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## *Meeting Minutes of Fire Chief's Association of Broward County – APRIL 7, 2022*

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- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chief Downey
- II. Roll Call: Done
- III. Pledge of Allegiance by Chad Brocato and prayer by Rev. Ronald Perkins
- IV. **Presentations/Other Reports**
  - A. **AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC):** *Nickolyn Crosby, Disaster Program Manager*
    - 1. Provided update on ARC fire events and thanked all Fire Chiefs for the continued assistance ARC received
    - 2. If anyone has an event and would like ARC to do a presentation, contact Nickolyn
  - B. **BEMA:** - Tracy Jackson for *Lori Von Kannon*
    - 1. Today, 757 days of EOC activation for COVID response– Level 2. Currently, under a Local State of Emergency. Will notify all parties when ceases.
    - 2. 2022 Annual State Exercise hazard is Cyber Security. County will be conducting a drill with in-person and virtual components concentrating on communications redundancy during a cyberattack. County exercise will be conducted on Monday, April 25, 2022@ 09:00
    - 3. State requesting information on Statewide Mutual Aid Agreements with jurisdictions. Information requests were sent out from EOC MSB for SMAA agreements
      - a. Disaster Recovery Center possible sites for identification
    - 4. Several Position-Specific courses are being offered in Region 7
    - 5. If a municipality is interested in hosting a course, contact Tatiana Riesgo
    - 6. There are 24 G-300 and G-400 sessions between April and December in Region 7
    - 7. New IS/ICS guidelines apply to these courses where all prerequisites must be the latest versions of that course
  - C. **Broward Health Care Coalition** – *Kelly Keys, RN*
    - 1. Meetings in person are resuming at this location (Plantation Fire Rescue) every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month; and attendance requirement is 73% to be able to receive training /equipment
    - 2. Update on training projects with Departments
    - 3. Call for project list went out to get funding from State; your representative should have received the information already
    - 4. List of projects to be submitted to the State by 4/25 for funding after 7/1
  - D. **Department of Health / Broward County** – Terri Sudden
    - 1. The 3-day positivity rate as of 4/6/22 is 3.2% trending downwards
    - 2. Covid-19 testing site to be closing on:
      - a. Tradewinds Park 5/18
      - b. Markham Park 5/19
    - 3. Homebound residents can call 954-412-7300 for testing and vaccinations in their homes

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

1. Update on latest fire incidents and burn outs in Broward
2. Over 23,000 acres burned in Broward
3. Structure protection update
4. Thanked Coral Springs and Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue Depts. for working well during these incidents

**F. OMETS: - Alison Zerbe**

1. **Grants:**
  - a. The grant agreements between Broward County and the recipients of the 2022 EMS County Trust Funds have been distributed for signature
  - b. Three original signed documents must be returned to OMETS
  - c. Once the agreements are fully executed, parties will be notified, and spending can begin to be reimbursed
  - d. The matching grant deadline has passed; decisions will be made late May or early June
2. **Trauma**
  - a. Trauma System Quality meeting will be in person on 3/21 at 9 am
  - b. The 5-year Trauma Plan document is underway
3. **EMS Council**
  - a. Next meeting is 6/2 at 1:30pm
  - b. Medical Issues Subcommittee of EMS Council meeting is 4/11 via Skype

**G. REHAB/CANTEEN: Sight Vishnu/ John Princevalli**

1. Provided an update of total calls and supply assistance
2. Latest calls assisted were in Fort Lauderdale and Tamarac Fire Rescue Depts
3. Thanked Lauderhill Fire Rescue Department for the vehicle donation

**V. Secretary's Report – Chief Steve Krivjanik, Oakland Park FR**

1. An election committee will be formed in July to coordinate this year's FCABC upcoming elections in the fall
2. March meeting minutes were reviewed by Chief Krivjanik, and they are accurate

**Motion** to approve March's Meeting Minutes was made by Chief Botting and seconded by Chief Esparza. All in favor

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

- A. Balance is \$390,154.39 including FTFC deposits

**Motion** to approve March's Treasurer 's Report was made by Chief Botting and seconded by Chief Moser. All in favor

**VII. 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Chief McNamara, Sunrise FR**

- A. Nothing to report

**VIII. 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Chief Chad Brocato, Pompano Beach FR**

- A. CUR update
1. 3 cities in current phase II, next phase (III) to include all BSO Fire Rescue agencies, and Phase IV will include the remaining agencies

2. Phases are proceeding forward
  3. Discussion on MDTs replacement / reimbursement from the County
- B. Chief Brocato gave an update on the Cavalry Church trailer specs for special operations assistance
1. Procedure will be shared with all

**IX. PRESIDENT REPORT - Chief Downey, Davie FR**

- A. Chief Downey welcomed the two new promoted Fire Chiefs, Chief Annese and Chief Perez from Tamarac and Miramar respectively
1. Chief Downey presented Chief Annese with an FCABC challenge coin and congratulated him
  2. Chief Perez was not in attendance
- B. Chief Downey reminded all Subcommittee Chairs to submit their Section Reports prior to the monthly meeting; thus, they can be uploaded in the FCABC website

