



# East Central Florida Fire Prevention Association



*Meeting Minutes:*

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

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

## **Members Present**

1. Sharon Shivers- Deltona
2. Sam Schaller- Deltona
3. Lisa Nadeau- Deltona
4. Ajorie Bailey- Deltona
5. Howard Bailey- Ormond Beach
6. Richard Beauregard- Holly Hill
7. Ken Gaines- Ormond Beach
8. Terry Griffiths- Deland
9. Eric Hill- Wiginton Fire Systems Orlando
10. Jeff Humphrey- Edgewater
11. Chip Johnson- Volusia County School Board
12. Steve Lane- New Smyrna Beach
13. Shane Lanoue- Volusia County
14. Norman Medders- Daytona Beach Shores
15. Ken Mitchell- Volusia County School Board
16. Brian Sievertson- Daytona Beach
17. Tom Smith- Wiginton Fire Systems Orlando
18. Don Wiech- New Smyrna Beach

## **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Sharon Shivers, President at 2:07 PM

## **Meeting Minutes**

Approval of February minutes with January 1-31 financial reports. Motion made by Ken Gaines and second by Richard Beauregard.

## **President's Report**

Nothing to report. Will save comments for old business.

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

Nothing to report.

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

- *Financial reports for February 1-29*
  - Checking- \$6280.74
    - Deposits- \$275.00 (annual membership dues)
    - Expenses- nothing to report.
  
- Savings- \$1,000.77
  - Deposits- nothing to report.
  - Expenses- nothing to report.

### **Important Notes:**

- *Sign-in sheets.*
  - Please do not forget to sign-in on both sheets (ECFFPA and VCFR)
  
  - Please remember to include your FDICE number when signing the VCFR sheet.
  
- *ECFFPA Contact Sheet*
  - Please review your information for typos, corrections, etc. If changes are needed, please make them and initial.
  
  - If your information is grayed out, then your information is up to date.
  
  - The contact sheet will be used for emails, contact information, and future classes so it is important to keep your information current.

## **Committee Reports**

None

## **Old Business**

### **Sharon Shivers**

- *Food Truck SOP*
  - To date, I have not gotten anything from anyone regarding changes needing to be made to the checklist. I did get suggestions from Mark Edgil.
  - I made proposed changes to the SOP and sent it to the group for review, but to date I have not gotten any feedback from the group.
  - The SOP and checklist must be revised and sent to the Chiefs' Group and I should not have to be responsible for doing it alone. This is a group effort and I need your help.
    - Please send me anything as every little bit will help.
  - As a reminder the checklist is supposed to be a temporary document used only for agencies on Zoll until such time as a checklist can be created.

- The form is also intended to be used as a backup when the electronic versions are not available.
- Terry Griffiths received a phone call from a food truck vendor who advised he has a new truck and needed a final inspection.
  - Terry referred him to contact DOT as a starting point since we do not certify new trucks.
- Shane Lanoue advised he received a phone call from a fire equipment service provider asking if they needed to submit for a permit to install equipment/suppression inside a new food truck. Shane advised him that we are not allowed to require permits.
  - Shane then received a phone call from Putnam County's FM advising that he requires a hood permit but wasn't sure how he was getting away with this since we are not allowed to ask for permits.

## **New Business**

### **Shane Lanoue**

- *Sober Living Homes*
  - We recently received a permit to install a generator at a single-family home but under a commercial permit, but the permit had been on hold since November 2022 because of comments going back and forth. When it was finally determined that this would be a change of use because it was turning into a rehabilitation facility.
    - The lady who would be running the facility contacted me and was irate stating that she never had to go through any of this when they did the facility in Deland.
    - In speaking with Terry Griffiths, it was discovered that the homes she was running the rehabilitation facilities out of already were equipped with a fire sprinkler system.
    - I tried to explain to her that the sprinkler system is not a requirement from the fire code but rather the building code because she would be classified as a R-3 or R-4 under the building code. I then referred her to the Building Official to discuss further.
    - While digging through the codes and legislative language it appears that the law changed in 2021 and got a little clearer, but still muddy under 633.208 (11) whereas Sober Living Homes would be exempted from the fire code if they are FAR certified which is a federally backed certification.
      - While further digging it appears that the only FAR certified facility within Volusia County is the Oxford House. None of the other 23 facilities in our county hold this certification; therefore, are not exempt from the fire code.
      - FAR certification is backed by the National but overseen by DCF; however, they are not required to be licensed by DCF. Obtaining the certification can take up to 3 years and includes a 90-day application process.
      - The incentive to become certified exempts them from the FFPC and increases the funding they can receive.

- A list is being provided by this lady for all the locations in our county in which I will forward to Sharon to distribute. Most of them are in Daytona Beach. One is in Deltona and one in Port Orange.
- I reached out to the State and spoke with Bruce Gillam, Bureau Chief of Fire Prevention who confirmed that a sober living facility who is not FAR certified would be considered a Residential Board and Care. In addition, he cited FAC 69A-44 which applied to Recovery Homes/Alcoholic Facilities and pointed to the language at the bottom that refers to the minimal fire safety standards shall be set in FAC 69A-.013 and all the NFPA requirements.
- A DEC statement was located from 2008 in which it identified these types of facilities as R-3.
- Terry Griffiths advised that he had two of these facilities that were next to each other and connected by a breezeway that they tried to claim was one location when establishing the occupant load.
  - Richard Beauregard inquired if there are zoning/distance requirements that apply to these facilities?
  - Shane Lanoue advised that yes, they fall under Statute 419
- Howard Bailey inquired if these facilities are considered for profit or not for profit.
  - Shane Lanoue advised that in this scenario they are operating under a 501c-3.
- Sharon Shivers mentioned that she would bring this topic up in the Fire Chiefs' group meeting just as a heads up since it appears we may be all dealing with them in some fashion at some point.
- Ken Gaines advised we all need to get educated on this topic so that we are all being consistent.
  - Sharon Shivers advised that we as fire officials seems to be consistent, it is the Building Officials who are not being consistent with enforcing the sprinkler requirements.
- Sharon Shivers suggested creating a document to share that includes code requirements for the different residential occupancies we deal with (i.e., group homes, ALFs, AFCH, foster, etc.)
  - Terry Griffiths advised that he created one. It may be outdated but can send it to me to tweak.
- Shane Lanoue also requested that Brain Sievertson try and locate the lawsuit document which would be considered case law so that we can educate ourselves on what occurred in that case.

