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## *Meeting Minutes of Fire Chief's Association of Broward County –Ja, 2021*

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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, and prayer done by Chief Turpel
- IV. **Presentations/Other Reports**
  - A. **AMERICAN RED CROSS:** *Raymond Boyd, Disaster Program Manager*
    1. 25 cases and 85 people total cases in December
    2. Working on the preparedness program for youth and adults
      - a. Raymond requested each Department's Safety Educator and Outreach POC
      - b. Chief Hastings from the Fire Prevention Subcommittee will follow up with Raymond on contacts for each Dept.
  - B. **BEMA:** - *Lori Vun Kannon*
    1. Local and State have extended the status of state of emergency due to high numbers of positivity
    2. County went back to mandating masks for the visitors
    3. Working with DOH to provide community needs for more pop-up sites for vaccines and testing
  - C. **Broward Health Care Coalition** – *Reshena C for Kelly Keys, Broward Health*
    1. All meetings will remain virtual due to positivity rate
    2. Hospitals are meeting once a week for situational awareness
    3. A situational awareness survey was sent out to all agencies this week on number of staff out of work due to covid-19
      - a. Only receive response from 9 agencies and it was due yesterday
      - b. Chief Shaw will resend the survey
  - D. **Department of Health / Broward County** – Terri Sudden
    1. Positivity rate is 31.7 with 48,018 new cases up 19%
    2. Weekly reports are available every Friday at the Florida Health Covid-19 site to check status of how counties are doing
    3. Daily cases continue to trend upward; currently doing contact tracing
    4. Rapid Q testing from K through 12 grade students are being done in schools
    5. Expansion to 13 Covid-19 PCR testing sites in Broward County
    6. Two sites through a contracted vendor in Tamarac Sports Complex and Margate Community Agency

7. Miramar Enrichment Center will open today
8. As of 12/31/21, 1.5 Million people have been vaccinated
9. CB Smith Park continues to provide monoclonal antibodies treatment
10. Two more additional sites at Tradewinds on 1/10 and Central Broward Regional Park on 1/10
11. Chief Shaw asked who operates on DOH testing and vaccination sites due to possibly drawing personnel from hospitals or private ambulance
  - a. Ms. Sudden said law enforcement and DOH parks personnel are assisting at the sites and no longer have EMS units on the sites. They call 911 if there is an emergency
12. Chief Moral asked the status of his resource request for N95 masks that was denied
  - a. Lori said the State has advised them to push out any resource requests and try to utilize private sector channels to get resources and are recognizing the need in the County
  - b. Ms. Sudden briefly discussed resources status and test kits expiration dates, extension, and supplies distribution

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

1. Predictions for the fire season are busy season ahead
2. Please make sure everybody is ready and prepared
3. New recruits' training and other training classes underway

**F. OMETS:** - *Alison Zerbe*

1. **Grants:**
  - a. Application for County Government Grant Funds of \$75,495.00 to the Florida Department of Health has been submitted
  - b. Everyone will be notified, and the Contracts will be distributed to the recipients
  - c. There is time to apply for the matching grant to improve EMS in Broward County; information is available [floridahealth.gov](http://floridahealth.gov); deadline is 2/11
2. **Trauma:**
  - a. Meetings will be conducted virtually with limited attendance due to confidential patient health
  - b. For any trauma specific related business to discuss, please contact Allison
3. **EMS Council**
  - a. EMS Council mtg will be on 3/3 at 1:30 virtually via skype
  - b. COPCN private ambulance provider agreement has been renewed for 5 years

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

1. Annual report completed; total of 345 calls / 44 details
2. Thanks for all the support and donations of water / Gatorade to Canteen

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

1. Chief Krivjanik expressed that he is looking forward to work as the FCABC Secretary
2. He had reviewed December's minutes

**Motion** to approve December's Meeting Minutes made by Chief McNally and seconded by Chief Levy. All in favor

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

- A. Balance is \$254,976.82.
- B. Brief update on payments
- C. Chief Turpel will coordinate with Chief Krivjanik to go to the bank to add him to the FCABC account as the Secretary
- D. All FCABC memberships have been paid
  - 1. Sunrise and LBTS still outstanding

**Motion** to approve December's Treasurer 's Report was made by Chief Krivjanik and seconded by Chief Moral. All in favor

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

- A. Nothing to report

**VIII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Chief Chad Brocato, Pompano Beach FR**

- A. Chief Brocato is working with Calvary Chapel and Pastor Paul Walker on possibly utilizing their small trailer unit and assist first responders on prolonged scenes
  - 1. The unit has a shower and toilet
  - 2. They also have a food truck willing to come out
  - 3. This can be more like a supplemental unit response
  - 4. Chief Brocato thinks is a positive resource and they are looking to support the first responders
  - 5. Chief Brocato will continue to look into this resource and will bring it up again in a future meeting
  - 6. Chief Krivjanik thanked Chief Brocato for the effort on this initiative
- B. Chief Brocato will continue to work on the CUR Agreement and continue to monitor it
- C. Brief discussion held regarding CUR data reports
  - 1. Chief Levy, Chief McNamara and Chief Brocato will discuss on this matter further and coordinate to continue running CUR call data reports

