



Professional Interest Section of the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association

FLAHR Summer Meeting Minutes

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1200 Meeting called to order

Reviewed previous meeting's minutes

Old Business

Team typing- Team typing is required to move forward with SERC and determining the available resources available within the state. Frank along with Scott Chappell will be working on this project further since this year finalized many of the self-inspections required by the state. The state hired JW Scott to review team resources. This project is on-going.

Funding sources for hazmat teams- This is a continuing issue especially since the availability of grants is decreasing. The Division of Emergency Management and Division of the Fire Marshall are seeking possible funding through state legislation through the budget process. FLAHR sent a letter of support to FFCA to support state funding.

SERP- A request was made from SERP for hazmat teams to submit potential costs for deployment. The format for these requests are being developed. When the format is complete, each team will be requested to submit the forms in order for the state to have an idea about the costs associated for a hazmat deployment. This is on-going.

SharePoint- Over the years many documents have been produced that would support hazmat operations within the state. Unfortunately, there was no central place for the documents to be kept and for personnel to obtain the latest version. FLAHR working with SERC developed a site within the Emergency Managements SharePoint a folder for all documents to be stored and updated as necessary. A link will be forwarded to all members as soon as some final settings are completed. This is on-going.

Bylaws- Over the past couple of years the FFCA has been revising the organizations bylaws. Each Section within the FFCA has a place within the document to place section specific policies. The last time FLAHR policies were updated was back in 2008. A priority for the Section is to update and submit for approval an updated copy of the bylaws for FLAHR.

As part of the updated FFCA bylaws is a requirement for each section to have a minimum of 50 members in order for the section to continue. FLAHR has been slack in pushing membership within FFCA. A membership push will be occurring with FLAHR in order to get all of our members affiliated with the FFCA. More information will be forwarded. The Hazmat Symposium has committed to assist FLAHR with advertising for our membership. Matt Marshall stated that when members fill out the application, be sure that the FLAHR box is checked in order to be incorporated within FLAHR.

Emails- Frank apologized to all those receiving multiple emails. FLAHR is under way with combining several email lists. Matt Marshall suggested that when we send out a mass mailing utilize the BCC in order for everyone to get the email, some emails have ended in the spam file. This is an ongoing issue.

Project Boxes- The SERC- TTF uses a project box system in order to track various projects being conducted by the organization. FLAHR would like to utilize the same concept in order to track the progress of projects. Both Mike Murphy and Matt Marshall suggested that FLAHR project boxes co-inside with the TTF project boxes in order to eliminate duplication.

New Business

Hazmat Team Deployments- The State of Florida DEM, issued a directive to incorporate hazardous materials teams for deployment to natural disaster. FLAHR will develop a deployment document to co-inside with the SERP in order to provide guidance for DEM, Fire Chiefs and Hazmat Teams. A document will be presented for approval at the winter meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.