



Meeting Minutes of Fire Chief's Association of Broward County - May 6, 2021

- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chief Julie Downey
- II. Roll Call: Done
- III. Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence done

- IV. **Presentations/Other Reports**
 - A. **BEMA:** - *Lori Vun Kannon*
 - 1. Broward EOC remains at Level 2 Activation
 - 2. County Administrator signed latest Local State of Emergency and an Administrative policy in reference to mask wearing and social distancing in all County buildings
 - 3. DOH and FDEM are looking for potential places to administer vaccine shots in the community to ensure health equity
 - 4. DOH has begun scheduling vaccines in high schools and charter high schools
 - 5. J&J vaccines will be available to international vessels not able to return timely for second doses
 - 6. Brian Piccolo and Tradewinds Park operations will be transferred to a new vaccination site in Gulfstream Park
 - 7. In preparation for hurricane season, plan to still enact like last season, social distancing measures in shelters with potential openings based upon storm scenario to use up to the 33 general pop evacuation shelters and the 5 Special Medical Needs
 - 8. Alison will be contacting EMS Chiefs to check on availability to support shelters as part of annual prep actions
 - 9. The EOC will be using the same staffing model as last season, with virtual presence of the municipal MSB reps and on site MSB Branch reps
 - 10. Broward County is having a WebEOC exercise on May 27th, 2021 from 10:00 am until noon

 - B. **OMETS:** - *Alison Zerbe*
 - 1. **Grants:**
 - a. Fully executed agreement between Broward County and the Fire Chiefs' Association from County Administration; spending can start
 - b. EMS Trust Fund Grant funds will be announced in the summer

 - 2. **Trauma:**
 - a. Next Trauma Systems Quality Improvement Committee Meeting is Thursday, May 20th at 9AM tentatively scheduled to take place at Memorial pending confirmation. If that falls through, it will be a Skype meeting
 - b. Any trauma concerns or business to discuss, reach out to Alison Zerbe for a direct invite

- c. Dr. Mallak, Chief Medical Examiner, is retiring on June 12th. A new Chief has not been announced yet

3. **EMS Council:**

- a. Next EMS Council meeting will take place Thursday, June 3, 1:30 PM via Skype

4. **Shelter Matrix:**

- a. Shelter locations correspondence sent regarding shelter locations in your area of coverage
- b. We are asking that your Agency provides EMS coverage for these shelters during the “lockdown” portion of an event. If you are unable to provide coverage, we can discuss other options.

C. **RED CROSS:** *Raymond Boyd, Disaster Program Manager*

- 1. Assisted 18 cases last month
- 2. Sound the Alarm program is moving along and was extended to 6/15
- 3. Fire Safety Education will be provided to mobile home community in Hollywood tomorrow
- 4. Thank you for your continuing support to the Red Cross

D. **CANTEEN:** *John Princevalli*

- 1. Total of 3 calls received in the month of April
- 2. Seeking donations

E. **Florida Forest Service** – *Tim Abramczyk, Forestry*

- 1. Burn exercise at Military Trail completed last week
- 2. Will continue doing small burns in the County
- 3. Update on 415 fire events near Miami Speedway

F. **Broward Health Care Coalition** – *Kelly Keys, Broward Health*

- 1. Brief update provided by Chief Downey on several projects that are underway: MCI Training, Pulse Pt, Ready Ops, Cyano Kits

V. **Secretary’s Report** – *Chief John McNamara, Sunrise FR*

- A. **Motion** to approve April’s Meeting Minutes made by Chief Brocato and seconded by Chief Nugent. All in favor

VI. **TREASURERS REPORT** – *Chief Rodney Turpel, North Lauderdale FR*

- A. Balance is \$250,024.95
- B. Training with USDD was paid by FCABC in the amount of \$8,415
- C. **Motion** to approve Treasurer’s report made by Chief Nugent and seconded by Chief McNally. All in favor.

VII. **VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT** - *Chief Percy Sayles, Tamarac FR*

- A. CUR Update
 1. No significant movement since last meeting on this matter

VIII. 2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Chief Chad Brocato, PBFR

- A. No report

IX. PRESIDENT REPORT

- A. Covid-19 Update
 1. Davie will be closing its vaccine POD on 5/28
 2. CDC update on booster shot
- B. Legislative Report update (report sent by Chief Downey)
 1. Update on the State budget approval of FF/Police getting a \$1,000 check; \$208M has been approved for the State
 2. SB44/HB 1049 Use of Drones by government agencies passed
 3. SB 280 / HB 157 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training in Public Schools– supported
 4. SB 388 / HB 697 Injured Police Canines – supported
 5. SB 618 - First Responders Mental Health Awareness Day – supported
 6. SB 1408 / HB 1209- this bill relates to firefighter's cancer diagnosis and payable benefits, fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems
 7. SB 286 / HB 137 Fire Sprinklers– supported
 8. SB 998 / HB 823 Alarm System Contractors– supported
 9. HB 805 / SB 1084 Volunteer Ambulance Services– opposed
 10. Emergency Management requiring PPE to be set aside update to maintain an inventory of state-owned personal protective equipment for use by state agencies and to assist local government and the private sector and to maintain and replace the equipment on going basis
- C. State Meeting Update
 1. FL EMS licensure designation: A Committee will be put together to work on this project and different types of PM licensures. Monitoring was suggested on this matter
 2. FL Infectious Disease transport network overview
 3. Ambulance deployment plan and MCI review updates
 4. Strategic plan being developed and working with State on the PPE reserved supplies bill

