



Broward County Fire Chiefs Association **Fire Prevention Sub Committee**

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

- **Welcome/Agency Sign In**

- Attendance Will Be Taken

- **Guest speaker(s):**

- William Redman – Elevator Shafts and BDAs
 - Variance process – requiring documentation, letter or email, that you deem the hoist way as a critical area for coverage.

- **Old Business:**

- Knox Key Secure Status
 - Fire Chief's Association asked for proposals.
 - Option 1: Apply for a grant to cover part of the cost.
 - Option 2: Each department to put their cost into their department budget.
 - Option 3: FIABC proposing Knox to provide the Key Secure Six and then make all the money on the Key Secure Cylinders. Option 4: leasing through 3rd party.
 - Phase I is getting Key Secure Six units on all apparatus.
- Fire Watch Guidelines
 - Will move forward with revised Fire Watch guidelines.

- **New Business:**

- BDA/Elevator Shafts
- Red Cross Sound the Alarm Event
 - April 8 – May 8, national campaign. Will provide smoke alarms but will not provide staffing to install. Raymond Boyd is the Red Cross contact. Chief Demopoulos has his contact info.
- BDA in Public Schools
 - During the SSRC pre fire planning meeting at the school, note if there are radio problems, which then goes to the Governor, which may help prioritize this issue and has the issue in writing.

- **Reports:**

- Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals
 - Bryan Parks

- FFMIA
 - FM Demopoulos
 - Legislative sessions. Pascalone's email - House Bill or Senate Bill, go on website to track bills and can see all the bills related to Fire Marshals. Green check means it is supported, Red X means it was opposed, Black dash means it's being monitored/neutral.
 - Miami Seminar, starting April 6, virtual
 - 1 and 101 – classes being offered
 - Fire Inspector Hearing passed to remove 8 hours of 1 and 101 required training
 - FM Jeff Lucas

- FIABC
 - AFM Demopoulos
 - Spring Seminar starting Thursday 3/18, can register online
 - May 4 is next meeting, nominations being accepted for President and Treasurer
 - May is Home Fire Sprinkler Week, trying to push an ordinance within Broward County

- Broward County School Board – Safety Department
 - Victoria Stanford
 - Introduction of Matt Decker, Chief Fire Official
 - Matt Decker would like to see the Fire Watch Guidelines

- Juvenile Firesetters Program
 - Courtney Palmer

- Public Education Sub Committee
 - Melanie Brocato
 - Handling Juvenile Fire Setter referrals. You can inquire about feedback regarding a specific referral.
 - Three popular areas of Public Education: Fire Safety, Car Seat Installs, and Poison Safety
 - Car Seat Safety - Compiling a list of resources
 - Poison – Dr. Wendy Steffen, from Florida Poison Center will be invited to next meeting Pub Ed Sub Committee Meeting as a guest speaker
 - Fire Safety – currently planning the Summer Sizzle educational program, which will take place over 4 weeks:
 - Week 1 – Fire Safety/Home Hazards
 - Week 2 - Weather safety/Water Safety
 - Week 3 - Virtual Fire Station Tours
 - Week 4 – Internet and Cyber bullying education

- State Fire Marshal

- **Standing Committees:**

- Training and Education:
 - May 25 -27, Virtual IAFC Community Risk Reduction Leadership Conference
- Fire Code Development:
 - AED/BCK Broward Amendment Update
 - It is sent to: EMS Sub Committee, President of Chief's Association, after that it will go to the Chief's for direction on their support
- Fire Investigations:

- **Good and Welfare Reports:**

- New Fire Code Officials
 - Ryan Banyas – Coconut Creek
 - Tommy Demopolous - Tamarac
 - Daniel Almaguer -Pembroke Pines

- **Announcements:**

- **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 2:00 PM, TBD