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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.

Task Force Leaders Working Group Agenda July 8, 2016

Introductions – Todd Livingston

Discussion – Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) US&R National Standards

Published by ANSI to be adopted as state guideline for FLUS&R

Partnership between FEMA and SUSAR

www.emap.org can find copy of standard

SFM Training – Statewide Training Calendar – Scott Chappell

Lake Tech offering specialist series annually as open enrollment

Using SERC track as training calendar, put info in after the fact.

Link will be on SFM site for US&R training calendar –TF having classes can be added to the calendar. Also add exercises to be able to track exercises for documentation for funding justification.

The rule has been finalized

Work Group Report –

Medical Work Group – Joe Hernandez – new chair

New Medical WG schedule

Working on US&R specific protocols to be approved by state medical director

K9 Work Group – John Long TF 5 new chair

Monitoring K9's and certifications

FEMA Update – Water operations being established

Capital projects is issue, need congressional approval

Establishing protection for TF members with specific licensures

NM out of state system, NJ is transitioning into Federal system

SUSAR Update – finished a capstone project business plan for SUSAR. Working with FEMA on national standard. Working with NEMA and EMAC on certification of teams. Working on establishing a true K9 list utilizing the national standard to show true capabilities.

White Paper Discussion – reason for the white paper to get state funding for teams.

Cost figure for teams to manage

Focus on Florida and not EMAC

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Implement in pieces of importance. What is needed first.

Need to be mobile, in the shortest amount of time Look at Illinois model to move resources quickly. LTRT's which are heavy rescue locally are fastest followed by the Type IV teams which can roll within 2 hours, etc. Reimbursement issue as well as licensure protection issue.

Training for teams including full scale exercise, position specific, storage and maintenance, administrative can be delayed.

Scott Chappell has been attempting for legislative funding for exercises.

CERFP – Operation Integration VIII – ANG has funding but no funding from state. Two months out but don't have funding for Palm Beach County to be prime agency. August 30th Sept. 1st. Includes a maritime mission at port in Palm Beach County.

New Business – EMAP – Guided SME's to certification for US&R. 3rd party offering certification validation FL 3 and 5 going through certification process. Discussion on if state needs the 3rd party validation for national standard.

Task Force Reports

TF 1 – Brandon Webb Program Manager – USAID and OFTA sent personnel to Joint Humanitarian Ops Course. Patriot exercises with USAF – participated in 5 day exercise. Hosted K9 fundamental skills assessment. Hosted FEMA US&R meetings. Conducted no notice events. Conducting cooperative drill with FIU and its disaster management Master's program

TF 2 –

TF 3 – January went through national US&R certification process through EMAP. Not initially successful, completed deficiencies and going before board in October. Starting new series of basic US&R specialties.

TF 4 – lost program manager due to loss of funding. New primary contact is Greg Hewlett. Continuing with technician training, participated in exercise in Ocala in May.

TF 5 – tech series classes and refreshers. Scheduled for EMAP assessment.

TF 6

TF 7 – participating in Lake Tech classes.

TF 8 – Participated in statewide exercise. Sending personnel to specialist classes at Lake Tech

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