

Florida
Fire
Training
Directors
Association

Fire Rescue East – Daytona Beach

MINUTES

January 20, 2016



Officers:

Chair.....Ron Williams, Lake Tech - Absent
Vice-Chair.....Bill Klein, Eastern Florida
Treasurer.....Melvin Stone, Tallahassee Community College
Secretary.....Michael McNally- Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety
Trustee at Large...James Angle – Trustee At Large
Trustee At Large...Jeff Strickland – Trustee At Large

Present: - Names listed in Red are listed as primary contact or have been designated by the primary contact to vote on behalf of the primary. According to FFTDA Constitution, we must have 9 Primary or designees to conduct a meeting and any votes.

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00AM by Vice-Chairman Klein:

1. Motion to approve October Minutes by Marty Deloach, second by Jeff Strickland motion carried.
2. Treasury report is unable to be provided due to Melvin Stone being unable to attend the meeting. Treasury report to be posted on the FFTDA Website.

Membership report given to group by Michael McNally and James Angle. Reminder that according to the newly adopted bylaws, the primary membership is \$75.00 and associate membership is \$50.00

OLD BUSINESS

JTA Report – Bill Wentlandt

- 550+ JTA report - The JTA is listed on the bureau's website
 - Over 2,000 firefighter surveys were conducted.

- Over 28 fire departments where the consultants met with from south Florida to the north east and the panhandle
- Complimented the FFTDA – This type of study has never been conducted ever on a state-wide level
- The findings will be used to update the curriculum
- Compare and knowledge, skills and abilities to NFPA 1001
 - Firefighters identified that only 64% were captured by the NFPA standard
- Compared volunteer firefighter and career firefighter that there was over a 90% overlap of the skills necessary to perform their functions
- There is a level of soft skills training that has been shown as a need to the fire service members that completed the survey.
 - Who should develop the soft skills that are being asked for? Should the bureau develop or anyone else.
- 4,000 firefighters filled out the surveys and 2,000 surveys were actually used to gather the results.
- Presenting a report to the standards council tomorrow and still need to provide a report to the CFO.
- Julius Halas thanked the FFTDA as a main driving force along with support of CFO to get the JTA completed.
- NFPA 1001 Committee is meeting today in Orlando. Go to their website and see the comments that are being listed for the review of NFPA 1001

TC that are offering FF/EMT. What's your experience?

- CTAE is running combination FF/EMT class. There are running their 2nd class and it was PELL grant funding. 30% of the students were able to get the funding.
- Different processes that are in place that is required.
- Program is 22 weeks long which is a benefit to area departments
- They run minimum standards first
- Once the student completes the 90 hours of EMT which is equal to the EMR training, they submit that to the bureau and the bureau will release their minimum standards certificate.
- Issue some centers are having issues with students having to do multiple physicals to cover fire and then EMT.
 - Once center waits until midterm for EMT to have the physicals done so that by the time they start minimum standards, the physical will still be good.
 - EMT is moving in July to 300 hours which will increase it from 11 credits to 12 credit hours. This will then meet the PELL Grant criteria for credits.

Legislative Concerns: Small Cities and Counties Vol. training bill. – Julius Halas

- SB 822 – dealing with Barns and regulations to provide inspections when hosting events
- Senator Deans Bill – working to try and eliminate listing the minimum or maximum hours in statue or rule for volunteer firefighters.
- SB 992
- Doing cleanup language in State Statue 633.
- Firefighters Grant Assistance program is for volunteer and combination departments
 - Provide financial assistance that focuses on firefighter safety
 - \$500,000 initial funding for this program and possibly doubling to 1,000,000 next year.
- Trying to determine a needs assessment for a departments
 - The survey is to determine what department needs throughout Florida so that the bureau is able to help department meet the safety standards
 - It is truly an instrument to help departments

- 0 firefighter fatalities in the State of Florida for 2015
 - That is a big accomplishment for Florida

Corporate Sponsors

- The purpose of this is to allow for corporations to have a separate membership that allows certain rights with the FFTDA.
 - This would allow for funding that would help us to be able to send board members or other members to meetings and other functions.

MSC Test day rule workshop report

- There have been 2 rule workshops for this.
- There has been a big push that students can retake their practical test at the center that they initially attended.
- Exploring the idea of video taping of state test day. This is not to monitor the instructors
- Also exploring electronic testing in the field.

Payment of dues by credit card

- Melvin is working on this and we are hoping to have it up and running shortly. In the meantime, you can send your dues by check to Melvin Stone. \$75.00 for primary member and \$50.00 for associate member.

Website Update

- Not much to update on the website. You can see the bylaws on the website and other documents including the membership dues form.

Discussion of best practices at TC and issues encountered by BFST examiners during MSC practicals. Are there any chronic issues that need correcting?

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Bureau – Chief Wentlandt

- July and October we shared with the training directors – Offering new firefighters one free class within their first year at the bureau. Includes class tuition and dorm if available.
 - Doing this to expose firefighters on a training
 - Asking for marketing materials for your school so that the bureau can provide that information to the student for when they return to their home area.
 - Offering 7 different classes
- Invitation to BID for contract instructors for the Fire College.
- Full time employment is open at the Fire College and will be open for the next 14 days.

Mike Tucker

- Visioning session - looking to gather information from the constituents on what they need from the BFST.
- Come to the 2pm session to help layout the new plan
- Need Pump Operator SME for re-writing the pump operator test

TC of the Year Award

- North Collier Fire Training Center

Standards Council Meeting Thursday January 21st at 1300

College Consortium Meeting 10am Friday

Next Meeting TBA – March 29th at 1300 hrs. at the Instructor workshop in Ocala.

Motion to adjourn Tim Beattie, Second by Jeff Strickland, motion carries.