### **Ken Gaines**

- *Potential Hilti Training (Presentation)*
  - I took a CEU class down in Brevard County on penetrations put on by Hilti and think it would be a good class to bring to our group if there is interest in it.
    - The class is about 3 ½- 4 hours long and there is no cost for it.
    - Sharon Shivers suggested we host the class during our mid-year luncheon and treat it as a lunch and learn.

- Ken Gaines will reach out to the contact and see if they can hold the class on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 12-4. This would be the week between the FFMIA and NFPA conferences.

## **Presentation**

None

## **Roundtable**

### ***Sharon Shivers***

Nothing to report.

### ***Sam Schaller***

Nothing to report.

### ***Terry Griffith***

Jamie Lunsford will be officially taking over as the Fire Marshal for Deland next month. I will still be around just not in Deland.

### ***Norman Medders***

Nothing to report.

### ***Steve Lane***

- *Tim's Retirement*
  - Tim's last day was Friday.
    - Looking for an inspector if anyone is interested or you know of someone.
- *Propane Heaters*
  - We had a code officer go around and cite businesses who had propane heaters in their outdoor seating areas.
    - Taking them to the special magistrate even though they did not involve fire.
    - Terry Griffith and Shane Lanoue mentioned that it is a felony to impersonate a fire safety inspector.
    - Would like to know how everyone is handling them since the code does not define "outdoor".
    - Terry Griffith advised to look in the NFPA 1 2018 Handbook since there is commentary and photos pertaining to these.
    - Brian Sievertson suggested asking for the manufacturer's recommendations.
    - Sharon Shivers advised to look in NFPA 1 under the open flame section and the use under an overhang/roof structure or in proximity to the building.

### ***Don Wiech***

Nothing to report.

**Ken Gaines**

○ *Fire Alarm Monitoring*

- Recently had a fire sprinkler head activate. The signal was received at the monitoring station; however, the alarm company did not dispatch the fire department as it turns out the company is using AI technology.
  - Sam Schaller inquired if this is a UL monitoring company? If so, does it require a live person to receive the signals and dispatch?
  - Ken Gaines advised that the company is a 3<sup>rd</sup> party monitoring company, and the initial company is Village Lock and Key housed in St. Augustine.
  - Steve Lane asked if anyone has dealt with Agent Fire in which Brian Sievertson advised that they are a sub-contractor of Village Lock and Key.
  - Sam Schaller asked if anyone has dealt with Security Center, Inc.? Sam had an incident with this company where they mailed the fire alarm tags to the occupant for them to affix to the FACP.

**Lisa Nadeau**

Nothing to report.

**Chip Johnson**

○ *BDA Status*

- Installations are continuing at University, Pine Ridge, and Deltona High Schools.

**Ajorie Bailey**

Nothing to report.

**Tom Smith**

Nothing to report.

**Eric Hill**

Nothing to report.

**Ken Mitchell**

○ *Construction Status*

- TT Small Elementary and Tomoka are anticipated to come online in the fall.
- Holly Hill is transitioning back to an elementary school.
- Terry Griffith inquired about the status of Starke. Chip Johnson advised that they had the groundbreaking last week and are waiting on the drawings and documents.
- Howard Bailey inquired about Riverview Osceola. He would like to know if there is anything needed to prep that school as it pertains to the grounds before they move in (i.e., fencing, cameras, etc.)
  - Chip Johnson advised that there has been a lot of discussion surrounding this school and because the students are ESE there will be things that need to be done but does not have specifics at this time.

- Ken Mitchell advised that he has been involved with the discussions and there is a plan in place such as mag locks for delayed egress will need to be installed and more cameras are needed.

**Brian Sievertson**

- *Florescent Light Covers*
  - Has anyone else been finding paper covers placed on florescent lights in the schools?
    - Ken Mitchell advised that where there are kids who are light sensitive (IEP kids only) then they do replace the light bulbs with UL listed tubes/bulbs.
    - Shane Lanoue advised that there are ones made that are fire rated. You will need to ask for the manufacturer's specifications.

**Richard Beauregard**

Nothing to report.

**Howard Bailey**

Nothing to report.

**Shane Lanoue**

- *Work without Permits*
  - We have been dealing a lot lately with fire contractors doing work without permits.
    - Once incident involved a county building where the contractor installed the underground without a permit.
    - For emergency work (i.e., a down fire pump or fire alarm) we authorize an early start, but do not offer that for general work or new construction.

**Jeff Humphrey**

Nothing to report.

**Projected Project Goals**

Create a subpage on the Chiefs Group website.

Create a Countywide Redbook

**Meeting Adjourned**

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

***Next meeting is Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 2:00PM***

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