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A Professional Interest Section of the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association

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FLAHR Winter Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2019

0900 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.

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.

Pre-planning for Active-Shooter- Through state legislature last year, departments have the ability to go into the schools and pre-plan in case an incident should occur. Also, departments should be preparing for these types of situations.

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.

FFCA and Hazmat Symposium working together- A motion was made at last the last FLAHR meeting to have the executive boards of each organization to meet and discuss the possibility of working together in the future. Frank sent emails and had discussions with both parties. The final resolution is that the FFCA Executive Board will be meeting with the Hazmat Symposium Board to discuss the future. At this time, FLAHR met the intention of the motion and is now up to the executive boards to meet.

New Business

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.

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.

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.

Elections

Based upon past practices every other year several positions are open for nominations and elections. The positions open this year would be the Vice President, and all of the odd number regional seats.

Vice President	JW Scott. was nominated for the position. No one opposed
Region 1	Anthony Smith was nominated for the position. No one opposed
Region 3	Dave McIntyre was nominated for the position. No one opposed
Region 5	Richard Foster stepped down from the position. A nomination for Heather Love was made. No one opposed
Region 7	Stephen Shaw was nominated for the position. No one was opposed.

Elections were closed and notification will be made to the FFCA as to the election results.

Good and Welfare of the Organization

Mike Murphy suggested that we show support to FASAR in regards to opening Rule 69A in order to make some corrections to the rule. Discussion about being involved legislatively was important and that we (FLAHR) should stay involved and current with the proposed legislature. During the discussion, the proposed legislation about Instructor certification was also discussed. A motion was made by Mike Murphy and seconded by Matt Marshall to draft a letter similar to FASAR to the FFCA Board of Directors to open Rule 69A. All were in favor.

Mike Murphy brought up the budgetary issues involving both USAR and Hazmat and how Florida Division of Emergency Management was looking to establish some funding through the budgetary process. Mike Murphy made a motion, seconded by Matt Marshall to send a letter to the FFCA Board of Directors, requesting that FFCA support funding of the specialty teams through the budgetary process. Discussion about motion occurred. All were in favor.

Mike Murphy reiterated the need for FLAHR members to join the FFCA and the importance of being involved.

Mike Murphy brought up the EPA proposed project program that could bring funding to those projects based upon EPAs levied fines. A company instead of paying the government a fine for environmental violations, the company may choose to assist with special projects. In order to file for a special project, an application about the project must be filed on the SERC web site. The LEPCs may be of assistance with filing the proposed project.

Jonathan Lamb addressed the group and showed support through the Hazmat Symposium. Jonathan stated that the symposium had 610 attendees, a 30% increase from the year before. There were 12 teams in the competition. Jonathan thanked FLAHR for all of the support we have shown to the symposium and offers the same support back.

Meeting was adjourned.