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A Professional Interest Section of the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association

MISSION

Unify and coordinate the efforts of SAR Responders in the State of Florida.

FASAR Section Council Business Meeting

January 29, 2009

Introduction - Todd Livingston

Region 1,2 ,3 not present.

Minutes for July meeting approved.

State of the Union - Les Hallman

New Bureau Chief of FS&T Barry Baker starts next week.

New Asst Dir SFM – Lt. Col. Jeff Merritt

Tom Quinn has retired but completing ORE's

Funding –guidelines are specific on how to spend the grant funds. Transition with DEM moving grant contracts to Tallahassee. DSC will become a field role to assist teams with training/ORE's and not involved with contracts.

Report on DHS Funding - Sherm Sasser

14 Haz Mat contracts released into the system recently and going through sign offs and approvals. 2008 contract going through process of review. 2005-2006 payments still outstanding but being pushed to complete reimbursements. If any outstanding reimbursements for '05-'06, turn in ASAP. Attempting to reduce the number of reviewers of subrecipient agreements.

Working Group Report - Todd Livingston

Structure Specialists coverage with state. Will have 633 bill going through legislature but need language for legislative change. John Bell, StS, will be working with the Director on language.

Logs WG – comparing current cache with Federal cache. Will be developing a process to make additions/changes to cache. Fuel plan was worked on during 2008 hurricane season and have reasonable document.

Comm WG – looking at comm. Shortfalls and needs.

ADSARS WG – meeting in Panhandle with cooperators to determine ability to deploy assets into area inaccessible by land. Has meeting to look at load plan and review with FWC.

Search WG – 28 certified K9's in state. Ken Craft will be updating all WSAR assets.

LTR WG – need for LTR to perform internal teaching and certifying Operations level.

Qualifications for internal certifying – using approved curriculum, Instructor 1 and Technician in specific discipline. Have created a training wg to look at these issues.

DSFM Briefing on 2009 Training - Tom Quinn

Distributed ORE's and awaiting feedback.

Current funding has a very short timeline for utilization.

StS class has been cancelled. The StS personnel will attend an StS 1 class in California rather than hosting a class in Florida.

Thanked Tom Quinn for all his work with US&R.

Hurricane ConOp Plan - Todd Livingston

Posted on website and gives guideline for response in event of major disaster or storm. Prepared template for re-entry for various areas of the state.

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Catastrophic Planning Brief - Todd Livingston

Tasked with creating the S&R portion of Catastrophic plan. Draft is ready for review and will include the ConOp Plan.

FEMA Rescue WG meeting – reviewed and updated Structure collapse curriculum. Can obtain copy of curriculum through Strick. Rescue Officer class is being readied for delivery. Wide area search course being developed.

Region 4 report – met with most of resources and updating contacts.

Region 5 report – updating list of resources. Need 24 hour contact numbers.

Region 6 report - updating resource list.

Region 7 report – offer to come down and train at new upgraded training area.

Vice Chair and odd regions – need nomination committee.

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