



Florida Fire Chiefs' Association
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SECTION
MEETING MINUTES – January 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 pm

EMS SECTION COMMITTEE:

NAME AND TITLE	PRESENT: (IN-PERSON)	PRESENT: (VIRTUAL)	ABSENT:
Bill McGrath Co-Chair (Southeast)	X		
Tony Tedesco Co-Chair (West Central)			X
Tim Roche Secretary	X		
Greg Dewitt Board Liaison	X		

PRESENTATION:

PRESENTER: DIRECTOR BRUCE MOELLER

- 1) USF Resource Center – Florida Center for EMS
- 2) State received \$10 million dollars from the CDC.
- 3) Started September 16 and based in Tampa in downtown at CAMELS building.
- 4) The Florida Center for EMS is a statewide resource for EMS. Research, Education, and Innovation.
- 5) Website – www.flcems.org / <https://health.usf.edu/medicine/emergency/divisions/flcems>
- 6) The department of education approved change in curriculum. Will work with schools to get pass rates up.
- 7) Looking to work with MIH systems to see what works and what does not work. What resources are needed.
- 8) The learning management system is going to be launched at the end of the month. Webinar on January 20 at 12:00, which have special surprise guest and will formally launch the LMS. Not looking to replace department LMS. Looking to provide additional resources (training). Connecting with CE Broker. Content is free.
- 9) Research is another component. Working with various databases. One database is Bio Spatial.
- 10) Develop graduate research scholarship program.
- 11) Answered questions from the audience.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

PRESENTER: CHIEF ROCHE filling in for CHIEF DARREL DONATTO

- 1) Sign up for the legislative updates. QR code provided for signup.
- 2) FFCA concern about the paramedic pass rates.
- 3) Showed the legislative timeline.
- 4) Review some of the items currently on the house and senate bills.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

PRESENTER: DR. JAMERSON / TY CARHART

- 1) Reiterated the pass rate for paramedic. State pass rate had slight increase. Additional discussion with other members. Proposed rule is waiting on approval pertaining to state paramedic pass rates and hearings are completed.
- 2) Discussed utilizing Pulsara.
- 3) Recommended to members of the audience to survey everything going on and get involved.

STATE MEDICAL DIRECTOR:

PRESENTER: DR. JAMERSON

- 1) Spoke for State Department of Health Report with Ty Carhart.

GRANTS:

PRESENTER: DR. JAMERSON

- 1) Matching grants due January 31

TRAINING:

PRESENTER: CHIEF MCGRATH

- 1) Discussed resource sharing ideas and other aspect in New Business section.



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PEER AND MENTAL HEALTH:

PRESENTER:

- 1) No Discussion

DISASTER MANAGEMENT:

PRESENTER:

CHIEF JULIE DOWNEY

- 1) Review the history of disaster management with development and grants for MCI and disaster management.
- 2) Initial triage started with START and JumpStart Triage using the ribbon system.
- 3) Discussed Black tags changed to striped white and black.
- 4) Met tags have evolved over the years.
- 5) State Disaster Management Committee was able to get funding from the state to provide tarps, ribbons, and tags to all agencies.
- 6) Discussed the different triage systems and encouraged discussion in the disaster management committee.
- 7) Discussed the change of the MCI fanny pack over the years and contents.
- 8) Development of the Field Operation Guides over the years and copies can be obtained on FFCA website.
- 9) NFPA 3000 – the 2024 version just came out. There are some terminology changes.
- 10) NFPA 3000 – added Benchmarks to the appendix that reviews aspects that are guidelines. Benchmarks are for police and fire.
- 11) Encourage agencies to connect with the area Health Coalition and State Grants for funding on MCI gear.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief McGrath:

- 1) Discussed FFCA Connect is no longer working (application).
- 2) Discussed to make sure you link to the EMS Section with the FFCA list server so you can receive communications.
- 3) Training Committee and EMS Committee have connected and are communications among the two committees. This will improve the Fire and EMS Conference for next year.
- 4) Discussed the Fire and EMS Conference has an EMS Track. The EMS Section is responsible for the ALS Competition and EMS Track. Requested input from the members with ideas for next year. We have been working on trying to get student discounts to assist with filing the seats.
- 5) Ty Carhart advised the Traffic Incident Management for First Responders is always willing to provide free classes. Also discussed BHAP is available.
- 6) Discussed about the ALS Competition and the need for assistance and resources for the competition in the area, so we can run 2 pits and bring in more people to the conference.



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7) The FFCA is providing space on the website so we can resource share with everyone.

Chief Roche

8) Survey on Sepsis Care.

9) Review results in the room.

10) Discussed posting information on FFCA Website.

EVENTS:

1) ESLI Leadership classes - <https://www.ffca.org/emergency-services-leadership-institute>

ADJOURNMENT: 2:30