



Meeting Minutes of Fire Chief's Association of Broward County – March 4, 2021

- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chief Julie Downey
- II. Roll Call: Done
- III. Pledge of Allegiance, prayer done
- IV. **Presentations/Other Reports**
 - A. **BEMA:** - Tracy Jackson
 1. Covid-19 vaccine update
 - a. Closed POD missions currently underway (teachers, law enforcement, firefighters) with Hollywood assistance
 - b. Planning with DOH vaccines deployment and new sites
 - c. There is no information about Johnson & Johnson vaccines release and deployment as of yet
 - d. Chief Downey reiterated that Cities are ready to assist
 2. EOC construction is finishing, and new generator being installed
 - B. **OMETS:** - Alison Zerbe
 1. **Grants:**
 - a. The Agreements for the 2021 funds were sent for signatures
 - b. Payments won't be processed until the Agreements are fully executed
 - c. Approved rollover of 2020 funds to 2021
 - d. Fire Chiefs Association will receive an updated contract for those funds
 - e. 2022 County Grant funds will be announced late summer
 2. **Trauma:**
 - a. The next Trauma Systems Quality Improvement Meeting will be held on 3/18, 9:00AM via Skype
 - i. Attendance is limited to protect the confidentiality of the information shared
 - ii. If you have something trauma related to discuss, please contact Alison Zerbe for the meeting information
 4. **EMS Council:**
 - a. The next EMS Council meeting is 3/ 4 at 1:30PM
 - b. There will be a short presentation on the Opioid Grant and Program
 - c. EMS Council vacancies are available, if interested in joining the membership, please contact Alison Zerbe for more information
 5. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Hospital diversion and critical capacity update
 - b. Legislative Update provided: helpful links below:
<https://www.jems.com/administration-and-leadership/treatment-in-place-medicare-bill-introduced-in-the-senate/>
<https://legiscan.com/FL/pending/senate-health-policy-committee/id/2689?page=1>

- C. **RED CROSS:** *Raymond Boyd, Disaster Program Manager*
1. Update on stats for February: 47 cases and 11 families were assisted
 2. Update on National Sound the Alarm Event (information available on the FCABC website / announcements)
- D. **CANTEEN:** *Vishnu Singh, VP*
1. No report
- E. **Florida Forest Service** – *Tim Abramczyk*
1. An Incident Management Team has been deployed to Texas
 2. Update on the 2/26 hands on drafting training at Markham Park
- F. **Broward Health Care Coalition** – Kelly Keys
1. Critical capacity communications with CNO's update
 2. Ready Ops was funded, and PulsePoint was renewed at the basic level
 3. Working on an MCI project for equipment and training
 4. CyanoKits being ordered
 5. ALS competitions contracts update funding rolling over to next year
 6. Victory sprayers' recalled batteries were replaced and distributed
- V. **Secretary's Report** – *Chief John McNamara, Sunrise Fire Rescue*
- A. There were no objections to approve minutes by the members; February meeting minutes were approved and passed
- VI. **TREASURERS REPORT** – *Chief Rodney Turpel, North Lauderdale Fire Rescue, Chief Downey provided report*
- A. \$ 231, 558.63 is the current balance for March 2021
 - B. There were no objections to approve the Treasurers report; approved and passed
- VII. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - *Chief Percy Sayles, Tamarac Fire Rescue, Chief Downey provided report*
- A. Chief Sayles sent the CUR Agreement for review and / or comments
 1. He would like to have it approved at next meeting
- VIII. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - *Chief Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue*
- A. Bylaws:
 1. Bylaws sent for review to members last month
 2. The only Section that was reviewed and changed was *Election Process*
 3. At the last meeting, a second VP addition to the Board was approved under the Election Process Section
 4. Thanks to the Bylaws Committee for reviewing the Bylaws, Chief Brocato, Chief Botting, and Chief Moral
 5. Chief Downey asked if anyone had any comments on the Bylaws; there were none
 6. Chief Brocato made a motion to approve the revised Bylaws and it was seconded by Chief Botting
 7. There were no objection to approve FCABC Bylaws; Motion passed

