



Meeting Minutes of Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County –August 6, 2023

- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chief Brocato
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and prayer
- III. **Presentations**
 - A. Fire Clean Inc. – Elya Alexander
 - 1. Advanced cleaning and decontamination services to NFPA standard
 - 2. Elya Alexander – 954-440-3466 – ealexander@firecleaninc.com
 - 3. Chief Krivjanik provided positive feedback on their services
 - B. Substance Use Disorder – DOH – Houston Parks
 - 1. Overview of the current Opioid Epidemic and options to facilitate addicts with recovery
 - 2. Project Opioid settlement funds available to support Fire/EMS
- IV. **Partners Reports:**
 - A. **AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC):** *Nickolyn Crosby, Disaster Program Manager*
 - 1. Update on monthly statistics
 - 2. Services assistance changes update
 - 3. Eviction assistance is case by case basis
 - 4. Monica Rusconi is the new ARC Director
 - 5. **Chief Brocato awarded a donation Check for \$3,500 to ARC Nickolyn Crosby on behalf of the FCABC**
 - B. **BEMA:** - Tracy Jackson and *Lori Von Kannon*
 - 1. 16th tower is functional
 - 2. Working with Motorola to enable ARL functionality in CAD system
 - 3. Congrats to Lauderhill and BSO for successful outcomes on a CUR dispatch
 - 4. Tracy J requested other agencies consider publicizing their CUR successes with the County
 - 5. Reminder to check SERT TRAC for all upcoming training offerings
 - 6. BEMD will be reaching out to those municipalities that currently do not issue Fire Safety Plan Approval notices directly to Healthcare Facilities to offer training on the CEMP Portal and direct them to upload Fire Safety Plan approvals into the CEMP Portal. We will also be extending training and access to all Municipal Fire Marshall offices
 - C. **Broward County Public Schools** –
 - 1. No report

D. **Broward Health Care Coalition** – *Reshena Clark/Kelly Keys*

1. Report was posted on the website

D. **Department of Health / Broward County** – Terri Sudden

1. Opioid Grant application meeting is today
2. Opioid Grant is for \$20M over 5 years

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

1. Teams were deployed to California / Oregon
2. Busy season due to storm and lighting
3. National Canine Night Out update

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

1. Grants:
 - a. Awaiting 2024 FL DOH EMS Grants Funds announcements
 - b. 2023 grant projects invoices and proof of payments are due before Dec.
2. The next TSQIC meeting will take place Thursday, August 17th, 9am at the Office of Medical Examiner and Trauma Services. Your agency's representation is requested.
3. EMS Council meeting will take place on 9/7 at 1:30 PM at the ME Office

G. **REHAB/CANTEEN:** Shaya Gutleizer **for** Sight Vishnu

1. Update on total cases assisted in July
2. Insurance adjustors are showing up at incidents posing as members; please make sure Rehab / Canteen members have the appropriate t-shirt and proper ID
3. Yellow traffic vests are on order thanked to the FCABC Donation check of \$750.00
4. **Chief Brocato awarded a donation Check for \$3,500 to SF Rehab and Emergency Support Team's PIO Shaya Gutleizer on behalf of the FCABC**

V. **Secretary's Report** – *Chief McNally, Coral Springs-Parkland FD*

1. Chief McNally: was not in attendance but July's meeting minutes have been reviewed; a motion to approve the meeting minutes was requested.

MOTION to approve July's meeting minutes was made by Chief Downey and seconded by Chief Levy. All in favor

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

A. Balance \$230,348.64

MOTION to approve the Treasurers' August report was made by Chief Nugent and seconded by Chief Downey. All in favor

1. FCABC Annual membership renewals request will be going out by the end of August

VII. **2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – *Chief Krivjanik, Oakland Park FR*

- A. Update on the Starlink communication system demo held in Tamarac
- B. Positive feedback provided by Chief Krivjanik; a recommendation to consider budgeting to acquire the system as it works well

