

Florida  
Fire  
Training  
Directors  
Association

Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, Ocala  
MINUTES

October 2 2014



Officers:

Chair.....Ron Williams, Lake Tech  
Vice-Chair.....Bill Klein, Eastern Florida  
Treasurer.....Mike Dashosh, Indian River State College  
Secretary.....Mike McNally- Coral Springs Regional Public Safety Institute  
Trustee at Large...James Angle – St. Petersburg College  
Trustee At Large...Jeff Strickland – Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue  
Present: - QUORUM Members are in red  
Ron Williams-Lake Technical College Fire Academy  
Michael McNally – Coral Springs Fire Academy  
Michael Dashosh – Indian River State College  
Jeff Strickland – Miami-Dade Fire Rescue  
Bill Klein – Eastern College  
Stephen Chancey – Valencia College  
Mike Hoening – Seminole State College  
Jim McAlister – Hillsborough CC  
Martin Fowler – Chipola College  
Brandon Stevenson – Washington Holmes Tech.  
Dennis Hackett – BFST  
Julius Halas – Director - BFST  
Barry Baker – Florida State Fire College  
Bill Wentlandt – Bureau of Fire Standards  
Anita Pringle – Bureau of Fire Standards  
Robert McGilloway – Coral Springs Regional Public Safety Institute  
TJ Lyons – Bureau of Fire Standards  
Floyd Aycock – Chipola College

**Meeting Called to Order at 10:30 AM by Chairman Williams:**

1. Motion to approve August minutes by Steve Chancey, second by Jeff Strickland, motion carried.
2. Treasury report August 2014 from Michael Dashosh  
**Beginning Balance as of October 2014 \$3,956.91**  
**Deposits – Dues collected \$200.00**  
**Ending Balance: \$4,156.91**  
 Motion to approve treasury report was made and approved.

Membership report given to group by Michael McNally, Secretary.

## Old Business

- 1) **Firefighter/EMT report by Director Halas**
  - a) A draft MOU was done and has been back and forth with department of health.
  - b) This will allow the option for training centers to have a combined program offering EMT and Firefighter. This will allow for the necessary hours to apply for Pell Grant.
  - c) The Florida Fire Chief's Association has passed a motion to send a letter of support for this process to take place.
  - d) Still looking at a September 2015 time-frame for allowing this.
- 2) **Director Halas – Fallen Firefighter Memorial – Tallahassee**
  - a) The architect is on board
  - b) Legislature, CFO and Governor have allocated \$250,000 in budget for the memorial
  - c) The total project is over \$350,000
  - d) CFO is anxious to choose the contractor for the project
  - e) Location is in front of the House of Representatives in the courtyard area
  - f) Director Halas thanked the FFTDA for their efforts to obtain the funding for the Job Analysis
- 3) **Job Task Analysis**
  - a) I/O Solutions has been chosen to provide the analysis.
  - b) 38 weeks of work before the project is done. Trying to see if it can be done sooner than 38 weeks.
  - c) A contract has not been signed yet.
  - d) By contract they have 12 months to complete it.
  - e) Cost of the contract is just under \$91,000.00
- 4) **Pearson Vue Testing**
  - a) There is a new list of all of the sites that are now approved to provide testing through them
  - b) You must submit your student's final grade to FCDICE first and within a couple days they will be able to sign-up through Pearson Vue prior to taking their Practical test.
  - c) Setup a process to receive a report from Pearson Vue to see how your students have performed on the test. The report will be provided on a quarterly basis
  - d) They can provide a monthly report on the general outcomes if needed
- 5) **Safety Officer Exam Process**
  - a) SME's have been working on the state exam for Safety Officer that will be offered through Pearson Vue.
  - b) Bill Wendtlant discussed the Firefighter II content outline to show the % of material that is pulled for the state exam through Pearson Vue
  - c) Looking into the Fire Instructor 1 and II requirements and testing
  - d) Next year will be reviewing additional state exams to include Driver Engineer and Haz Mat

- e) Doubled the amount of testing centers through Pearson Vue.
- 6) MSC Test day rule workshop**
  - a) Only discussion on Belaying students during big two ladder portion
- 7) FLUSAR/HAZ MAT rule workshop**
  - a) Anyone that takes the training shall be entered into FCDICE to capture the training records
  - b) Recommendation to have the instructor qualifications as if you have taken the course and are an instructor then you should be able to teach the course
  - c) Discussion on standardized curriculum or suggested syllabus
  - d) AHJ would adopt their own reference material to support the syllabus
  - e) Overwhelming by the group not to seek Proboard. Not important to the group
  - f) Recommendation that the state possible put out a standardized curriculum
  - g) Keep the same process where the courses are only courses of completion and certificates are issued by the training institute.
  - h) Looking for that the training centers would maintain documentation of skill sign-offs.
  - i) Next Workshop will have draft language for the rule for FLUSAR and HazMat. The date will be prior to the end of the year.
  - j) Recommendation that each training center that provides a class shall issue a certificate for the course.
  - k) The requirement would be that the course is entered into FCDICE which would create a permanent record.
  - l) Needs to be something in FCDICE that displays that when a firefighter II is certified that they carry the other required courses such as Wild land and Haz Mat
  - m) Hesitant to making changes to certain rules and forms until the Job Analysis has been completed to reduce having to make changes twice.
  - n) Option is to submit course approvals for S-130/S-190 and Haz Mat and issue the minimum standards students these certificates when they graduate.
- 8) Review of TC of the year selection process**
  - a) Reviewing how we select training center of the year
  - b) Must be nominated by a member of the FFTDA and must be a member in good standing.
  - c) An outline of the criteria is listed in a document.
  - d) We are accepting nominations for Training Center of the Year until the first of the year.
- 9) Safety Officer Rule Workshop**
  - a) Rule Hearing to take place on November 6<sup>th</sup> in Boca Raton. At 1pm.
  - b) Significant updates to the Task book.
  - c) Notice will go out within the next two weeks and the supporting Task book and documents will be sent out.

## **New Business**

- 1) Bill Wentlandt – Bureau Report**
  - a) Chief Baker – interesting shift in the rule making process. The general consensus is to reduce regulation. Don't over regulate us.
  - b) Recognize that there is a balance and that a certain level of regulation is necessary.
- 2) Review of the FFTDA Constitution**
  - a) The board conducted a review of the constitution and has recommendations.
  - b) Motion to approve changes by Steve Chancey with second by Mike Hoening. Motion carried will all listed changes to bylaws.
- 3) Web Site content and design**
  - a) James Angle will be working on updating the website.

- b) We encourage all members to submit ideas for the website and how we can make it more of a resource to the association members. Send any idea to any of the board members.
- 4) **Standards Council Meeting is October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm**
- 5) **Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service**
  - a) The memorial service at the Fire College is on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The breakfast will be at 8:30am.
- 6) **New Bureau Staff Members** – Michael from Panhandle, new field member, Scott from Castleberry and Terry who is from Alachua county. All new field reps for the Bureau.
- 7) **Next FFTDA meeting:**
  - a) Fire Rescue East January 20 – 24, 2015 in Daytona. Date and Time of the association meeting TBA.
- 8) **Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Mike Hoening with second by Jeff Strickland.