



# East Central Florida Fire Prevention Association



*Meeting Minutes:*

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

**Volusia County Training Center- 3889 Tiger Bay Rd**

## **Members Present**

1. Beau Gardner- Port Orange
2. Lisa Nadeau- Deltona
3. Ajorie Bailey- Deltona
4. Richard Beauregard- Holly Hill
5. Ken Gaines- Ormond Beach
6. Terry Griffiths- DeLand
7. Chip Johnson- Volusia County School Board
8. Chris Carl- Orange City
9. Raymond Santana- Orange City
10. Ken Mitchell- Volusia County School Board
11. Brian Sievertson- Daytona Beach
12. Tom Smith- Wiginton Fire Systems Orlando

## **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Beau Gardner, Vice-President at 2:00 PM

## **Meeting Minutes**

Approval of November minutes with October 1-31 financial report. Motion made by Beau Gardner and second by Richard Beauregard.

## **President's Report**

Not present

## **Vice-President's Report**

- *Food Truck MOG*
  - Please review the current adopted version of the document for any proposed changes, additions, or deletions based on the new code cycle.
  - Would like to have a draft version sent to the Fire Chiefs' Group for review a couple of weeks ahead of their March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- *New Vice-President*
  - Sam Schaller will take over as Vice-President effective in February.

### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

- *Financial reports for November 1-30 & December 1-31*
  - Checking- \$5,992.50 & \$5,392.60
    - Deposits- nothing to report for November & nothing to report for December.
    - Expenses- nothing to report for November & \$529.90 (Hidden Treasures for annual holiday luncheon).

Special thank you to Wiginton for picking up the tip during the annual holiday luncheon.

- *Savings- \$1,000.74 & \$1,000.75*
  - Deposits- nothing to report for November & nothing to report for December.
  - Expenses- nothing to report for November & nothing to report for December.

### **Important Notes:**

- *Sign-in sheets*
  - Please do not forget to sign-in on both sheets (ECFFPA and VCFR)
  - Please review your information for typos, corrections, etc.
  - Please remember to include your FDICE number when signing the VCFR sheet.
- *ECFFPA Contact Sheet*
  - Please review your information for typos, corrections, etc.
  - The contact sheet will be used for emails, contact information, and future classes so it is important to keep your information current.
- *Supplies*
  - Recently purchased some office supplies needed for the position. The purchase was previously approved by the group in January 2022.
    - In the process of obtaining tax-exempt status with Office Depot.
- *Upcoming Renewals*
  - USPS for our Post Office Box in the amount of \$166.00. Currently waiting to be invoiced.
    - May I have a motion to pay for our annual PO Box renewal upon receipt?
      - Motion made by Richard Beauregard and second by Beau Gardner

- SunBiz and Taxes
- *Lifetime Memberships (Honorary List)*
  - Discussed this in the past, so would like to bring it back up.
    - I will need to review the By-Laws to see if they address this.
    - Would like to have the list of honorary members compiled this year.
      - Please send the names of past members both living and deceased.
      - For living members, if you have their contact information, please provide that as I would like to contact them to obtain additional information (i.e., retired position and year, agency they retired from, and their years of service.)

## **Committee Reports**

None

## **Old Business**

### ***Tom Smith***

- *Hydrants & 3<sup>rd</sup> Party ITM Reporting*
  - Still believe the Red Book will help address these questions posed on color of hydrants and what jurisdictions require 3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting.

### ***Lisa Nadeau***

- *Annual Membership Dues/Notices*
  - Reminder that the annual membership invoices were sent out on 12/19/23.
  - We gained a few new members in which invoices have been sent out. Raymond Santana and Ken Gaines are among some of the few and are here with us today.

## **New Business**

### **Ken Mitchell**

- *Upcoming Delayed Egress Presentation*
  - Beau Gardner advised that he saw the photograph of the mockup door sent this morning.
  - Ken Mitchell advised that he and Chip Johnson will be presenting the mockup door to the Board Members and Superintendent and would like representatives from this group to be present for support.
  - Ken Mitchell advised that the topic of installing delayed egress hardware on ESE classroom doors has been brought up to the group before.
    - The delayed egress hardware would only be installed on the ESE classroom doors if there is a student in that classroom deemed a runner per their IEP.

- The intent behind installing the delayed egress hardware is to allow the teacher additional time to get to the door before the student elopes from the classroom.
- Chip Johnson advised the group that this is not your typical bar type hardware with a warning sign, equipped with delayed egress hardware that you see in box stores or a chain restaurant but rather a lever type handle with a mag lock at the top of the door.
  - Beau Garnder advised that most would agree that delayed egress in a memory care unit automatically releases the door after 15 seconds of the alarm sounding.
  - Chip Johnson advised that there will be a key fob around the teacher's neck to open the classroom door and strongly encouraged the group to just come see it since it is "different".
  - The doors would release in the event of a power loss or fire alarm activation.
- Perimeters for quarterly and annual testing of the delayed egress would be put into place as well as a "dos and don'ts" list.

