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Florida Association for Search and Rescue

A Professional Interest Section of the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association

MISSION

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

Task Force Leaders Working Group Meeting July 18, 2015

Introductions – Todd Livingston

DHS Funding Update – Funding for 2016 –need to identifying strategy for funding and sustaining equipment. Cache lists compared to determine if any capabilities not met. Training identified because of attrition within teams. Cache and training information to be charted for funding report. Need to develop a white paper that describes the funding needed for the future and be ready for the next major incident. Possibly look at funding training and exercises and replacing equipment that gets worn out during exercises. Attempting to get funded through the legislature for training and exercises, funding was vetoed this year but trying for next year. Also need a lobbying effort to get with legislators and secure proper funding. Show capabilities built in 2003 and how funding has depreciated to maintain the capabilities.

Strategic plan for new funding cycle for SHSGP funds

Training and exercise

White paper that provides solutions

Get state to step up and fund

Will get group together to develop strategic plan, strategic training plan, and complete the white paper. **Draft ready by January 2016 meeting**

Work Group Report –

LTRT - Bill Moyer has retired. Bart Walker will be heading up Wilderness S&R.

Light Technical Rescue WG need chair.

ADSAR- working on load plans for aircraft

Alliance for State Urban Search and Rescue Report - FASAR has been active in this group. Integral in helping develop typing and validation for SUSAR. Finishing the validation of Type 1 and 2, working on validating Type 3 and 4, and will reach out to FASAR Type 3 and 4 teams to participate in validation

Federal US&R report – typing and federal US&R strategic plan in progress and new Task Force Leader program. Developing an on line training platform for specialty positions through TEEX.

Federal typing and catalog ad hoc report – working with type 1 and 2 teams finalizing administration portion and moving to operational side. Federal cache list is now recommended list. Cache list is capability based list and not finite list of equipment. Completing initial evaluations and looking to evaluate those that meet Federal Type 3 and 4. Evaluation of Wilderness S&R and volunteer groups will also be finalized.

CERFP – any specific training needs outside of Operation Integration, let them know

New Business

National Guard and FWC training for ADSAR – Air Ops for TF's to be moved. When funding was tight, no funding for air ops. Sept 19, 20 Operation Integration will have large operation involving air ops with National Guard. Search portion will be conducted by National Guard and FWC to bring team to site. Also utilizing drones via National Guard and another piece of this operation. Will be able to exercise all of the issues with FAA and other agencies for use of drones in S&R. TF 4 has been training with FWC air ops with their canine assets.

UAV project – utilizing for wide area search. August 20th will be UAV conference at FSFC to discuss operations and requirements for use of UAV's.

Geosuite Project – geo-mapping capability that provides real-time access to damage assessment and sit-reps. Was able to train TF 1 and 4 on the fly at last operation integration. This allowed real-time update of activities at both sites not only from command post but at EOC and FSFC. Should be a priority for the state to make this technology available to all TF's for use. FASAR should push up through FFCA to DEM.

Task Force Reports

TF 1 – no report

TF 2 – significant attrition within task force and department but have had a succession plan and strategic plan to get them back to where they need to be and identify needs to politicians.

TF 3 – attrition issues a well but have a plan for catching up. Will have dedicated training facility for US&R training

TF 4 – attrition issues. Conducting training including 36 hour MOBEX

TF 5 – no report

TF 6 – no report

TF 7 – no report

TF 8 – refresher class for training members

Adjourn

Next meeting at Fire Rescue East in January 2016