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# Florida Fire Chiefs' Safety and Health Committee



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## Minutes of FFCA Safety & Health Committee Meeting, January 17, 2018

Daytona Beach, Fire Rescue East Conference

Meeting called to order at 1100 hours by Fire Chief and Committee Chair Frank Babinec

### **Otto Drozd, Fire Chief Orange County, FL and President of the Florida Fire Chief's Association**

- Addressed the group on legislative issues and advised the group that he is running for second vice-president of the International Association of Fire Chief's. You can contact him through [www.chieftodrozd.com](http://www.chieftodrozd.com)

### **Chief Babinec, Fire Chief Coral Springs – Parkland Fire Department and Safety and Health Committee Chair**

- Director of the Florida State Fire Marshal's Office Julius Halas discussed the new grant for Decon Equipment that will be available to all fire departments for suppression apparatus that are equipment for response. In order to receive one of these kits, you must complete the survey that went out from the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training. If your fire chief has not received the survey, please contact Patrick Giacobbe at: [Patrick.giacobbe@myfloridacfo.com](mailto:Patrick.giacobbe@myfloridacfo.com)
- You can download a standard operating procedure for clean cab design at: <http://sylvesternewbadgeofhonor.com> or [www.floridafirefightersafety.org](http://www.floridafirefightersafety.org)
- Director Halas thanked the Safety and Health committee for their hard work and involvement in firefighter health and safety.
- Three (3) grants have been awarded over the last couple years totaling 3.5 million through University of Miami Sylvester Cancer center for research on cancer in the fire service.

Chief Babinec stated that they will assist any agency with setting up their decon process. We will provide the standard operating guidelines, training kits through the grant and assist with the training.

- The Safety and Health Conference was a success with very few negative comments on the survey.
  - The Safety and Health Conference 2018 will be in a new venue in Orlando.
  - Committee is seeking ideas for content to deliver at the conference.
  - There will be one day at the conference dedicated to Firefighter Cancer Awareness.

### **Sam Eaton – Safety and Health Collaborative**

- Please take the time to visit: [www.sylvesternewbadgeofhonor.com](http://www.sylvesternewbadgeofhonor.com)
  - There are great videos on firefighter post IDLH decon
  - Explains why we are doing decon
  - Please complete the survey on firefighter cancer
  - There is a new APP being deployed nationally and through the State of Florida for exposure reporting.
  - There are fourteen (14) studies that are taking place through University of Miami Sylvester Cancer Center
  - If you have had cancer, please go to the website and authorize UM to have access to your tumor through the tumor bank so they can use it for their study.

### **Susan Schell, Safety ([Susan.Schell@myfloridacfo.com](mailto:Susan.Schell@myfloridacfo.com)) – Florida Bureau of Fire Standards and Training**

- April 6<sup>th</sup> will be the Firefighter Cancer Symposium at the Florida State Fire College:  
11655 NW Gainesville Road Ocala
  - The entire morning is being dedicated to the tumor bank and initiative surrounding it.
  - You can register through FCDICE:
    - Login to your student profile, then click **“Locate”** at top left, then click **“future class offerings”**, under course title, type in, **“Cancer Symposium”**, then click on the **“Register”** button.

**Collaborative Update: Sam Eaton, continued**

- Sam listed the departments that are involved. For more information, go to:  
<https://www.floridafirefightersafety.org/>
- Advised that this is not just about cancer prevention and awareness but also Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- The FFSHC encompasses several topics; all aimed at improving firefighter safety. Some of the areas of focus include: emotional and mental wellness, firefighter cancer prevention, safety on all hazardous incidents and health & physical fitness.
- Discussion about the development of curriculum for Firefighter minimum standards. Nova Southeastern University has developed an eight (8) hour program that can be delivered during minimum standards in one (1) hour blocks to cover cancer awareness.
- Redline Rescue – is a resource for firefighters who are seeking help with PTSD.
- They are working with publishers on new guidelines for health and wellness.
- FFSHC is not just here to help career departments, but also volunteer departments.
- The FFSHC is branching out into the Panhandle of Florida and the Florida Keys.
- There will be a Health and Fitness Symposium this summer: Date, Location and Time to be determined.

#### **Chief Babinec**

- Safety discussion – Dr. Jeff Burgess
  - Coral Springs – Parkland Fire Department is one of the agencies that are working through a FEMA grant on a collision avoidance system. This system is similar to what aircrafts use.
- Discussion on Clean Cab Design – Coral Springs – Parkland has policies pertaining to this. Chief Babinec has been in contact with apparatus manufacturers about offering this as an option to their customers.

#### **Chief Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue**

- Discussed NFPA 3000 Active Shooter
  - The document is currently open through NFPA for public comment.

- [www.NFPA.org/3000](http://www.NFPA.org/3000) and click on public comment.
- Discussed the change to their AED ordinance in Davie that required Stop the Bleed kits. Contact her for a copy of the ordinance. [Julie\\_downey@davie-fl.gov](mailto:Julie_downey@davie-fl.gov).

**Susan Schell**

- There is a mental health symposium either on May 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. Has not been confirmed as yet.
- If you have ideas for content to be delivered at the symposium, contact Susan.

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Meeting adjourned at 1230 hours

**Attendees:**

Frank Babinec	Patrick Garvey	Brian Powell
Samuel Eaton	Chad Crouse	Bart Walker
Gene Prince	Todd Seliger	Susan Schell
Julius Halas	Michael Jimenez	
Dan Azzariti	Dean Debose	
James Angle	Jon Frasher	
Julie Downey	Jeff Lopez	
Ralph Everage	Alvin Barker	
Larry Grubbs	David McCallister	
Jo-Ann Lorber	Mike D'Angelo	
Stan Mettinger	Tony Stravino	
Harold Pool	James Trube	
John Whalen	Joel Medina	
Ron Williams	Sean Baker	
Michael McNally	Russell Beaty	
Jovanne Rodriguez	Charles Chapman	
Wayne McGlothren	Bruce Gillingham	
Richard Peters	Joe Steadman	