



Meeting Minutes of Fire Chief's Association of Broward County – April 1, 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*
 - a. EOC remains on at level 2
 - b. Next Sit Rep will be issued on 4/12
 - c. Next Municipal call will be on 4/14 at 3 pm
 - d. New EO issues on 3/29 to address vaccination for ages 40+ and on 4/5 for ages 18 years +
 - e. Pfizer approved for people 16 years of age and older
 - f. Quiet Waters Park closed on 3/31 to convert from testing to drive thru vaccination site with reopening 4/5 with hours 8 am-4 pm Sunday thru Thursday
 - g. Effective Tuesday 4/6, Markham Park expected to increase capacity to 60 vaccination stations same hours 8 am– 4 pm Tuesday – Saturday
 - h. TY Park opened as a public vaccination site last week
 - i. No information about Johnson & Johnson vaccines release and deployment.
 - j. Vaccines received by Broward is the highest volume and continues to be on the highest receiving end
 - B. **OMETS**: - *Alison Zerbe*
 1. **Grants:**
 - a. Agreements for the 2021 funds were sent out in February for signatures
 - b. If your organization is receiving funds, please review, sign, and return 3 original signature documents to Office of Medical Examiner and Trauma Services
 - c. No spending can be reimbursed without the fully executed Agreement.
 2. **Trauma:**
 - a. Next Trauma Systems Quality Improvement Meeting will be held Thursday, 4/15 at 9:00AM via Skype
 - Attendance has been limited to protect the confidentiality of the information shared
 - If you have something trauma related to discuss, please contact Alison Zerbe for the meeting information.
 3. **EMS Council:**
 - a. The next EMS Council meeting is 6/3 at 1:30PM via Skype
 - b. EMS Council vacancies are available, if interested in joining the membership, please contact Alison Zerbe for more information

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

1. March cases update
2. Sound the Alarm program preparations underway; 4/18-5/18

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

1. Has been a busy season
2. Total cases for 2020 / calls 370 with 64 details
3. Canteen is responding when calls are received
4. Chief Downey thanked John for assisting at the Davie warehouse fire from last week
5. Davie Fire will be donating cases of water to Canteen

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

1. FFCA magazine article featuring on Forestry Service
2. Forest Service new hires underway
3. Expect more smoke with sugar cane burn in Deerfield
4. Have been busy running fires

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

1. Letter on critical capacity/diversion pending
 - a. Discussion held on this matter and Miami Dade Fire Rescue handling
2. Cyanokits order update
 - a. Expired Cyanokits can be donated by hospitals for training, Kelly will coordinate
3. ALS team competition contracts update
4. BHCC will be sponsoring 10 members to attend different National conferences
 - a. Forward your information to Rashena if interested in sending members
5. Chief Downey gave an update on MCI equipment/training; encouraged EMS Chiefs to start doing inventory on the equipment and get familiar with equipment. Discussion held

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

- A. Chief McNamara asked for a motion to approve last month's minutes.
Motion to approve made by Chief Botting; seconded by Chief Levy.
All in favor. Minutes approved and passed

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

- A. \$ 228,468.75 the current balance for April 2021
- B. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Chief Moral and seconded by Chief Botting.
All in favor. Report approved and passed

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

- A. Chief Sayles sent the CUR Agreement cleaned version and the Memo and Resolution templates to all Fire Chiefs
 - 1. E-Board discussed the County revisions with no objections
 - 2. Protocol for signatures will be discussion with Mr. Jackson
 - 3. Tamara is ready to move forward with the agreement
 - 4. All feedback received was incorporated and most of what the FCABC wanted was included in the agreement
 - 5. This is fulfilling the voter's wishes from 2002
 - 6. Thanked everyone that were involved with the CUR-ILA agreement and gave feedback
 - 7. Phase I cities that went to 2 min to 4 min; meeting to discuss minor issues every two weeks
- B. FFCA Legislative Update
 - 1. SB 2006, SB 1314, SB 630
 - 2. SB 1084 Volunteer Ambulance bill update; monitoring this Bill
 - a. Chief Celletti provide an update and briefly explained the bill
 - b. Bill has a lot of traction and believe is going to pass
 - c. Chief Downey elaborated more about the Bill as it pertains to a specific religious group
- C. Station Alerting System Maintenance -
 - 1. Survey sent by Chief Sayles on the agency's costs; haven't received feedback from all agencies yet
 - 2. Chef Levy update on the possibility to bring USDD to our area to provide training on the system maintenance; this matter was discussed at the last FCABC meeting
 - a. Tamarac is going to budget for the middle level of maintenance
 - b. Proposal to have FCABC sponsor the training and bring the training to our area
 - c. Chief Levy has a quote for bringing in USDD training; update provided
 - \$8,415 for 15 people – training the trainer
 - Motion to approve and sponsor the train the trainer by FCABC and seconded by Chief Brocato. Passed and approved

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Chief Julie Downey, Davie FR

- A. Legislation update
 - 1. 3 COVID Legislation bills moving forward; on coverage for liability
 - 2. Health care provider for municipality; worker's comp coverage and liability
 - a. Discussed the "approved vaccination" vs. authorized vaccination term under worker's compensation update
 - 3. Covid-19
 - a. 391 days activated
 - b. Davie is operating a vaccination POD
 - 4. Please review MCI equipment and training
 - 5. CERT Subcommittee still has the Chair vacant position
 - 6. Bylaws revised and completed; updated version is available on the FCABC website
 - a. Next election will be in September 2022
 - b. Congratulations to Chief Brocato for being appointed as the 2nd VP of FCABC
 - 7. Thanks to the Subcommittee Chairs for submitting monthly minutes