- B. Covid-19 Update
 - 1. Legislative update on 3 items:
 - a. Covid-19 Liabilities on Health care provider
 - b. Limiting liability on the Agency
 - c. FF's Workers Comp
 - 2. FFCA and FPF new Guidance on vaccinated personnel; update
 - 3. New EO on allowing new groups to be vaccinated update
 - 4. FPF Bill of Rights update
- C. AED and Stop the Bleed Update
 - 1. Davie AED Ordinance and Stop the Bleed, and brochure placed on the FCABC Website
 - 2. Stop the Bleed Logo is copyrighted; please contact Chief Downey for assistance on using the logo
- D. CERT Subcommittee Update
 - 1. Chief Caruso has retired, and CERT Subcommittee Chair position is vacant

IX. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

- 1. **CERT:** - *Chief Caruso, BSO Fire Rescue/Cooper City*
 - a. CERT antenna installation continues to move forward; update provided
 - b. FLL still looking for CERT volunteers for the vaccination sites
 - c. Vaccination Survey sent to the members by Chief Caruso
 - d. New Skywarn class on 3/27 - www.trac.floridadisaster.org
- 2. **MUTUAL AID COMMUNICATIONS** - *Chief Levy, Lauderhill Fire Rescue*
 - a. Zetron system to be decommissioned by September 2021
 - Will be maintained as long as possible until then unless there is a catastrophic failure
 - b. P36 numbers were forwarded out from Regional communications for almost a one-year period
 - c. Tracy Jackson gave update on 16th Tower site in Hollywood for the Regional Communications System
 - Dealing with the City of Hollywood has been very positive
 - Projected cost and timeframe from Motorola being discussed
 - d. BSO is sponsoring a Multi-Agency/Multi-Discipline drill at the end of June which will involve an MCI component and usage of ReadyOp Patient tracking.
 - e. Closest Unit Response (CUR)-Phase 1A, Lauderhill, Sunrise and Tamarac will be moving forward to increase the CUR travel time from 2-4 minutes, Scheduled for 3/15.
 - f. Discussion on USDD maintenance and service, discussion to have the FCABC sponsor a 2-day class for USDD to come in and provide training to agencies to service and maintain their own system from the ATX to all accessories within the fire station. This matter will be further discussed at the next month's meeting discussion.
- 3. **EMS:** - *Chief Shaw, FLFR, Chief Carter, SFR, Chief Moran, DFR*
 - a. The FTFC awards nominations are due by 5/1
 - b. Presentation of Coral Springs Broward Health
 - c. County Bariatric unit discussed

- d. Dr. Roach's EMS Website with Protocols and EMS Subcommittee information is available
 - e. FLFR has shown a decreased of calls; looking into any trends; feedback is welcomed from other agencies
 - f. Chief Downey congratulated Chief Shaw on his recent promotion
4. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** - *Kimberly Spill, Pompano Beach Fire Rescue*
- a. Discussed vaccines PODS and provided an update
 - b. MEM Subcommittee met and discussed lock down situations, best practices, possible challenges with Muni Reps not staffing Broward EOC during activation
 - c. Training on WebEOC, Rapid Impact Assessment and vulnerable population registry is underway
 - d. Update on NGO entity on how Cities can get credentials to be more standardized on functions to assist with the vulnerable populations
 - Kimberly requested for more clarification on this matter from the County
 - Tracy Jackson updated on this matter and was not in favor of the NGO entity initiative
 - e. Update on Emergency Coordinator Counsel, Bylaws and Sunshine Law
 - More discussion will be held at next ECC meeting
5. **FIRE PREVENTION:** - *Chief Bowers, Coral Springs Fire Rescue*
- a. A new subcommittee on Public Education was formed and the first meeting is next week
 - This subcommittee will be reporting to the FP Subcommittee
 - b. Chief Demopoulos completed a survey on Knox Boxes and key secures
 - Researched on this matter was completed
 - Quotes obtained; 50% discount from the vendor offered
 - There are grants available but Chief Demopoulos asked for direction on how to proceed
 - Chief Lucas commented that this will be a Countywide Grant and a decision on which agency will assume responsibility on the Grant will be needed; discussion held
 - Chief Downey asked Chief Demopoulos to write a proposal on the cost and which agencies will be participating
 - Survey results will be forwarded to Chief Downey
6. **HAZMAT/SPECIAL OPS** - *Chief Nugent, BSOFR*
- a. RDSTF working group Region 7 meeting was held to coordinate training classes
 - b. Update on upcoming training classes happening in April
7. **SAFETY AND HEALTH:** - *Chief Whalen CSFR & Chief Botting FLFR*
- a. Chief Whalen provided an update on the difficulties with member participation on the CISM call out arena
 - Asked Chiefs to provide a member from each agency to participate, training will be provided, etc.
 - Chief Whalen and Chief Botting will be visiting each agency and provide information and packages to get members to participate
 - Members who would like to join this group, please contact Chief Whalen or Chief Botting