**X. Standing Committee Reports**

A. **CERT:** - Van Schoen, *Chair Tamarac FR*

1. CERT meeting was held on 3/22 with 12 municipalities in attendance
2. A new Event Request Form and recruitment flyer were created
3. Working on developing a recruitment event team
4. Looking to collaborate with Walmart and Amazon to build a ready to purchase emergency kit for hurricane season
5. CERT antenna was discussed at CERT meeting and continue to look for installment options
6. Social media page was created
7. Chief Downey reiterated that CERT and the Cadet program should work together in community events. Van will follow up on this request

B. **FIRST THERE FIRST CARE:** Retired Chief Caruso

1. Update on the 25 Anniversary of FTFC conference and other specials events to take place
2. Chief Levy will be sending the discount code via email for registrations
3. EMS awards submission deadline is 4/22

C. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Van Schoen for *Kimberly Spill, Pompano Beach FR*

1. BC Emergency Managers Committee to include EMs from hospitals, DOT etc.
2. Broward County 2022 credentialing and individual logins have been issued with training requirements
3. Exercise/Drills update
4. Rapid Response Team for use intra-County for large scale incidents update
5. Social media platform update
6. Hurricane Conference dates are April 11-14

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

1. Update on the FTFC conference classes and succession planning leadership that Chief Carter is working on
2. EMS Subcommittee Secretary position is vacant; Chief Shaw is looking for a replacement

E. **FIRE PREVENTION:** - *Chief Lori Hastings, Broward Sherriff Office FR*

1. No report

- F. **HAZMAT/SPECIAL OPS** – *Chief Nugent, Broward Sherriff Office FR*
1. RAD training notice was sent out
  2. Regional training coordination update
  3. Hollywood and Sunrise new hazmat vehicles update
  4. ICM classes update
  5. Hazmat team will go to Tamarac Fire Dept. the week of April 11 to conduct training
  6. Man vs. machine equipment update
- G. **MUTUAL AID COMMUNICATIONS** - *Chief Levy, Lauderhill FR*
1. CUR priority calls work continues
  2. Working with CERT groups on repeaters and antenna
- H. **PIO:** - *Chief Moser, Coral Springs FR*
1. Work on the mobile JIC is still underway and going to RFP to get vendors
  2. Chief Moser is stepping down as the Chair of this Subcommittee
  3. Chief Moser made a recommendation for Chief Gollan from Fort Lauderdale FR to take over as the Chair of PIO
    - a. Chief Gordon will remain as the co-Chair
    - b. Chief Downey welcomed Chief Gollan to the position
- I. **SAFETY & HEALTH:** - *Chief Whalen Coral Springs FR/Chief Botting Fort Lauderdale FR*
1. New CISM coordinator is Chaplain Michael Calderin - [mcalderin@lauderhill-fl.gov](mailto:mcalderin@lauderhill-fl.gov)
    - a. Thank you to Firefighter Masters for his dedicated services
  2. CISM training in Pembroke Pines on 7/12-7/14 and other training classes updates
  3. Chief Robins is the new Infectious Control Officer in Coral Springs Fire Rescue and will be coordinating training and will be working with Chief Russo
  4. Chief Whalen commended Chief Bator who has been the Safety and Health Officer and President FFCA Safety and Health Collaborate representative, for his dedication and great work he has done. He has been promoted to Division Chief
- Ia. **CHAPLAIN:** *Rev. Ronald Perkins, Chaplain*
1. Update on upcoming classes
- J. **TRAINING:** - *Chief Russo, Hollywood FR*
1. Chief Lopez from Tamarac has been promoted; seeking a replacement to lead the Mayday/RIT Workgroup
  2. Working with S&H Subcommittee for Infectious Control Officers – DICO
  3. Working on SOG revisions
  4. Coordinating annual training event; update provided
  5. Upcoming classes update

## XI. **Old Business**

- A. Chief Downey gave an update on NFPA 3000 and policy
- B. Chief McNamara discussed 911 Dispatch Centers procedures and parameters related to answering times and dispatch calls
1. He suggested to have a meeting with ORT to discuss these and other important topics that need to be addressed
  2. Chief Downey said an Ad Hoc Committee should be formed with Chief McNamara and Chief Brocato as Chairs to represent the Fire Chiefs
  3. The meeting should also have Police representation

**XII. New Business**

- A. Discussion held regarding County CAD information system and NFIRS reporting issues; files can't not be exported due to the system not being upgraded
- B. Other discussion regarding departments having issues with calls/reports not populating to the Zoll/FireRMS
  - 1. Chief Frasher from Tamarac brought it to the attention of Mr. Tracy Jackson, who wasn't aware of the situation, and the issue continues with calls not populating
- C. Regional 911 requested a letter from FCABC for them to be able to release data

**XIII. GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- A. Chief Celetti will be retired after 42 years of service
    - 1. Deputy Chief Robert Torres has been appointed as the next Fire Chief for the City of Lauderhill
    - 2. Transfer of command ceremony will take place on 4/25 at LH City Hall
  - B. Chief Downey and Chief Botting are working on having a 21<sup>st</sup> Century leadership diversity leadership class at the State Fire College on 5/12
  - C. FFCA Executive Development Conference in July update
  - D. National Telecommunicators Week is April 10; flyer was sent to agencies
  - E. Kendra's Kisses Event update
  - F. Thanks to Chief Todd, for letting the FCABC hold the monthly meetings in Plantation
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- Meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am
  - Next meeting is on May 5 at 9:00 am - 550 NW 65th Ave, Plantation, FL 33317