

Florida
Fire
Training
Directors
Association

Florida State Fire College

October 8, 2015

MINUTES



Officers:

Chair.....Ron Williams, Lake Tech
Vice-Chair.....Bill Klein, Eastern Florida
Treasurer.....Melvin Stone, Tallahassee
Secretary.....Mike McNally- Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety
Trustee at Large...James Angle – Trustee At Large, St. Petersburg College
Trustee At Large...Jeff Strickland – Trustee At Large, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue

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 and dues are current. According to FFTDA Constitution, we must have 9 Primary or designees to conduct a meeting and any votes.

Ron Williams, Lake Tech Fire Academy
Bill Klein, Eastern Florida State College
Michael McNally, Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety
Jeff Strickland, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue
James Angle, St. Petersburg College
Melvin Stone, Tallahassee Community College
Marty Deloach, Palm Beach State College
Michael Kemp, Indian River State College
Jim McAlister, Hillsborough Community College
Karls Paul-Noel, Miami-Dade College
Steve Chancey, Valencia College
Sheldon Reed, Fire Academy of the South
Tim Beattie, Keiser University
Julius Halas, Director
Shane Stuart,
Clint Williams, Ridge Fire Academy
Robert McGilloway, Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety
Jason Gonzalez, Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00AM by Chairman Williams:

1. Motion to approve March Minutes by Melvin Stone, second by Jeff Strickland, motion carried.
2. Treasury report January 2015 from Michael Dashosh
Beginning Balance as of October 2015 \$
Deposits – Dues collected \$75.00
Expenses: \$0.00
Ending Balance: \$4,874.36

Motion to approve treasury report by Michael McNally and second by Jeff Strickland, Motion carries.

Membership report of all dues paying academies given to group by Michael McNally, Secretary

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative concerns: Small Cities & Counties Vol. training bill – Director Julius Halas

- Thanked the FFTDA for their involvement and assistance.
- Create a rural volunteer firefighter classification
- One issue that was addressed was an initiative that there was a push to remove all safety standards. Through the assistance of the FFTDA and support letters, there was a big push against this endeavor.
 - The bill died in the house
 - The bill is coming back this year under a new sponsor HB255 and SB244 and the bill is still in draft. They have not been officially filed as of yet.
- Rural Volunteer FF certification – Caps the training at 160 hours and would require EMR
 - Proposal would be to make this an exterior firefighting certification.
- Could be a bridge program from Firefighter 1A – 1B and then from 1B to FF II – potential model of this kind
- There is no curriculum on the 160 hour program as of yet and this would be something that would be done through Rule Development and workshops would have to be setup to determine this.
- There was a request that the bureau except past training obtained as far back as 1970. This was immediately denied.
- It would be clearly marked that you are not able to enter an IDLH environment or Hot Zone and would have to operate in the exterior of the structure.
- This exterior certification would not count as a responding member as it pertains to ISO.
- Counties with populations of 150,000 or less or a municipality of 12,000 or less.
- **JTA – The CFO has committed to providing whatever**

Progress report on the Job Task Analysis JTA – Chief Wentlandt

- The process started about 9 months ago
- Latest conference call was Tuesday and on track to complete by the end of November
- Great participation from paid departments
- The report will be submitted by the end of November and will be 200 – 250 pages.
- Let Florida firefighters determine what firefighters do in Florida.
- This is the first type of this report that has been done at a state level anywhere in the country.

- The FFTDA will play a bill role in the next phase to determine the curriculum to match up to the task.

Progress report on combining FF/EMT

- Still trying to gather information about the PELL funding and how long it will take to be able to obtain the funding.
- There is a lot of different information about how long it will take to obtain the funding.
- Some have advised that the program has to run for 1 – 2 years with a 70% pass rate prior to receiving funding.
- Trying to determine what are the PELL rules so that we can have a clear understanding of the timeframe and what is required.

Vote on changes in the FFTDA Constitution/by laws

- McNally read the constitutional changes at the meeting
 - Motion by Jim Beattie to accept the constitution with one change in Article III, section 3 changing organization to Individuals.
 - Second by Michael McNally, Motion carried.
 - New Bylaws/Constitution will go into effect.
 - We will send out and post the new constitution on the FFTDA Website.

Payment of dues by credit card

- We are currently working with the bank to fix this and hope to have a link to paypal on our website soon so that members can pay their annual dues.

Web site update

- The website is being updated and we are adding more files to the site and hope to have more people follow us on Facebook.
- If you have suggestions, please send them to James Angle.

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

- No advised of any issues and commented on the pleasant dealings with various examiners or staff at the bureau and complimented Chief Wentlandt on his staff.

Update on Hazmat TRT

- The rule draft is currently with legal and the final form should be out soon. There will be one additional workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

Bureau Update – Chief Wentlandt

- New listing of all minimum standards departments list on the website
- Draft Language for firefighter test day rule – Coming to closure for this update. If you need a copy of the language, email Chief Wentlandt
- In the rule you will have the option to have second time test takers test as your facility.
- There is initiative to allow redo's of certain parts of the state test on the test day. What items can be redone have not been determined.
- There will be a final workshop and then a date to go into effect will be determined.
- Once the rule is adopted, it will go into effect at a maximum of 60 days later.
 - This will effect an classes that are in session or not
- There will be changes to the course numbers for the Bureau. In rule only certain entities are permitted to use the FFP prefixes for classes. The Bureau will have a unique prefix for them.

- Rule goes into effect October 20th that will allow students that are enrolled into the combined FF/EMT program to take their state test prior to attending EMT. The state will hold the certification and then issue it to the student once they successfully complete their EMT.
- There is a request from the bureau for training centers to host the Taskbook signoffs for
- Firefighter I - The bureau has a 40 hour program that encompasses this.
- State of Florida Fire Service Needs Assessment Survey –
- South Florida – OPS Field Examiners – The examiners in South Florida are retiring and they need to find people that are interested in applying.

Call for TC of the year nominations before Fire East. Forms are on the web site.

- The forms for the TC of the year will be on the website by next week and all submissions shall be submitted by December 1st.

NFPA 1403 Live Fire Change – Mike Tucker

- There will be discussion at the safety conference about the program and any changes
- Question came up is Pearson View using test questions from the 2012 version of NFPA 1403.

Standards Council meeting today at 1pm

Memorial Service Friday Morning at 830am

Joint Council meeting immediately after the Memorial Service

Next Meeting: TBA Fire Rescue East January 20-23, 2016

- There is a request to work with the FFCA to ensure that the FFTDA meetings don't conflict with other meetings which has caused a reduction in attendance.

Motion to Adjourn by Michael McNally and second by Bill Klein