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Florida Association for Search and Rescue

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

FASAR Business Meeting January 23, 2015

Introductions – Todd Livingston
roll call

Nominees for Vice Chair and odd number region reps - All current reps and Vice Chair agree to maintain positions, no nominations from floor. All will retain their positions.

SHSGP Report - 2013 spending – no reimbursements have been made, contracts expire in April. DEM contracts need scope of work populated. 2015 – project 1, 2, 10, 11 funded. \$2.2 million for US&R, HazMat and MARC. Sustainment funds need to be reviewed. Capability need for task forces during hurricane response at federal level is under review.

SFM Training Report

Specialty Training – TFL class sponsored by TF 3 – first week of Feb. Course cost is free.

South FL exercise – 5 sites will be active at same time. 2 in SE FL, 1 in SW, FL, FSFC and Panhandle 26-27 March 2015. Get budget in ahead of time so that reimbursement can be approved prior to exercise.

USNG Proposal Report – motion to adopt and approve position paper and present to FFCA. Motion carried by Council.

Work Group Reports

Communications - TF 4 has chair position review the 2015 FEMA cache list to determine shortfalls.

Medical Protocols – input from TF's – need to get medical US&R protocols completed and to state medical director to get included in state disaster medical protocols

Logistics - 2015 FEMA Cache List - need names from each TF for logs person to be part of this group. Need to determine critical needs/shortfalls

Water Rescue – type 1-7 for water craft. Document will be put up on FASAR site for review and comment.

ADSAR – drone operations to be added to develop a con-op plan for use to prepare proposal for review.

LTRT Report - Cedar Hammock had successful rescue. Continuing to maintain status.

StS Status Report - 41 StS currently, regional training in Tampa for all StS in November. Still working on liability protection in state legislature

Canine Status report apprx 34 K9's in state certified as Type 1. There will be a Type 2 SUSAR live find canine eval at FSFC Feb 14-15.

State Urban Search and Rescue Alliance Report - discussion on online capability for SUSAR (TEEX training) opening slots. EMAP project is primary goal.

FEMA National US&R report - US&R branch reorganized administration group to follow NIMS. All position specialty training being re-written by TEEEX, on a schedule (16 hour on line, 24 hour on site). National level exercise in GA, TF 2 participated. Ad hoc looking at electronic platforms to report in real time, state needs to be watching what that will be and be ready to adopt (Geo Suites).

EMAP National US&R report - new typing system Type 1 is full cbrne capabilities, Type 2,3 and 4 similar to state Type 1, 2, 3. New accreditation process. 4 state US&R teams being targeted. FL 3, AL 1, NJ1 and TX 1.

CERF – P - team leader changes for all 3 National Guard teams

Report by Region

1 - Escambia County jail explosion, teams were activated to assist and also placed on standby. RDSTF to discuss LTRT capabilities. All teams were present and will meet quarterly.

2 – new region rep will be getting on line shortly

3 – nothing to report

4 – TF 3 hosted regional training for StS, TFL class in February. TF 3 sending Logs people to Texas for training. TF 3 will start specialty training classes in March

5 – Regional exercise through LEPC, simulated helo crash with Coast Guard, TF 4 and local assets.

6 – Gearing up for big concert utilizing team to handle crowd medical issues. New members from Charlotte and Collier county.

7 – nothing to report

New Business – none

Next meeting July 2015 in at FFCA Annual Meeting & Executive Development Conference, Naples, Florida

Adjourn

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Chief Schultz,

The Florida Association for Search and Rescue, at the January 2015 business meeting, has unanimously agreed to support and recommend the addition of the United States National Grid (USNG) coordinate reference system to all map products as part of regular map maintenance and update cycles. We further recommend the incorporation of USNG as a required selection element for all contracts for goods and services which involve the use of location-based information.

USNG was added to both the Statewide Emergency Response Plan and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan in 2010. In 2012, the latest edition of the Florida Field Operations Guide detailed the expected use of USNG in Florida. We are asking that the Board of Directors will make this a statewide recommendation for all fire service agencies and recommendation from the Governor's office.

Attached is the position paper for this recommendation. Thank you and the Board of Directors for your support and adoption of this position.

Sincerely,

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Position statement: US National Grid map updates and systems configuration

The [Florida Fire Chief's Association](#) (FFCA) and its subsidiary, the [Florida Association for Search and Rescue](#), recommend the addition of the United States National Grid (USNG) coordinate reference system to all map products as part of regular map maintenance and update cycles. This recommendation applies to all jurisdictions having authority within the scope and interests of the FFCA in direct support of State of Florida, County, Municipality, Federal and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and best management practices. The use of standards saves lives through interoperability and the provision of common knowledge among operating forces. This concept is as applicable to maps as it is to hose threads and radio systems.

We further recommend the incorporation of USNG as a required selection element for all contracts for goods and services which involve the use of location-based information. This includes, but is not limited to Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software, Mobile Display Terminal systems (MDT), geographic information systems, and incident management and reporting systems. When displaying electronic maps, such devices and systems must correctly depict a user-indicated position at the correct, scale-appropriate USNG coordinate and must accept and correctly map USNG coordinate input. In accordance with NFPA 950, '*Standard for Data Development and Exchange for the Fire Service*', systems must include USNG when transferring point-location information amongst systems.

A common operating grid has been a recommendation in after action reports since Hurricane Andrew. In 2010, USNG was added to both the Statewide Emergency Response Plan and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. In 2012, the latest edition of the Florida Field Operations Guide detailed the expected use of USNG in Florida. Since then, expanding technology has made USNG available to everyone with free or low cost smart phone applications available to citizens and responders. In addition, USNG is fully compatible with US Military partners that operate in Florida.

For additional information, please review the following;

['Implementation Guide to the USNG'](#), National Alliance for Public Safety GIS (NAPSG), September 2013

[USNGCenter](#)

[Florida's Division of State Fire Marshal website about USNG](#)

[Florida Field Operations Guide, Chapter 10](#)