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| **CALL TO ORDER: 1:30** | | | |
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| **EMS SECTION COMMITTEE:** | | | |
| **NAME AND TITLE** | **PRESENT:**  **(IN-PERSON)** | **PRESENT:**  **(VIRTUAL)** | **ABSENT:** |
| **Bill McGrath**  C0-Chair (Southeast) | X |  |  |
| **Tony Tedesco**  Co-Chair (West Central) | X |  |  |
| **Tim Roche**  Secretary | X |  |  |
| **Greg Dewitt**  Board Liaison |  |  | X |

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| **PRESENTATION:** | |
| **PRE**SENTE**R:** |  |
| 1. Chief McGrath provided an introduction.    1. Explained about communication links. Website and FFCC Connect application.    2. EMS Section Committee is working on building some resource sharing and using the FFCA website to posting the information.    3. EMS Section Committee is working on ALS Competition for the 2025 Florida Fire Conference and requesting for volunteers and interested members to assist.    4. EMS Section Committee is working on EMS learning track for the 2025 Florida Fire Conference and requesting for feedback on topic ideas. 2. Chief Tedesco    1. Reviewed the survey and discussed the feedback the EMS Section Committee is trying to obtain from the members.    2. Requested anyone who did not complete the survey previously to please fill out the survey when the survey is sent out again. 3. Chief McGrath discuss resuscitation centers, which has been endorsed by various groups. The EMS Section Committee is requesting the members to endorse and support. Chief Donatto provided additional information about the resuscitation centers of excellence hospital designation. Motion presented by Darrel Donatto to endorse and second by Chief McGrath. Endorsement by the FFCA EMS Section Committee passed. 4. Chief McGrath discussed health coalition and values of the coalition for funding opportunities for local projects. | |
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| **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:** | |
| **PRESENTER:** | **DARREL DONATTO** |
| 1. Tracking 71 bills. To see all bills being tracked, FFCA position, and synopsis of bill go to FFCA website.   <https://www.ffca.org/legislative>   1. Chief Donatto discussed the focus on changing law to put blue lights on back of fire emergency apparatus. Blue lights are better at night and red lights are better in day. 2. Chief Donatto discussed the work on balance billing legislative. 3. Chief Donatto discussed the work on bring COLA back and heart and lung with workman compensation, which will allow for access to other physicians than workman compensation doctors. | |
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| **STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:** | |
| **PRESENTER:** | **CHIEF DIBERNARDO** |
| 1. Resuscitation Centers – requested endorsement by the committee. 2. CORE (Coordinated Opioid Response) – protocols are provided by the state for MAT therapy (Medication Administration Therapy) and chronic care. 3. Pulsara – There is direct funding to bridge hospital and prehospital providers. 4. Biospactial – New state plan clinician benchmarks are available to use. 5. CARES – Cardiac arrest database. FL ROSC rates had the best rate Nationally 3 quarters in a row . 6. County Grants are open. 7. Father Perkins – on the EMS Council | |
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| **STATE MEDICAL DIRECTOR:** | |
| **PRESENTER:** |  |
| 1. No Report | |
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| **GRANTS:** | |
| **PRESENTER:** | **BILL MCGRATH** |
| 1. State matching grant is due February 16, 2024 2. AFG is beginning | |
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| **TRAINING:** | |
| **PRESENTER:** | **BILL MCGRATH** |
| 1. Rulemaking workshop to discuss about best practice for the EMT / Paramedic pass rates. 2. Chief McGrath discuss sharing training announcements. | |
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| **PEER AND MENTAL HEALTH:** | |
| **PRESENTER:** |  |
| 1. Chief Tedesco discussed the need for providing retired employees support and mental care post-retirement. 2. EMS Section Committee is looking for ways to better prepare employees before and after retirement. Some ideas that members that were present had discussed:    * Setting up luncheons with the retired employees.    * Having the retirees participate in a mentorship program to assist with new employees. 3. Father Perkins stated how it is important to involve retirees for special events, retirement ceremonies, and luncheons. He also suggested to bring mental health programs over to pre-and post-retirement. | |
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| **DISASTER MANAGEMENT:** | |
| **PRESENTER:** | **CHIEF JULIE DOWNEY** |
| 1. Chief Downey will be sending out attachments from Disaster Committee meeting. 2. Chief Downey will be sending out map with regional contacts for SERT. Request agencies to contact their areas representative. 3. National Healthcare Coalition – one of the topics discussed was hospital bed allocation. 4. Chief Downey discussed the Disaster in Seconds, which is a good disaster drill and triaging training system. <https://www.pedied.com/disasters.htm> 5. Ambulance deployment plan updating protocols. 6. 15 into 50 initiative – working on exercises in Tampa and Miami area. 7. NFPA 3000 – release in late summer on active shooter and hostile events. 8. Senate bill 553 – police officers must have training in active shooter and perform a drill annually. Recommending agencies to partner with law enforcement on these drills. 9. Stop the blood – requesting agencies to register. 10. Strategic plan for state – requesting increasing participation in the Healthcare Coalitions. 11. State is working on 8 pre-stage area for deployment. | |
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| **NEW BUSINESS:** | |
| **PRESENTER:** |  |
| 1. Members in attendance discussed the benefits of the Health Coalition and their experiences. | |
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| **EVENTS:** | |
| 1. Emergency Services Leadership Institute – schedule throughout FL (see FFCA website for dates and locations)   <https://www.ffca.org>   1. February 9-11, 2024 - Fire Cadets – Florida Fire Games in Tampa Bay, FL   <https://floridawinterfiregames.com>   1. June 10-14 – First There First Care Conference - Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood   <https://firsttherefirstcare.com> | |
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| **ADJOURMENT: 2:30** | |