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

- A. Chief Downey thanked Chief Brocato for his assistance in reviewing various contracts for the FTFC and providing valuable advice and feedback
- B. Chief Downey reminded the Subcommittee Chairs to please submit their reports to Rocio a week before the meeting so they can be posted, which will help shorten up the meetings and only report any hot topics

**X. Standing Committee Reports**

- A. **CERT:** - Van Schoen, *Chair*
  - 1. Van said he is happy to accept the Chair position and help the CERT Community in Broward and thanked Chief Carusso for his continued support and hard work over the years
  - 2. Planning and coordinating CERT meetings to get some momentum back into the group
- B. **FIRST THERE FIRST CARE:** Retired Chief Carusso

1. Provided an update on the FTFC coordination and agreement revisions that are underway with FFCA and the Eagles MOU
2. An outstanding invoice from the Hard Rock was paid after a discrepancy was found of \$1,000
3. Johana is coordinating the EMS meetings with State will be hold at the Conference
4. Next Conference Committee meeting is on 1/12

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

1. Broward County schools drafted plan for crisis communication reunification update
  - a. Plan is being reviewed and will be brought forward to the Board

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

1. Working with Allison on the hospital matrix; update provided
2. Continues to monitor emergency room wait times
3. Pulse Point project update
4. FTFC and the EMS leadership and succession planning update
5. Chief Shaw asked to please provide survey data requested by BHCC because they are a good resource and contributor with grant funding and training
  - a. Chief Downey thanked TM, MG, LH, PL, FLL, MR OP, LHP for submitting the survey data

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

1. Proposal for Elevator Code Amendment approved by the FP Subcommittee
  - a. Chief Hastings requested the Board approval and sign off
  - b. Chief Downey said if all changes have been reviewed to the Code, she asked for a motion to approve

**Motion** to approve Elevator Code Amendment was made by Chief Bowers and was seconded by Chief Clark. All in favor. Elevator Code Amendment passed

F. **HAZMAT/SPECIAL OPS** – *Chief Bowers for Chief Nugent, Broward Sherriff Office FR*

1. Decon Kits were ordered with funds from BHCC
2. Coordinating another 160 hrs. Hazmat class in Feb.
3. Update on hazmat teams attending Fire Rescue East

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

1. Chief Levy will be managing the Pulse Point Project for BHCC
  - a. Will be working with the EMS and PIO Subcommittees to push and establish the AID registry and make it robust
  - b. New Pulse Point feature update
  - c. Pulse Point advertising cards are available
2. CUR Process to determine call codes update
  - a. County waiting on CAD Governance for a vote to build response profiles to narrow CUR calls
  - b. Working on building the response profiles
3. MA run cards were updated
4. Please submit the ticket to the County for RMS issues and SunPro issues

- a. County told they were going to budget for new RMS software; due to budget constraints the RMS software was pulled out
- b. Chief Levy will discuss further with the Board on the County funding matter and influence the County to provide funding
- c. Possibly looking to move to a different software not on County platform
- 5. Apex portable radios update on end of life cycle and future demo from Motorola on their newest radio products
- 6. Update on Hatzalah organization responses and communications
  - a. Please contact Chief Levy if you have any questions and/or concern regarding Hatzalah
  - b. Chief Downey said to make sure to notify your police Depts. to make them aware of them running the calls
  - c. Brief discussion held on Hatzalah

H. **PIO:** - Chief Gordon Plantation FD for *Chief Moser, Coral Springs FR*

- 1. Chief Moser gave presentation and update on the JIC unit
- 2. Fire Rescue East will be offering PIO training classes
- 3. PIO meetings are held quarterly

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

- 1. CS will not be attending Fire Rescue East
- 2. Update on the Safety Conference held on 12/6-12/8 in Orlando provided
  - a. Chief Whalen is working on the Conference synopsis for the FFCA and will also be sending to all agencies
- 3. Chief Botting was selected as the SE Regional Director for the FFCA
  - a. Congratulations to Chief Botting

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

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

- 1. Presentation and update on the FOOLS training event on 12/10
  - a. Total of 225 people received training
- 2. Chief Downey suggested next year Health & Safety Subcommittee could offer an all-day training event possible in May; more discussion on this
- 3. Chief Russo is coordinating Mental health training with Mr. Morris
  - a. The meeting is on 1/13

XI. **Old Business**

- A. Chief Krivjanik requested feedback on student rider's status due to covid-19
  - a. Chief Shaw said the student riders' survey feedback was 50/50

XII. **New Business**

- A. None

XIII. **GOOD AND WELFARE:** - None

- A. Golf tournament will be held on 6/13 at FTFC

➤ Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m. Next meeting is February 3, 2021