IX. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. **CERT**: - *Chief Caruso, BSO FR/Cooper City*
 - a. CERT antenna installation continues to move forward; update provided
 - b. Plantation class recently graduated; update provided
 - c. Chair responsibilities reviewed, if anybody is interested, please contact Chief Caruso

2. **MUTUAL AID COMMUNICATIONS** - *Chief Levy, Lauderhill FR*
 - a. CUR system working as designed
 - b. Working on getting all Cities on board
 - c. Execution of Agreement by BSO discussion in reference to whether all cities individually will be executing the agreement or one representative
 - d. National Telecommunication Week is 4/11-4/17
 - Chief Levy suggested donating cash/gift card to the 5 PSAPs for a meal in lieu of bringing them food
 - A motion was made by Chief Todd and seconded by Chief Sayles for a \$200 gift card for each of the PSAP centers
 - e. Hollywood site has been given conditional approval for construction; update provided
 - f. Update on Hollywood Police and Fire migration into the system

3. **EMS**: - *Chief Shaw, Fort Lauderdale FR, Chief Carter, Sunrise FR, Chief Moran, Davie FR*
 - a. Awards due by 5/1; please get awards to Chief Shaw as soon as possible
 - b. Bariatric Unit issue update
 - IFT calls increased, discussion of causes and possibly root cause
 - please forward any information on this matter to Chief Shaw
 - c. MCI equipment and training will be discussed at the EMS meeting
 - d. Allison Zerbe provided an update on bariatric unit issue

4. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**: *Chief Moral for Kimberly Spill, Pompano Beach FR*
 - a. Broward County Mayor is planning potential phased approach for re-opening beginning when 50% of County population is vaccinated
 - b. Vaccine quantities increasing and vaccination sites are increasing
 - c. DOH working on vaccinating the homeless population
 - d. Food PODs continue
 - e. MEM meeting update
 - f. Exercise planning update
 - g. Individual logins will be assigned to those accessing WebEOC
 - h. Emergency Management Subcommittee 's meetings are the last Wednesday of every month at 2 pm.

5. **FIRE PREVENTION:** - *Chief Demopoulos for Chief Bowers, CSFR*
- a. Fire Watch/Crowd Manager Guidelines have been revised and approved by FM subcommittee
 - b. School Board has new Task Assigned Fire Code Official – Matthew Decker and have been in communications with him to act as liaison between fire and school board
 - c. Any radio signal issues should be documented when completing the annual FSSAT as required in F.S.S. 1006.1493
 - d. Working to finalize AED/Stop the Bleed amendment language and will send to FCABC for review and approval
 - e. Home Fire Sprinkler Week is May 16-22, please support you Fire Prevention/Community Risk Reduction Division
 - f. Public Education subcommittee had kick-off meeting and discussed 2021 virtual Summer Sizzle event which starts 6/30-7/30
 - g. Discussion on Key Secure 6 with Knox.
 - FCABC letter of support to send to the Knox Company stating the importance for cities to use the E-Key System request
 - A Motion made by Chief Krivjanik to approve and issue a letter of support on behalf of the FCABC to the Knox Company; motion was seconded by Chief Moral
 - Chief McNamara will be issuing the letter of support on behalf of the E-Board
6. **HAZMAT/SPECIAL OPS** - *Chief Nugent, BSOFR*
- a. In house 160 class to be held starting 4/19
 - b. Update on Palm Beach training event
7. **SAFETY AND HEALTH:** - *Chief Whalen Coral Springs FR/Chief Botting Fort Lauderdale FR*
- a. The South Florida Fools will be presenting a “Mental Health Town Hall” on 4/5
 - b. Discussion of letter to all member organizations regarding the need for additional resources and members for CISM
 - c. The next S&H section meeting will be in late April early may in person
 - d. Update of meeting on 3/31 with the Florida Crisis Response Team leadership with S&H section chairs regarding mental health resources for communities after major incidents
 - Will be having organization present to S&H section.
 - e. Updated Chaplaincy SOG and review to be done by E-board
 - f. Chief Gary is working with Coconut Creek FD preparedness for BHAP resources
- 7a. CHAPLAIN:** *Rev. Ronald Perkins, Chaplain*
- a. No report
8. **TRAINING:** - *Chief Russo, Hollywood FR*
- a. All 3 facilities are open
 - b. State Certifications on program manager and safety officer series update
 - c. Training Subcommittee working on the RIT/Mayday SOG 109
9. **PIO:** - *Chief Gordon for Chief Moser, Coral Springs FR, Chief Gordon (Plantation FD) provided the report*

- a. Mobile JIC update
- b. Statewide PIO calls are on Mondays
- c. PIO meeting attendance is low; please encourage your PIOs to get involved with Sub Committee and attend

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

1. E-board meeting held yesterday; update provided
2. The \$25,000 deposit from last year was applied to this year contract with Hard Rock
3. Wednesday Conference day registration fees will be covered by the EMS Grant for personnel to attend. Registration opening day is 4/5

X. New Business

- A. FCABC annual scholarship submissions deadline has been pushed to July-August
1. Selection Committee members from last year were AFM Rebecca Geimer and Chief Kerry Blanchard; Chief Moral requested both members to be part of the Committee again for this year since they did a great job
 2. Chief Downey asked Chief Moral to work on a small notification message to be sent on behalf of FCABC

XI. GOOD AND WELFARE:

- A. Chief Downey wished Cities running vaccine PODs, good luck

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

XIII. Next meeting is May 6, 2021 – Virtual MS Teams