



East Central Florida Fire Prevention Association



Meeting Minutes:

Tuesday, October 15, 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. Richard Beauregard - Holly Hill
6. Kyle Crider - Port Orange
7. Ken Gaines - Ormond Beach
8. Fred Godawa - New Smyrna Beach
9. Terry Griffiths – Retired
10. Jeff Humphrey – Edgewater
11. Chip Johnson - Volusia County School Board
12. Steve Lane - New Smyrna Beach
13. Ray Santana - Orange City
14. Brian Sievertson - Daytona Beach
15. Don Wiech - New Smyrna
16. Rebecca Whidden – Deland
17. Brandon Gray - Orange City
18. Aaron Peace - Port Orange

Call to Order

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

Meeting Minutes

Approval of September Meeting Minutes with August 1-30, 2024, financial reports.

Motion to approve: Ken Gaines. Seconded by: Sam Schaller

President's Report

- *Chief's Group Meeting*
 - Sharon and Shane presented the idea of a portal for CEMPs with standardized letters. The Chiefs are reviewing the letters and appear supportive.

- *FFMIA Conference*
 - Next month, rooms are available at an overflow hotel beachside at the government rate.

- *BDA Procedures*
 - Procedures sent by Brian Sievertson have been confirmed by Trent to be the correct version; everyone should contact Greg for testing procedures.

Vice-President's Report

Nothing to report.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- *Financial reports for September 1-30*
 - Checking: \$5,191.10
 - Deposits- nothing to report.
 - Expenses: **\$1,106.22 (Printhouse for food truck decals and checklist printing)**

 - Savings: \$1,000.84
 - 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

Terry Griffith

- *NFPA Journal Article*
 - Nothing additional to report.

New Business

Steve Lane

- *Bed & Breakfast Occupancies*
 - We have seen an increase in applications so would like to know how the group is handling bed and breakfast facilities since there appears to be a conflict between the FBC and the FFPC with regards to classifying and inspecting.
 - The group suggested he look in the Life Safety 101 code handbook because they state did clear up what they are to be classified as. It might be under lodging and rooming.
- *Chickee Hut*
 - Has anyone had experience with these types of huts?
 - Terry Griffith advised that they are built by the Seminole Indians and are exempt from the code but cannot have any MEPs. If they modify it then it becomes a Tiki hut and shall meet all code requirements and permitting.
 - Steve Lane advised they may be looking to restrict Chickee Huts to only residential locations.
- *Local Amendments*
 - Reminder that local amendments are not approved automatically by the state and shall be submitted every three years (coincides with the code cycle) for reapproval.

Brian Sievertson

○ *Food Truck Event Fees*

- I have a 22-food truck event planned for November at Tomoka Town Center. The event organizer discovered that they are charged a Temporary Permit Application (TPA) fee of \$75.00, but there are concerns about whether this fee covers the cost of inspecting all the food trucks.
 - Sharon Shivers advised there is no charge for food truck inspections in her jurisdiction.
 - Orange City advised it varies by event.
 - DeBary does not charge per event.
 - DeLand: No charge for food truck inspections.
 - Port Orange advised they may charge for the event, but not for food trucks specifically.
 - Edgewater advised there is no charge for food truck inspections.
- Brian Sievertson advised that while the inspections themselves aren't charged, the work involved in the inspections isn't being covered by current fees, especially if no separate inspection fee is applied.
 - Sharon Shivers advised it was clarified in the MOG that fees could still be charged based on a jurisdiction's fee schedule.

Chip Johnson

○ *BDAs*

- The P25 signal is reportedly penetrating buildings better than current systems.
 - There's a suggestion to have local departments test school radios after County Radio Managers clear schools from needing a BDA (Bi-Directional Amplifier). Sam S. volunteered to help with testing if asked.
 - Chip Johnson mentioned that Mark Edgil had success with BDA installations, like at Woodward Avenue, where the signal was clear after installation.
- Ken Gaines advised that while P25 is being tested, many radios (Edacs) will fail because they aren't yet fully compatible with the new P25 channels. Full P25 channel availability is expected by December, per contractual requirements
 - Sharon S. added that both old and new control channels are active for testing.
- Chip Johnson emphasized the importance of grid tests for new schools and other large buildings to determine if a BDA is required. Sam S. clarified that a BDA is

necessary for commercial buildings over 12,000 sq ft, but there are exceptions for certain types of apartments.

