote Conducted: Yes - 11 - No - 0 Member. Motion Carries to present questions to council

Discussion on the changes to Florida Statute 633 and the changes to the instructor certification.

- Director Halas thanks the FFTDA Board for help with 633.
- Clarification on the Felony and Misdemeanor convictions that now will disqualify members for certification as a firefighter

Discussion on Ladder safety and belaying firefighters through that training by Phillip Royal.

- Discussion on how different centers are conducting their training and securing their members that are performing bailout training.
- Mike McCann was not present to discuss his concerns.

FFTDA Social Event in March of each year.

- The event due to lack of participation, the social event will be discontinued.

Presentation by Director Halas:

- CFO asked that they draft a resolution which has been signed by the Governor and has been co-sponsored by Commissioner Putnam and will move to have a new fallen firefighter memorial constructed in Tallahassee to be there for all firefighters from Volunteer, Career and Wildland.
- This will not replace the memorial in Ocala.

Bureau Report - Barry Baker

- Implementation of Statute 633
 - Priority is the Felony / Misdemeanor criteria and retention language
 - Felonies prior to July 1st will not be touched for currently certified personnel
 - Felonies prior and after July 1st will not allow you to get certified.
 - Volunteers are not subjected to the same felony rules
 - discussed the legislative request for funds to perform a Job Analysis for firefighter.
 - FO1&2 Task Book
 - Safety Officer may also be a task book and will be worked on following the fire officer series.

Presentation by Jack Evans from Hillsborough CC regarding EMT and FF Programs being joined together.

- Discussed the importance of combining the minimum standards 2 and EMT class together. This would bring the program to 648 hours of training which then qualifies the student for Federal Financial aid.
- Motion to send a FFTDA Executive Board support letter by Phillip Royal and Second by Jack Jarrell. Motion carried.

FFTDA as a non-profit 501(c)4 motion to proceed by Jack Jarrell and Second by Jim McAlister

Minimum Standards Textbook publisher has not been decided yet. Bureau has a commitment from IFSTA to continue print of the 5th edition until January 2014.

- Bureau advised that the Sub-Committee that McNally is a member will recommend the publisher to use for minimum standards.

9 Centers present out of 29.

Nomination for Ron Williams as President. No other nominations and vote carried to keep Ron as Chair.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Dashosh with second by Melvin Stone

Next meeting is set for October 10th in Ocala. The time will be announced soon.

Fire academy of the year award nominations are due by December 1st. The Nomination forms are on the FFTDA Website. (www.floridafiretraining.org)

*Ray Jackson,
FFTA Secretary*

Next meeting @

MEETING ADJOURNED @