

Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council Meeting  
Prime Osborn Convention Center, Jacksonville  
January 22, 2004

PRESENT:

NAME

James Angle, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control Dist.  
John Drago, City of Longwood  
Les Hallman, South Walton Fire Dist.  
Dave Harrawood, Emergency Services of Sarasota Co.  
Jon Pasqualone, FI Fire Marshals and Inspectors Assoc.  
Michael Randolph, Tallahassee FD  
Stockton Reeves VI, Insight Orlando  
Shayne Stewart, Okaloosa Island Fire Dist.  
Charles "Scotty" Taylor Jr., Gainesville Fire Rescue  
Ron Williams, Lake County Vo-Tech

APPOINTED BY:

FI Assoc. of Special Districts  
FI League of Cities  
FI Fire Chiefs' Assoc.  
FI Association of Counties  
FI Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.  
State Fire Marshal  
State Fire Marshal  
FI Professional Firefighters  
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ABSENT:

Shorty Bryson, Miami Fire Department  
Julie Downey, Sunrise Fire Rescue

FI Fire Chiefs' Assoc.  
State Fire Marshal

Chairman Randolph called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting on October 10, 2003 were approved. Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM DIVISION:**

Division Director Randall Napoli distributed copies and reviewed HB 101/SB 1190. Constituent groups are working with the division on language and definition of terms for the bill. Council member James Angle will forward language to the Director for review.

Director Napoli gave an update on the promulgation of the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

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

Bureau Chief Dave Casey stated that the rule hearings are complete for FAC Rule 69A-62. Revisions necessitated by the hearings are being completed and the final rule will be posted.

Chief Casey reviewed the proposed 40-Hour Live Fire Trainer program. He stated the intent is that there will be master train-the-trainers who will credential other instructors and that all training materials will be given to the instructors so the course continuity should stay intact. A master trainer program will be offered at the Fire College, Coral Springs and a panhandle location.

Chief Casey reviewed upcoming Train-the-Trainer courses for the revised Company Officer Course and the Fire Protection Systems II Course. A Train-the-Trainer course for Company Officer is being held at Fire Rescue East. The participants will be given complete training

packages including power point and teaching guides. The Train-the-Trainer for the new Fire Protection Systems II course will be February 2, 2004.

Chief Casey recommended postponing the proposed addition of S130 & S190 to Firefighter I. He reviewed the problems with non-NWCG credentialed instructors. Discussion was held on the need for training. Cindy Ferguson, Incident Management Training Officer for the Division of Forestry, reviewed the 32-Hour Standards for Survival Course (I-100, S130 & S190) and reiterated the NWCG requirements. A motion was duly made to revisit the issue in 12 months and staff is asked to continue their training efforts with the departments in the State to educate them that they can contact the Division of Forestry and attain this training on their own with reminder that it is going to be required for SERC deployments. Motion passed.

The Structural Collapse Awareness program including instructor manual, CD and manuals have been distributed to all training centers and fire departments. Discussion was held on adding both the Structural Collapse Awareness and Prepare Florida into the Firefighter I program. Chief Casey recommended adding both programs to Firefighter I after 69A-62 FAC is finalized.

Allen Lovvorn, Assistant Superintendent gave an update on the CEU tracker system. Allen reviewed sign-on procedures and stated that the online registration system has been working since August. He stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase has been funded which will incorporate all regulatory data and functions. The 3<sup>rd</sup> phase will use all stored data for the US&R credentialing process. Discussion was held on the use of credential smartcards/magnetic cards. The system will also track information of the fire equipment industry.

The council reviewed copies of the briefing paper from Chief Casey.

Discussion was held on the Haz-Mat Tech certification. Council member Dave Harrawood requested the date be extended six months. Chief Casey explained that all incumbent personnel starting 1/1/04 or currently in Technician training ending by 7/1/05, applicants for certification testing must submit the form. Personnel starting training after 7/1/04 must comply with DSFM curriculum (modified IAFF Technician Program) and meet the performance competencies of the SERC guidelines and Haz-Mat Technician Task Book. On a motion duly made, the council recommends extending the deadline for the testing from six months to a year for the Haz-Mat Technician testing. Motion passed. Chief Casey requested that the application at least be made within the six-month window. Motion was amended to include Chief Casey's request.

Discussion was held on 2 in – 2 out compliance issues and departments that originally requested exemptions. No additional exemptions have been granted.

Discussion was held on EMS First Responder. DOE recognizes EMS First responder as a vocational high school class, however it is not recognized as a stand-alone job-prep class and will not allow for state funding. Chief Casey has inquired about it being a stand-alone job-prep course and is waiting to hear back.

Discussion was held on certificate renewals, NFA courses and Instructor certifications.

Audience member Richard Williams, Chief, Gainesville Fire Rescue suggested adapting credential smart cards to existing department id cards.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion was held on the Volunteer Safety Officer certification. Chief Casey reviewed the progress of courses and reminded the council of current projects. Staff will give updates at future meetings.

Validation studies of the Haz-Mat Technician tests will be continued in Broward County, date to be announced, and a third at the Fire College.

The 2003 Training Center of the Year Award was addressed. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that Miami Training Center will be the recipient of the 2003 award for 100% student passing rate and a new methodology for the award will be pursued.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Jon Pasqualone distributed copies and reviewed the proposed "Fire Code Administrator" certification program. Discussion was held on CEU's and rule change requirements. It may be considered to submit both the voluntary Safety Officer and Fire Code Administrator Certifications for rule change together. Staff will bring information to the next meeting.

**AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

Chief Richard Williams, Gainesville Fire Rescue asked about an established fitness program for the minimum standards program. Allen Lovvorn stated that the individual training centers set their own physical fitness requirements that meet statutory compliance.

**NEXT MEETING:**

April 13, 2003  
1:30 p.m.  
Tallahassee, FL

**ADJOURN**