



Meeting Minutes of Fire Chief's Association of Broward County –MARCH 3, 2022

- 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:** *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 ARC to do a presentation, please contact Nickolyn
 - B. **BEMA:** - Tracy Jackson for *Lori Vun Kannon*
 - 1. FDEM Statewide exercise will be on 4/25 and will be focused on cyber threat
 - 2. MSB sent a request for review and comments on the draft Family Reunification Center/FAC Strategy due in no later than 3/8
 - 3. Cat Phase 2 of the CRS is underway, thanks to all participants
 - 4. 16th power tower in Westlake Park has been approved, thanks to Hollywood Fire Rescue for their efforts
 - 5. CAD is being upgraded; expected to be completed by the 4th quarter
 - C. **Broward Health Care Coalition** – *Kelly Keys, Broward Health*
 - D. **Department of Health / Broward County** – Terri Sudden
 - 1. Positivity rate is 2.1%; fantastic
 - 2. All testing sites are slowing down; 4 sites scheduled to close
 - 3. Schools vaccinations update
 - 4. Home vaccination update (954-412-7300)
 - 5. State report is available of the FL Covid website
 - E. **Florida Forest Service** – *Tim Abramczyk, Forestry*
 - 1. Mitigation Team to be doing work at Park east of I-95 and SW 10
 - 2. Task Force Strike Team class will be offered in SN; update
 - 3. FPL will be working on power lines along 27 south

F. **OMETS**: - Alison Zerbe

1. **Grants:**

- a. Grant agreement between Broward County and the recipients of EMS county funds have been distributed for signature
 - b. Once they are full executed, spending can begin to be reimbursed
 - c. Request sent to the State for permission to roll the funds to 2022 to continue the same projects previously agreed upon
 - d. Matching grants deadline has passed
 - e. Leadership at State level in the Grants Department has changed as Alan Van Lewen has retired; the new contact is:
 - Lorrianna Jean-Jacques, FCCM
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FDOH / Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support
Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight
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2. Trauma System Quality meeting will be in person on 3/17 at 9 am
 - a. OMETS is working on the trauma data and language of the 5-year Trauma Plan
 3. EMS Council
 - a. Cleveland Clinic class 2 and Class 3 COPCN application were denied by the County Commission; update provided

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

1. No report

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

1. Chief Krivjanik have reviewed February meeting minutes and they are accurate

Motion to approve February's Meeting Minutes was made by Chief Botting and seconded by Chief Nugent. All in favor

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

- A. Balance is \$258,009.02
- B. Brief update on payments

Motion to approve February's Treasurer 's Report was made by Chief McNally and seconded by Chief Levy. All in favor

VII. **2nd 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 gave an update on the Cavalry Church trailer specs for special operations assistance

IX. PRESIDENT REPORT - Chief Downey, Davie Fire

- A. Chief Downey congratulated the two new Fire Chiefs:
 - 1. Chief Ray Perez from Miramar
 - 2. Chief Mike Annese from Tamarac
- B. FCABC monthly meeting will resume in person starting in April at Plantation Fire Department – 550 NW 65 Ave. Plantation

X. Standing Committee Reports

A. CERT: - Van Schoen, Chair

- 1. Discussion of the 4 CERT goals: collaboration, communications, recruitment and retention at the last meeting; update provided
- 2. On behalf of the CERT Subcommittee, Van requested authorization to create a Facebook page to begin social media
 - a. Tamarac will take the lead on developing it
 - b. Chief Downey gave the approval to move forward with the creation of a CERT Facebook page; FCABC members did not oppose
 - c. Van will get with Chief Moser to get assistance on this project
 - d. Van will closely monitor the FB page
- 3. Discussion held regarding the communications antenna, funding and installation
 - a. Van will contact EM George McCord regarding the antenna installation / cost
- 4. Chief Downey asked Van and Chief Moser to get together to discuss merging the CERT and Cadet Programs
- 5. CERT festival event status was discussed
 - a. Van will look to participate and join other events and look for fund raising opportunities

B. FIRST THERE FIRST CARE: Retired Chief Carusso

- 1. The State EMS meetings will be held in conjunction with FTFC conference
- 2. Conference registration payments will directly be going to the FCABC account
- 3. EMS awards criteria will be sent soon to EMS groups
- 4. Other conference update provided

C. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: 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. Hospital Matrix was completed and sent to the E Board
- 2. Chief Shaw thanked Allison for sending him the hospitals capabilities
 - a. Discussion held regarding capabilities, designations, pediatrics, etc.
- 3. EMS Subcommittee continues to support FTFC
- 4. Awards submission requests will start soon

5. EMS Subcommittee Secretary position is vacant; if anyone is interested, please contact Chief Shaw

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

1. State Farm Grant Submission
 - a. BSO submitted grant for CPR devices to use throughout County
2. Inspectors Exam – Discussion Update on requirements of Fire Inspector testing process
 - a. Bryan Parks and Matthew Decker from the School Board provided feedback on the testing process
 - b. After a long discussion held regarding the Fire Inspector Testing Process, a motion was requested by Chief Downey recommending FCABC support to allow people to take the FI test 3 times with ADA compliance as follows:
 - After 3 unsuccessful attempts
 - A remedial class developed by the Fire Prevention Group will be established
 - After the remedial class is completed; candidates will be allowed to take the test 3 more times

Motion was made by Chief Krivjanik and seconded by Chief Lucas to support the New Fire Inspector Testing Process. Motion passed with all attendees in favor
 - c. Bryan Parks said the feedback/recommendation will be brought to the Board for discussion of the motion. Item will probably be added to next month's Board of Rules and Appeals meeting
3. Proposed amendment was sent to Broward County Fire Code Committee for AED and Stop the Bleed Kits to be in certain facilities
4. Chief Demopoulos provided an update and requested support from the FCABC through the Florida Building Code to amend and change code for Elevator size to accommodate a stretcher from 76" to 84" in new constructions
5. Matt Decker from the School Board talked about school BDA, radios signal / strength in school buildings
 - a. A letter of support to Broward County School for fire safety inspectors to have access to the County Regional Public Safety Communication frequencies
 - b. Fire safety inspectors will conduct frequency testing to see if school buildings have deficiencies that should be further explored
 - c. Discussion held with feedback from Chief Levy
 - d. Chief Krivjanik will contact Chief Levy to redact a letter of support on behalf of FCABC

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

1. Coordination of a 160 class is underway with funding from LEPC
2. Update on the Hazmat Instructors Conference to be held in Florida in November
3. Other hazmat training update provided
4. Chief Downey thanked Chief Nugent for all of the work at the incident in Davie

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

1. Next MA and Communications meeting will be in person this month at Sunrise Public Service Building
2. CUR Update:
 - a. Phase I cities moved to 8 min travel distance to the call
 - b. Planning meeting for phase 2 cities with ORCAT (HW, PP, DV, MR)
 - c. Broward County has signed for final acceptance on the P1 CAD update:
 - i. CAD enhancements of BC auto notifications and API interfaces
 - ii. County will fund \$1.3 million dollars hardware and software upgrade to CAD

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

1. Work on the mobile JIC is still underway

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

1. Andrew Masters will be stepping down as the main POC for CISM
2. Chief Botting is looking for his replacement
3. Chaplain meeting is on 3/16 at 12 pm

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

1. No report

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

1. ISO inspections are coming around
2. Mayday SOG to be reviewed
3. Other Training update provided
4. Chief Downey invited everyone to come and see the active shooter RTF training that takes place every Monday night for the next 3 months

XI. **Old Business**

- A. None

XII. **New Business**

- A. Broward County Multi-jurisdictional LGBTQ Liaison Coalition – C. Palmer
1. Created in December 2020 and currently has 56 members representing city, police and fire staffing
 2. One of the goals is to create and provide universal LGBTQ+ training to all personnel in the County
 3. The Coalition would like to work towards having the FCABC formally adopt and support this initiative, encouraging all fire departments to have at least one representative on the Coalition
 4. Courtney 's contact is 954-232-8246
- B. Chief Vermont talked about the Kendra kisses foundation that helps kids with cancer and promoted a fundraiser event on 4/23
1. Flyer was sent out and it is posted on the FCABC website

XIII. GOOD AND WELFARE:

A. None

- Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am
- Next meeting is in Person at Plantation Fire – 550 NW 65th Ave, Plantation, FL 33317