- Chief Downey asked Chief Whalen to get this in writing to send it to each agency before visits are scheduled
- b. Chief Bator provided an update on:
 - Cancer Challenge Event
 - Firefighter Safety event - June is Safety stand down June 20-26
www.safetystanddown.org (Rebuild Rehab)
 - Mental Wellness - Planning Clinician Cap with Hillsboro county in May-June.
 - www.redlinerescue.org
 - FFSHC has received additional funding to provide peer support training within each of region of the collaborative in the state. Contact cbator@coralsprings.org for more info.
 - c. BHAP SOG review and approval
 - BHAP SOG contacts information was updated
 - Chaplaincy guidelines and responsibilities drafted and will be adopted
 - i. Decision made on Chaplaincy SOG to be placed on the agenda for next month's meeting, this will reviewed next month as SOG #202
 - A motion was made by Chief Botting to approve BHAP SOG #201, seconded by Chief Moral. Motion passed
8. **CHAPLAIN:** *Rev. Ronald Perkins, Chaplain*
- a. February has been an exceptionally busy month due to the FBI incident
 - b. Service continues to be available 24/7
9. **TRAINING:** - *Chief Russo, HFR*
- a. Training coordination underway for Program Manager Class, Instructor III and other classes update
 - b. South Florida F.O.O.L.S will host a 1-day hands on training at the Hollywood Facility on 4/2
 - c. Training Sub-Committee to review RIT/Mayday SOG# 109
 - d. Chief Lucas updated on the State requesting for part time certified instructors to perform testing. More information will be forwarded
10. **PIO:** - *Chief Moser, CSFR, Chief Gordon (PFD) provided the report*
- a. Mobile JIC update
 - b. Working on a PIO local response team process/protocol/SOG; update provided
 - c. PIO Class to be hosted in the spring being coordinated
 - d. Update on Safe Haven baby boxes
 - e. PIO Podcast being put together; more information to come
 - f. PIO meeting attendance is low; please encourage your PIOs to attend

B. First There First Care 2021 Conference – *Chief Caruso, BSOFR*

1. Last meeting was via Zoom on 2/17; E-Board meeting on 3/3
2. Contract with Suwannee River for registrations continue to move forward
3. Conference Schedule was approved and will be placed on the FTFC website
4. Survey sent to get feedback for the conference
5. Hoping to open registration at the end of the month
6. Next meeting on 3/24

X. New Business

A. none

XI. GOOD AND WELFARE:

A. Chief Downey reminded Subcommittee Chairs to forward their reports to Rocio a week before the FCABC monthly meeting

1. Subcommittee reports will be posted on the FCABC Website/Resources

B. Reminder to not to self-deploy to LE vaccines sites

C. Chief Downey congratulated recently promoted Division Chief / Fire Marshal Tommy Demopoulos

D. Davie is hiring an Emergency Manager

XII. Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

XIII. Next meeting is April 1, 2021 – Virtual MS Teams