

Notes from the FFTDA Chairman on the Instructor Workshop March 2016

1. The Bureau is asking that that every Dept. do a needs assessment. Contact the Bureau for procedure.
2. The state has appropriated \$229,165 to assist volunteer departments. All volunteer departments need to do a needs assessment. Contact the bureau for help.
3. All training centers review with you MSC classes the 4 year certification retention rule. Emphasize the retention class.
4. There has been 2.5 million appropriated to do a cancer study on firefighters. The study will be done by the Sylvester Cancer Center in Miami.
5. Flusar/Haz/Mat: There will be syllabus & task books, but not a curriculum. Released within the next 30 days.
6. There will be a Fire Investigator workshop. See the Bureau for dates
7. The Fire Safety Investigator curriculum will be updated by the end of 2016
8. The Bureau examiners for MSC will be equipped with body cameras within the next 30 days. The Bureau is working on the implementation rules. A concern is public access to the video.
9. New Volunteer Training Program "Grow As You Go". On line classes. Must be member of a Fire Department and have a FCDICE number. Must have a physical. IFSTA Resource One is used for the classes. This will allow volunteers to help their department up to the level of their training. Contact Mike Swartz for information at 352-369-2808.
10. The Fire College can no longer use the FFP prefix for course they teach. The FFP will be only for schools listed by DOE for common course numbering. There will be a different prefix for those not on that list.
11. The Bureau is working on a list of classes not allowed online. Ready within 90 days.
12. The bureau is working on an updated "verification of hours form" for MSC. No date.
13. Traffic Incident Management should be included in MSC. VFIS has a power point available.
14. All college credit classes at the fire college will be listed as 45 hours. A lot of the colleges require those classes to be 48 hours.
15. If you want your Tech Classes Pro Board or IFSAC approved contact Mark Harper at the Bureau.
16. There will be a Florida NFA weekend May14-15. Contact the Bureau for info.
17. Important to keep your FCDICE profile up to date.
18. The Fire College is in the process of building a rehab building.
19. The MSC practical retake is showing a 19% failure rate on the ladder portion of the test.
20. Live Fire Instructor Update. Reference NFPA 2012 editions of 1402-3. Use Jones & Bartlett text as your reference
21. There is a new exam for pump operator