



East Central Florida Fire Prevention Association



Meeting Minutes:

Tuesday, April 9, 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. Mark Edgil- Volusia County
8. Ken Gaines- Ormond Beach
9. Eric Hill- Wiginton Fire Systems Orlando
10. Chip Johnson- Volusia County School Board
11. Steve Lane- New Smyrna Beach
12. Ken Mitchell- Volusia County School Board
13. Shane Lanoue- Volusia County
14. Brian Sievertson- Daytona Beach
15. Rebecca Whidden- Deland

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Sharon Shivers, President at 2:19 PM

Meeting Minutes

Approval of March minutes with February 1-29 financial reports. Motion made by Shane Lanoue and second by Richard Beauregard.

President's Report

- *Fire Chief's Group Meeting*
 - Attended the Fire Chief's Group meeting last month and brought to their attention that we are not ready to bring forth the Food Truck MOG as I had hoped. As we began to dig into the code, we found it was more complicated than we anticipated.
 - I also advised them that we recently were made aware that there could be several Sober Living Facilities operating in our county that are not in compliance with the code and

that I didn't have much to report on now, since we are doing our due diligence of the situation, but felt we needed to bring this to their attention.

Vice-President's Report

Nothing to report.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- *Financial reports for March 1-31*
 - Checking- \$6,330.74
 - Deposits- **\$50.00** (annual membership dues)
 - Expenses- nothing to report.

- Savings- \$1,000.78
 - Deposits- nothing to report.
 - Expenses- nothing to report.

Would like to request approval to pay the annual 2024 Sunbiz. Motion made by Shane Lanoue and second by Richard Beaugard.

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

Shane Lanoue

- *Sober Living Homes*

- After our meeting last month, I went back through NFPA and found an informal interpretation listed under a one- and two-family dwelling, but when I read through the interpretation it was for a homeless living facility and when you take out homeless and add sober living the information/requirements are one in the same.
- These types of facilities per the Fire Code are classified as transient lodging in which it requires a fire sprinkler system unless they hold the FAR certification.
- I finally met with Cathleen Russell and her team of attorneys the other day and was asked what does a one- and two-family dwelling mean to me?
 - I referred to the informal interpretation, which went into that scenario of what a single family residential is for and explained that it is not a care facility because they are not providing personal care, but they are housing transients.
 - Since Kathleen is in the FAR application process, we agreed that she could provide us with a letter specifying her course of action and that once the certification is obtained, she would be exempt per FS. This would provide her with additional time to obtain the certification, which is typically 45 days out from that point.
 - Once the certification is obtained, they must go through an annual accreditation to be recertified every year. The certification is not a guarantee each year.
 - Kathleen reiterated that the main reason why most of these facilities don't have their FAR certification is because they had to be in operation for three years before applying; however, that has since changed when the rule was changed.
- Sharon Shivers wanted to clarify that because they aren't providing care then they fall under transient lodging, but wouldn't they be providing care to residents of the sober living facility?
 - Shane Lanoue advised that he also asked that question and these facilities do not require care to its residents but rather have a psychologist providing group meeting sessions on occasion.
- The Building Official agreed under the Building Code that if you do not fall under Board and Care, then they fall under transient.
 - That was also ruled on September 23, 2023. I will send that information to you so it can be distributed to the group.
- Brian Sievertson brought this new information up to the Deputy City Attorney, and she said they are currently working on a city ordinance as it relates to sober living homes and will keep me in the loop.
 - Shane Lanoue advised he will send the interpretation to Brian, so that he can provide it to his Deputy City Attorney since it is pretty matter of fact.

- Sharon Shivers advised that Terry Griffith sent over the document he created a few years ago that listed the requirements for all the different residential facilities, but it is outdated so will need to update it.

