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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 Minutes January 22, 2016

Introductions – Todd Livingston

guests

roll call

Voting for Chair, Secretary and even region reps – Region 6 nomination from the floor – Glen Van Brunt. No other nominations from the floor. Current chair, secretary and Regions 2 and 4 agree to stay in position.

SFM Training Report - specialty classes are in progress.

TF 6 - April 11-15<sup>th</sup> Comm Spec cost \$1000/per student. Limit 20 participants.

TF 6 – running Ops tech rope, trench, CF and VMR March – June.

TEEX - Wide area search TF 6.

Broward hosting Med Spec course May 16-20. Working on combined training funding

Need to create a state training calendar for all TF's/LTRT can contribute info on potential classes. Possibly post on FASAR website. DEM training calendar

Work Group Reports –

StS – 40 specialists. Working on legislative issues for coverage.

Medical – adding Joe Hernandez – teaches Med Spec course Taking lead on this work group to develop draft medical protocol for US&R. Need to update/confirm members for TF's. Email contacts to Todd Livingston.

ADSAR – working with UAV components. National Guard interested in flying again. Operation Integration utilized lots of air support. Email Scott Chappell and cc Todd if wanting to train with ANG or FWC. UAV discussion this afternoon – will be good tool for fire rescue.

K9 – John Long taking over. Coordinating K9 certified. FEMA is Type I, SUSAR Type II. EMAC assignments need Type I certified K9's. Fire College still working on improving the rubble pile to be usable for Type I training and certification.

Wilderness S&R – Bart Walker continuing to work on this component with volunteer search groups. Bench mark assessment sent out.

Water Rescue – Larry Doerffel working on typing for boats and water s&r operations. Water Cache list and typing needs update.

TFL – fill out mission ready packages to develop cost.

LTRT – updating and maintaining list of teams

DHS Funding Update – 2016 funding fire received 2.2 million. \$970,000 going to US&R training. John Kohnke is still point contact for funding and changes to funding. Make sure you are using/moving the funds.

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Alliance for State Urban Search and Rescue Report - working with SUSAR to get standard certification through EMAP. TF 3 has completed accreditation process. Determined need to have statewide policies and procedures.

Federal US&R report -- sponsoring agency chiefs pushing back on accreditation of TF's. Program Office is still pushing forward on Federal level. New Mexico TF 1 declassified as federal TF. NJ has been given approval for new federal TF. FLLTF 2 hosting site meeting in April.

CERFP report. -- Next operation integration is last week of August 2016. Want to use a realistic venue instead of Camp Blanding. Can utilize UAV if off Camp Blanding.

#### New Business

White Paper discussion -- Paper is being prepared to work for state funding of the US&R teams in the state as SHSGP funding is going away. Still need data from a couple groups. In order to complete evaluation, need the data to support the objective of the paper which is to develop funding for the state teams.

#### Region Reports

Reg 1- nothing to report

Reg 2 – nothing to report

Reg 3 – Operation Integration participation

Reg 4 – TF 3 went through accreditation process. Collapse training, LTRT need info

Reg 5 – nothing to report

Reg 6- deployed to tornados in Cape Coral, attached 2 LTRT teams. Lots of training coming up. 3 day concert to be utilized as deployment

Reg 7 - nothing to report

#### Adjourn

Next meeting Summer Conference in St. Petersburg. Please watch [www.ffca.org](http://www.ffca.org) for details.