

FIREFIGHTER STANDARDS AND TRAINING  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 13, 2000

PRESENT:

Michael Iacona, Chairman	Fire Chief Member	Orange County Fire Rescue
Shayne Stewart	Firefighter Member	Okaloosa Island Fire District
Michael Randolph	Fire Officer Member	Tallahassee Fire Department
Vicki Phillips-Sheppard	Fire Chief Member	Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
Michael Gonzalez	Fire Training Member	Tampa Fire Department

ABSENT:

Larry D. Evans	Firefighter Member	Orange County Fire Rescue
Ben Wacksman	Civilian Member	Tampa
Cynthia Diven	Fire Training Member	Gainesville Fire Rescue
Christian Swann	Civilian Member	Winter Park

Quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacona at 10:30 a.m.

The minutes from the July 25, 2000 meeting were read. Shayne Stewart informed the Council that the video that was shown of the Alabama physical ability testing at the July 25, 2000 meeting was destroyed and would like to substitute a comparable video from the International Association of Firefighters. Shayne Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mike Randolph. Motion carries.

**REPORT FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR:**

Director Clark gave a report on the progress of the Firefighter Safety Rule. The Division of State Fire Marshal held workshops to gather input from all interested parties throughout the State and are continuing to accept comments and suggestions through October 16, at that time a decision will be made and the final draft of the rule will be put together. Bureau Chief Randy Napoli reported that the predominant testimony of those who questioned the rule was specific to 2 in 2 out, including incipient stage definition, search procedures and emergency rescue operations. Chairman Iacona suggested that upon finalization of the rule, the Council review and provide recommendations at the next meeting.

**REPORT FROM THE BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS AND TRAINING:**

Bureau Chief Randy Napoli reported that the rule process for the curriculum changes continues to move forward, yet still a few weeks away from finalization.

Chief Napoli recently attended the North American Fire Training Directors Association Conference and reported that the NAFTD has been working with the National Fire Academy to increase the number of field deliveries of former "on-campus only" programs. Additionally, State Fire Training Directors will soon be able to submit courses from organizations within their State to NFA for review. If approved, even though the course was not developed by NFA, it will be available through NFA to everyone and will receive an NFA certificate.

The training on NFPA 1 continues and the school evaluation system is being piloted. The Bureau of Fire Prevention, Florida State Fire College and local organizations tested the school evaluation system with a few existing schools to help develop training for inspectors. There are a few possibilities of how the training can be delivered.

Work continues with the State university system on procedures for Associate Degrees to articulate into a Bachelor's Degree program. A specific provision in SB 1688 is AS to BS articulation only in affiliated programs, not in different disciplines. Discussion was held on the Bachelors in Fire Science degree being delivered through various colleges.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on the Email address issue. Chief Napoli informed the Council that they need to provide individual e-mail addresses to staff. Links will be provided to the addresses from the standards council page of the Fire College's website.

The OCS survey results were reviewed. Chairman Iacona stated that he feels the Council should put some emphasis on customized training for today's officers as they deal with more administrative concepts of being an officer and come up with a standard that can be used throughout the State. It was agreed by the Council that Michael Randolph, Vicki Sheppard and Mike Gonzalez will work as a sub-committee to gather information on curriculum currently being used at different fire departments for fire officers and to work with staff to develop recommended curriculum. Mike Randolph will Chair this sub-committee.

As a recommendation from the last meeting, Chairman Iacona sent letters to the Florida Professional Firefighters and the Florida Fire Chiefs Association asking for support of a firefighter physical fitness and wellness initiative. Both of the organizations responded and are in support of the firefighter physical fitness and wellness initiative and have agreed to participate in the development process. A representative from the Florida Fire Chief's Association will join Cindy Diven and Shayne Stewart on a sub-committee to identify what physical education curriculum is currently being used in minimum standards and to research the possibilities of developing a standardized physical fitness program. Chairman Iacona appointed Cindy Diven as Chair of the sub-committee and will be charged with coordinating this effort. Chief Napoli reminded the Council that all meetings have to be noticed and to be aware of issues that are employing agency responsibilities versus certification and training issues.

Discussion was held regarding the draft of recommended certificate programs for career development goals for departmental promotional criteria or specialty training. A motion was made by Mike Randolph for the Council to adopt the proposed draft, seconded by Mike Gonzalez. Motion carries.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held regarding the CEU renewal requirements for Fire Officer I (FOI) and Fire Officer II (FOII) certifications. Chief Napoli informed the Council that it was previously determined that there would not be any CEU requirements for FOI and FOII.

**AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD:**

Chairman Iacona welcomed Rich Gorden, Training Coordinator for the Division of Forestry. Mr. Gorden is the Chair of a committee that is looking at what requirements should be in the State of Florida for firefighters, structural and otherwise. This committee will make recommendations to FSFC Staff and Council in regards to Forestry minimum standards and any additional training necessary for wildland firefighting.

**NEXT MEETING:**

February 1, 2001, 2:00 PM  
*"Fire Rescue East"*  
Prime Osborne Covention Center  
Jacksonville, FL