Ken Gaines

○ *Potential Hilti Training (Presentation)*

- Ken was not present therefore, Sharon Shivers advised she received an email from Ken Gaines this morning in which the date indicated was Thursday, July 11th. I replied to the email inquiring if the date was correct since that date fell on a Thursday, and it was my understanding that we were looking to do training as a lunch and learn during our June meeting.
 - Ken arrived at the meeting late and advised that he misunderstood the date and will reach out to the Hilti representative to confirm that are available to do the training on Tuesday, June 11th from noon-2 pm.
 - Sharon Shivers asked Shane Lanoue if he could confirm reservation of the room from 11-4 pm.

Sharon Shivers

○ *Food Truck SOP*

- Sharon Shivers advised that the biggest thing we need to discuss right now is the change to the frequency requirement for food trucks to certify their fixed fire suppression systems.
 - Shane Lanoue advised that he reached out to Tommy Demopoulos with FFMIA, and it was brought to Bruce Gillingham, Chief of Fire Prevention, State of Florida attention since it appears this is something that slipped through the cracks.
 - Tommy confirmed that it is removed from the next cycle of NFPA 96.
 - Sharon Shivers suggested that we as a group still try to encourage and not enforce. I think that the food truck industry has a good understanding that we are trying to work with them and keep them as safe as possible. It is their investment, it only makes sense for them to continue doing it, but we cannot make them do it until the new code cycle.
 - The group suggested moving to an annual inspection for the decal. It does not eliminate the inspector from doing an on-site evaluation at any time to verify leak detection, generator placement, etc.
- The group suggested going to a one-page checklist; however, Shane Lanoue advised the group that the state has placed more requirements on us in this code cycle and send Sharon Shivers a nine-page document with all the requirements, so it may be difficult narrow it down from three pages to one.
 - Sam Schaller volunteered to revise the food truck checklist.

New Business

None

Presentation

Shane Lanoue

○ *SharePoint Presentation*

- Created a SharePoint link that all municipalities can access; however, we can only allow one email address per agency to have access to it.
 - Volusia County has been using this list to input all the food truck inspections the inspector's conduct. It is a live document and updated frequently.
 - Currently we are inputting the date of the inspection, name of the food truck, document type, event, address of last inspection, inspector who completed the inspection, and VC inspection sticker issue date.

Roundtable

Howard Bailey

○ *Mobile Eyes*

- Howard Bailey asked who is using Mobile Eyes? The group advised Deltona, Deland, and New Smyrna Beach.
 - Holly Hill, Daytona Beach, and Volusia County advised that they are back to using paper, since there are still issues with Zoll.

○ *Fees*

- Howard asked who is charging additional fees to help support the Fire Prevention Office?
 - Rebecca Whidden advised that Deland charges a fee which is attached to the building permit to help support fire prevention.
 - Richard Beauregard advised that they also charge a fee attached to the building permit, but it goes back into the building department fund.

Richard Beauregard

○ *JD Weber*

- Has anyone dealt with JD Weber as it relates to covering up their underground fire lines before calling for inspection? I have caught them on several occasions in my city.
 - Shane Lanoue advised that he has been dealing with that, as well as them operating without a permit.

Shane Lanoue

○ *Work without Permits*

- I am continuing to deal with a lot of fire contractors doing work without permits and it is getting out of control.

Sam Schaller

Nothing to report.

Chip Johnson

- *BDA Status*
 - University High School just got their BDA installed last Friday and was approved by Greg and Trent. Pine Ridge and Deltona High Schools are still being worked on.

Brian Sievertson

- *Chicki Huts*
 - Is anyone familiar with them and the electrical under them?
 - Sam Schaller referred Brian to see NFPA 1 as there is a code section related to them.

Ken Gaines

Nothing to report.

Mark Edgil

Nothing to report.

Steve Lane

Nothing to report.

Lisa Nadeau

Nothing to report.

Ajorie Bailey

Nothing to report.

Eric Hill

Nothing to report.

Ken Mitchell

Nothing to report.

Rebecca Whidden

Nothing to report.

Projected Project Goals

Create a subpage on the Chiefs Group website.

Create a Countywide Redbook

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM. Motion was made by Sam Schaller and second by Richard Beauregard.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 2:00PM

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