X. Standing Committee Reports

- A. **CERT**: - Chief Caruso, BSO FR/Cooper City
 1. CERT radio antenna has been delivered and moving forward; installation quote is pending
 2. Mr. Tracy Jackson was provided and update on the antenna project status
 3. Lance Dickman is the CERT member award recipient of Volunteer Florida with 400 service hours
 4. Next meeting is on 5/25

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

1. Discount codes have been sent out for registrations
2. Registration site has been updated and it is more user friendly
3. 13 major sponsors with a total of 45 sponsors
4. Increased the room block numbers
5. ALS competition update
6. Next meeting is 5/8
7. New Conference meeting is at Hard Rock on 5/18

C. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: *Chief Moral for Kimberly Spill, Pompano Beach FR*

1. County EOC has reduced its seating capacity from 180 to 84 seats. No Municipal seating
2. Broward County's City Manager's Association (BCCMA) conducted a survey across the cities pertaining to the resumption of normal Commission meetings with public attendance
3. Update on FEMA 100% reimbursement for vaccine support through 9/30

D. EMS: - *Chief Shaw, Fort Lauderdale FR, Chief Carter, Sunrise FR, Chief Moran, Davie FR*

1. Update on survey about increased Inter facility transports, continue to monitor
2. Thanked BHCC for the Cyano Kits
3. Reminded members to register to FTFC Conference asap
4. EMS Chiefs to complete FTFC award nominations and send complete nominations to Chief Shaw by next week
5. Update on the P36 completed Survey

E. FIRE PREVENTION: - *Chief Demopoulos for Chief Bowers, CSFR*

1. Home fire sprinkler week is May 16-22, please support with a banner, proclamation, side-by-side burn
2. Summer Sizzle starts June 30th and is 4 weeks with a different topic each week (fireworks, fire safety and home hazards, weather and water safety, virtual station tours)
3. New fire inspector 3 certification effective May 10th
4. Created Emergency Action/Fire Safety Plan committee to create uniform county-wide template. First meeting May 11th
5. FFMI annual conference is Nov. 1-4 in Coral Springs
6. June 14th is next Bond Oversight Committee meeting
7. F.S.S. 1006.1493 requires a Florida Safe School Assessment Tool to be completed by Dec. 1 that goes to Governor. Any radio frequency strength concerns should be documented here.
8. Knox ekey meeting May 10th with Knox leadership to discuss new technology and funding options for county-wide participation
9. Fire watch guideline was revised with new 7th edition FFPC updates
10. AED/Stop the Bleed language revised and sent for review and support

F. HAZMAT/SPECIAL OPS - *Chief Nugent, BSOFR*

1. Completed 160 hrs. class at BFA; a second 80 hrs. class will start this month

2. Health Care Coalition coordinating a training drill with hospitals on Level C decon at BFA in September
 - a. Kits have been funded by BCHC

G. **MUTUAL AID COMMUNICATIONS** - Chief Levy, Lauderhill FR

1. Utilization of P36 has been turned off; dispatchers are still asking if Covid positive
2. Alerting System migration still pending migration of 19 Fire stations; Zetron system will be turned off in September
 - Any stations not ready by this date need to implement a temporary solution for station notification
3. USDD app approved in Broward County; update provided
4. Uniform offshore Marine incident response run cards have been sent to CAD
5. USDD training on 5/17 and 5/18 has been coordinated; it will be held in Tamarac at FS15; one representative per agency will be attending
6. Mutual Aid run card being reviewed
7. MARS phones are no longer operable
8. ORT group meeting took place last week; Chief Brocato was nominated as the City Manager Representative from the CM Association
 - Other update provided
9. Dispatch Centers were thankful and appreciated the donation from FCABC during Dispatch week

H. **PIO**: - Chief Moser, Coral Springs FR,

1. Chief Moser is recovering wishing him a speedy recovery

I. **SAFETY AND HEALTH**: - Chief Whalen Coral Springs FR/Chief Botting Fort Lauderdale FR

1. Red Line Rescue State initiative came to fruition; update provided; link will be sent to members
2. IAFF Peer Support model program was put together; thanked BSO for offering Peer Support classes
3. SOG #102, SOG #201 were completed and approved and uploaded to the FCABC Website
4. Chaplaincy SOG is underway; Chief Downey said it was sent back for revisions pending approval
5. Working with the State on education related to health and fitness initiatives
6. Mental health and cancer initiatives have been expanded and included in the Fire Officer Program
7. Continue to work on cancer reduction models

a. **CHAPLAIN**: Rev. Ronald Perkins, Chaplain

- Continuing to work on offering support to members

J. **TRAINING**: - Chief Yost for Chief Russo, Hollywood FR

1. All training facilities open

2. State Certifications, Program Manager and Safety Officers classes being coordinated
3. RIT and Mayday Committee has been put together and are working on SOG
4. Cancer Study Speaker at next month's meeting
5. Dive Team training update by Chief Downey

XI. Old Business

A. CERT Subcommittee New Chair

1. No one has been designated to CERT yet
2. Chief Downey asked Chiefs to check with their personnel if someone would like the Chair position

XII. New Business

A. Chief Garcia updated on partnership with sending any assistance to Saint Vincent

XIII. GOOD AND WELFARE:

- A. Thank you to Subcommittee Chairs for sending their reports as they can be uploaded to the website and can be reviewed by members
- B. FTFC please get registered and get your awards nominationsto Chief Shaw

XIV. Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.
Next meeting is June 3, 2021 –