



**of Palm Beach County, Florida  
Incorporated**

**OCTOBER 24, 2007 -12:00 NOON  
MEETING AGENDA**

Hosted by: Boca Raton Fire Rescue

Location: Boca Raton Fire Rescue Administration, 6500 Congress Avenue, Boca Raton

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Bill Bingham)**

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Guest Speaker: Otto Drozd, III, Fire Chief & FFCA Southeast Region Director. Chief Drozd reviewed activities at the FFCA Summer Conference and actions taken by the FFCA Board of Directors. Highlights of FFCA activities were:

- Obtaining four fire services seats on the eight member Statewide Fireworks Task Force, which provides even balance with the industry.
- Support of Senator Dawson's legislation on leaving children in cars from a misdemeanor to a felony crime.
- New statewide requirements for carbon monoxide detectors in all new residential construction.
- A financial audit was conducted of the FFCA, so the new Executive Director started with a clean slate.
- The FFCA is asking that local departments do not endorse educational conferences conducted by for profit companies, as the funds are better spent on non-for profit companies that reinvest locally.
- FFCA Bylaws have been changed as well as the process to adopt and/or amend the bylaws.
- Chief Drozd gave a detailed explanation of the statewide property tax reform efforts to date.
- There will be a Regional FFCA meeting in Deerfield Beach on November 16, 2007, time to be announced. All FFCA members are invited to attend.

Guest Speaker: Mike Geier, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Planner, Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management. Mike stated that he plans to inventory and re-calibrate the radiological detection equipment that is assigned to this county and on loan to our departments.

### **III. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

September Minutes (distributed by email) Motion by Jerauld, Second by Johnson – Approved.

### **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Account Transactions & Balances

Checking \$71.84      Savings \$9,537.68      Total \$9,609.52

Motion by Carter, Second by Johnson – Approved.

### **V. COMMUNICATIONS READ AND DISPOSED OF (Bill Bingham) NONE.**

### **VI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Bill Bingham)**

A list of available hosting opportunities for monthly meeting dates in 2008 was passed around the room and all dates were filled.

### **VII. ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS**

#### **A. Fire Marshal's Association of Palm Beach County (Steve Jerauld).**

- The State Fire Marshal responded to the request to speak at the Installation Luncheon in December. She will not be able to attend due to a conflict with a Cabinet Meeting. We are seeking other speakers.
- A \$1,000 sponsorship for the Installation Luncheon was received from Florida State Fire & Security.
- Dave Woodside (Boca Raton) has been elected to serve as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

#### **B. Training Officer's Association of Palm Beach County (Chris Brexel)**

- An Incident Command Seminar will be offered soon.
- An explanation of the Fire Storm Program was given and a verbal request was made to support giving a point to participants for entry into the Palm Beach Community College Fire Academy. President Bingham requested that the request be formalized and placed in writing.
- Daryl Scott asked about the status of color coding accountability tags.

#### **C. Palm Beach Community College Fire Academy (Val Williams)**

- The Academy moved from the Palm Beach International Airport facility to the main Lake Worth Campus. They are stilling waiting for the apparatus building to be approved for occupancy, so the apparatus can be moved too.
  - There was a review of classes currently in progress and classes which will start soon.
- Palm Beach Community College EMS Studies (Shari Turner)
- Announced the Veteran's Day Celebration to be held on November 8, 2007 at the Duncan Theater at 11:00am.
  - Announced the graduation of 25 new paramedics on December 17, 2007 at 6:00pm at the Duncan Theater.

#### **D. State and County EMS (Cindy Metcalf)**

- Cindy is attending the IAFF Redmond Safety Symposium.
- Chief Wood passed out a written report (copy attached).

#### **E. Emergency Management (Everett Vaughn) No Report.**

#### **F. American Red Cross (Mary Blakeney)**

- There are five Palm Beach County Red Cross Volunteers currently assigned to San

Diego, California to assist with evacuees of the wildfires.

- In all the Red Cross has mobilized over 1,000 volunteers to assist with shelters and other needs in southern California.

G. RDSTF Region 7 (Ray Carter)

- The Fire Working Group met in Boca Raton on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The current focus of the Fire Working Group is to fill all the seats for the 160 hour Haz Mat Tech class.
- We are also reminded to update the Fire Working Group Annex for personnel changes and changes of addresses and telephone numbers.
- The Group is also seeking funding for fire responder level decon training.
- The next full RDSTF Meeting will be held at the Miami Beach Convention Center on November 27, 2007.

H. Hazardous Materials Oversight (Ray Carter)

- There will be a meeting towards the end of the year.

I. Local Emergency Planning Committee (John Johnson)

- The LEPC hosted a Haz Mat Identification class in Boca Raton which was attended by all four regional hazardous materials teams.
- The next LEPC meeting will be November 1<sup>st</sup>.

J. Level of Service Committee (Bob Ridgeway)

- The next LOS Communications Sub-Committee Meeting will be November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am at PBCFR HQ.
- The next Regular LOS Committee Meeting will be November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am at PBCFR HQ.
- The primary topic of discussion will be the format of response time data.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**

A. Bill Bingham will be setting up meetings with local politicians regarding the St. Mary's Hyperbaric Chamber issue.

B. The Nominating Committee was composed of: Tom Wood (Chair), Paul Blockson, and Jim Weinand. The Nominating Committee recommends: Bill Bingham for President 2008 thru 2009 and Bob Ridgeway for Vice President 2008 thru 2009. Nominations from the floor were open. No further nominations were made. A motion was made and seconded to elect Bill Bingham for President and Bob Ridgeway for Vice President. Approved.

C. A 9/11 Ceremony Committee was established based on the recommendation of David James from last month. The committee will be Ray Carter, Bob Ridgeway and David James. They will be tasked with developing a template for conducting the event from year to year and location to location.

## **X. GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION / MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Paul Blockson passed out a survey.

## **XI. DESIGNATION OF THE NEXT MEETING PLACE AND DATE**

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## **XII. ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**