VIII. 1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Chief McNamara, Sunrise FR

- A. No report

IX. PRESIDENT REPORT - Chief Brocato, Pompano Beach FR

- A. Chief Brocato announced that PBFR has officially entered and completed a contract with Lauderdale by the Sea to provide fire services starting September 1, 2023
1. Currently working and finalizing all logistics of the contract
- B. Chief Brocato gave an update on revision to the FCBAC Bylaws:
1. Changes/revision to the following Sections of the Bylaws will have to be voted at next meeting:
 - a. Article IV, Section 2 – Elected Officers
 - b. Article VII, Section 1 - Committees
 2. Rocio's will be sending them for your review and voting on the next month's mtg
- C. Discussion on adding two (2) new FCABC Subcommittees:
1. Cadet & Explorers
 2. Support Services
- D. Reminder to all Subcommittees Chairs to forward Reports/minutes to Rocio to make the meeting report very brief
- E. FF Memorial Fund annually donations were discussed
1. State Legislation is underway, and funding might be available by next year
 2. Discussion was held regarding how much funding will the FCABC be providing
 3. The Executive Board will determine the amount based on multiple firefighter deaths in the County

MOTION to approve donations of \$2,500 annually to the FF Memorial and up to \$5,000 for a Broward County firefighter memorial, was made by Chief Russo and seconded by Chief Nugent. All in favor **(I believe this was approved for \$7500) can you recheck?**

- F. Click-2-Enter industries best practices discussion
- G. ARC guidelines changes will be posted on the website

X. Standing Committee Reports

- A. **CERT**: - Van Schoen, *Chair*
1. A meeting was held in June in Lauderhill, update provided
 2. CERT members have had good PR and featured on social media this month
 3. State CERT Conference is next week
- B. **CADET & EXPLORER** – Van Schoen and Chief Moser
1. First Cadet's meeting was held on 7/20
 2. Competition and training opportunities discussed
 3. Program schedules to mirror with each other municipality
 4. Next meeting is 9/20 at FS15
 5. There are currently 193 members accounted in Broward County

- C. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** *Kimberly Spill-Cristiano, Pompano Beach FR*
1. Update on a Cat 5 scenario study by a college student; if you are interested in the information and / or would like to have a study done in your municipality, please contact Kimberly
 2. POD training class in PB update
 3. MSB Reps at County level is none
 4. Other EM updates
- D. **EMS:** - *Chief Shaw, Fort Lauderdale FR, Chief Whitton, PB FR*
1. No report
- D. **FIRE PREVENTION:** - *Chief Almaguer, Pembroke Pines FR*
1. Click-2-Enter system best practices were distributed but it is not to be shared as has the gate codes and other safety codes
 - a. System is working seamlessly
 - b. System was tested in Tamarac, and it went well
 - c. Code not to be shared with any vendors
 2. Broward County local amendments being updated by a review committee
 3. Fire Inspectors award nominations underway; please submit and nominate by accessing the FIABC website
- E. **FIRST THERE FIRST CARE:** Retired Chief Carusso for Chief Draizin
1. Report available on the website
 2. This year's Conference attendance was increased by 21% from last year's
 3. Duty crews assistance was requested for the conference
 4. Working on the Financial report and will be available soon
- F. **HAZMAT/SPECIAL OPS** – *Chief Nugent, Broward Sheriff Office FR*
1. Meeting was held on 8/2
 2. DECON drills scheduled for 8/8, 8/9 and 8/10 with BHCC
 3. EV fires, equipment, water supply, and tankers in the County update; discussion held
- G. **MUTUAL AID COMMUNICATIONS** – *Chief Pingol for Chief Levy, Lauderhill FR*
1. No updates
- H. **PIO:** - *Chief Gordon, Plantation FR*
1. Chief Gordon will need to appoint a new Vice Chair, please have your Agency's PIO contact him
 2. Meeting for PIO at Broward County on 8/10
- I. **SAFETY & HEALTH:** - *Chief Whalen CS FR/Chief Botting FLL FR*
1. S&H meeting of 7/24 was well attended
 2. S&H collaborate hosting session awareness programs; update provided
 3. Lithium / Ion Training – EV Vehicles training in CS; flyers available
 4. Upcoming S&H Conference updates
 5. BHAB Rule Development update
- Ia. **CHAPLAIN:** Ron Perkins, Chaplain
- Training available this month at Plantation Police Dept.; please reach if you need information

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

1. Draft Policy/SOG – Lithium-EV Battery is underway and pending review
 - a. There are safety challenges for the crews
 - b. Safety bulleting to be shared
2. ESLI training, looking for a local host

XI. **Old Business**

- A. None

XII. **New Business**

- A. None .

XIII. **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- A. Golf Tournament Information is on the FCABC website

- Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM
- Next meeting is on September 7, 2023, at 9:00 am – Plantation Fire Station – Training Room