### **Terry Griffiths**

- *NFPA 13 Code Edition*
  - Wanted to follow up on the conversation regarding the potential currently adopted edition of NFPA 13.
    - Tom Smith advised that Wigginton will base the decision to use the 2022 edition on a case-by-case basis with each municipality since the 2019 edition had many errors. Those errors were corrected in the 2022 edition (which as we know is not currently adopted by the state)
- *Commercial Fire Alarms/Fumigation Tents*
  - Deland has some commercial buildings equipped with a fire alarm that will be undergoing fumigation and would like to know if others have asked them to power down the fire alarm, cover devices, etc.
    - Ken Gaines advised that he requires that the devices be covered.

### **Brian Sievertson**

- *BDA Changes*
  - Language now states if you do not have signal outside the building; before entering and you cannot provide the signal per the DAQ of a 3.4 or greater than a system would not be required.
    - FS 633 on the last page appears to support that language.
    - This will fall under the County since they are the owners of the radio system.
  - Brian Sievertson feels if the County radio system cannot provide the signal, then how can we say that they need a BDA and would like to hear what others think.

- Where it says that the coverage does not meet or exceed the DAQ of 3.4 or greater. A two-way radio enhancement system shall not be required.
  - Beau Gardner suggested reaching out to Trent for further discussion.
    - Phase two of P25 is going to be done in September of this year.
- Tom Smith asked if it a requirement for each tenant to pass the grid test to demonstrate what they have done, does not affect the signals?
  - Terry Griffiths advised that the BDAs are required to be tested annually, you are right it is not initially.
  - It also says that the AHJ might notice that they do not have good coverage and it will need to be addressed.
- Chip Johnson advised that Fred Link brought up to the group in the past that the BDA is required to be connected to the fire alarm panel and that only a fire alarm certified contractor can connect it.
- Terry Griffiths asked Brian Sievertson if he believes that the language may be written wrong and if so, suggested asking for a Dec Statement.
- Brian Sievertson advised that section 11.10.7 speaks about the minimum signal strength.
  - The DAQ is overriding everything and is very subjective.
  - I will start with Trent to see what his take is on this.
- Beau Gardner reached out to Trent and per his email response advised that this should not be an issue the county because we have good coverage pretty much everywhere. The language was written for those who have poor radio coverage systems and are requiring companies to install BDAs in buildings that have a bad radio signal.

## **Presentation**

None

## **Roundtable**

### ***Ken Mitchell***

#### *○ Fire Drills*

- Changes were made to the current edition. Information was sent to Sharon.

### ***Tom Smith***

Nothing to report.

### ***Richard Beauregard***

#### *○ Upcoming Projects*

- New Fire Station 96- attend bi-weekly meetings on progress.

- Former hospital (Florida Hospital System) is being redeveloped and will house a storage facility which is a/c (climate controlled)

### **Ken Gaines**

- *Firewall Penetration Inspections*
  - Who is conducting penetration inspections?
    - Before coming to Ormond, which this is my first week back I worked for Brevard County and we were conducting inspections on firewalls (drywall layers, screw patterns, sealing, etc.) and was a very humbling experience.
    - Raymond Santana advised he used to work for Universal and that 3M will come out with a program.
    - Beau Gardner would like to have another class put on by 3M regarding penetration inspections. There had been one put on years prior.

### **Terry Griffiths**

Nothing to report.

### **Brian Sievertson**

- *Assisted Living Facility*
  - Had a recently constructed ALF request a letter from me advising that certified fire inspectors performed all the fire inspections and all the systems passed (our building department does the new construction fire inspections) so the letter Brian provided was not acceptable and it was kicked back from the state.
    - When I completed my first annual inspection of the facility I asked for information on the fire doors, logs, etc. in addition to finding 10 to 12 other items.
      - When they had a fire door company come in to inspect, they discovered that 70% of their fire doors did not pass.
      - As a result, it is now going to cost the company \$30,000 to correct the fire door deficiencies.
      - Beau Gardner advised this is why he encourages people to contact a fire door company for inspection of fire doors.

### **Chip Johnson**

- *Upcoming Fire Sprinkler Conference*
  - How do we sign up to attend the upcoming conference?
    - Tom Smith reminded him that Sharon had sent out an email from Lorrell Bush with that information.
    - Lisa Nadeau advised that she would ask Sharon resend it to him.

### **Beau Gardner**

- *Zoll*
  - Richard Beauregard stated that he is in the format that was provided by Chief Bland, and it is not working.
    - Beau Gardner recalls that there were steps that we had to do to get them to upload.

- The information on the inspection module is not going to be a flagship and we know that NFIRS is going away, and it will be NEARS.
  - It is not just looking at your fire reporting. It is looking at your occupancies, inspections and pulling everything else together.
- What is high on our priority list is our inspections module. What is high on Zoll's priority list is making sure all of the CAD mapped in NFIRS is going to CAD map into the new platform. As of this morning I feel that they are making steps in the right direction for the inspections. module.

***Lisa Nadeau***

Nothing to report.

***Raymond Santana***

Nothing to report.

***Chris Carl***

- *Structure Fire on French Ave*
  - The occupant cut a hole in the wall inside his utility room. He then used that hole to provide access under the foundation. He dug under the foundation of the entire house (approx. 1200 sq ft) and used this space as a makeshift basement for a sleeping quarter.

***Ajorie Bailey***

Nothing to report.

**Projected Project Goals**

Create a subpage on the Chiefs Group website.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:59 PM. Motion was made by Beau Gardner and second by Chip Johnson.

***Next meeting is Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 2:00PM***

VCFR Training Center located at 3889 Tiger Bay Rd. Classroom TBD