- Fred Godawa raised concerns about buildings that might not reach the 12,000 sq ft threshold but could still be problematic for signal strength. This includes houses close to the threshold and multi-story buildings.
- Brian S. raised a question about whether some buildings with BDAs might not actually need them. He shared an example from Emory Riddle, where a secure building didn't have good signal despite a BDA.
- Sam Schaller suggested Brian reach out to Melbourne about confidential rooms, like those at Boeing, where metal construction causes dead zones. Brian mentioned challenges with a 3-story building where 85% of the floors were dead zones, due to metal floors and ceilings. Antennas weren't accepted due to government standards, and he's still working on a solution.

Sharon Shivers

o Officer Positions for 2025

- Sharon Shivers proposed Ken Gaines as President and offered to serve as Vice-President, with Lisa Nadeau staying on as Secretary/Treasurer.
 - The new positions will take effect in January 2025.
 - Ken Gaines will also take over as the liaison to attend the Fire Chiefs group meetings.

o Holiday Luncheon

- Suggestions were made for Tatiano's and Fords Garage
 - We will gather information from both locations to present at our next meeting along with discussion on the budget amount per person.

Presentation

John Nichols, FBI Analyst, presented on a research project needing local agency assistance.

Roundtable

Sharon Shivers

o Potential CO2 Refresher Class

- Josh Pringle is interested in coming back to the group to present a refresher class. If the group is interested, I will begin working on dates.

Sam Schaller

Nothing to report.

Ajorie Bailey

Nothing to report.

Lisa Nadeau

○ *Duke and FPL Electric Substations*

- Has anyone had issues with getting into these types of locations to conduct a fire inspection? We are being denied access to a Duke substation because they claim they are exempt from the code.
 - Chip Johnson advised they are exempt from permitting.

Ken Gaines

Nothing to report.

Chip Johnson

○ Storm Damage

- Minor flooding and damage. Damage consisted of fabric coming off shade structures.

Brian Sievertson

○ *Smoke/CO Detector Replacement*

- Hilton-Home 2 Suites needs to replace all their smoke/co combination detectors due to age which costs \$636 per device. They are stating that the device in each unit is a standard requirement of Hilton; therefore, would like to know if they can eliminate them? Has anyone had experience with this?
 - Brian Sievertson advised that FS 553 talks about CO detectors shall be installed in rooms adjacent to areas where CO would be generated such as kitchens, laundry rooms, garages, boiler rooms, and like so feels Hilton went above and beyond the code.
 - Ken Gaines advised that NFPA 72 mirrors FS 553 language.
 - Ray Santana advised that in his previous life- UCF had the same issue with our dormitories and the combo units and they were reaching the end of life expiring and were sending faults to the panels and setting off the alarm. We ended up doing based on the code using smoke alarms and plugin in a small CO in their room.
 - Brian Sievertson advised that they are proposing a similar approach; however, they would no longer be supervised, so feels there may be liability there since the original EOR designed it as such.
 - Ken Gaines suggested getting a letter from an EOR allowing the new approach; hence to take away the liability.

Aaron Peace

- *New Member*
 - Moved over from operations.

Kyle Crider

Nothing to report.

Richard Beauregard

- *Building Retrofit*
 - Just got a signed/notarized contract for his 7th building in 4 years to be retrofitted with a fire sprinkler/fire alarm system. The building is a 90,000 sq. ft. industrial building.

Rebecca Whidden

Nothing to report.

Terry Griffith

Nothing to report.

Fred Godawa

Nothing to report.

Don Wiech

Nothing to report.

Steve Lane

Nothing to report.

Brandon Gray

Nothing to report.

Ray Santana

Nothing to report.

Jeff Humphrey

Nothing to report.

Projected Project Goals

Create a Countywide Redbook.

Reevaluation of our By-Laws

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 3:43 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Chip Johnson and seconded by Richard Beauregard.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 2:00 PM

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