



Meeting Minutes of Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County – October 5, 2023

- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chief Brocato
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and prayer
- III. **Presentations**
 - A. Bringing BLS Back to Life – Adam LaChappelle – RQI Partners, LLC
 - 1. (845) 779-2897 | adam.lachappelle@RQIPartners.com
 - B. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County
 - 1. Program Overview Bigs with Badges
 - 2. Contact: Janelle Ferguson – janellef@bbbsbroward.org – 954-857-5134
- IV. **Partners Reports:**
 - A. **AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC):** *Nickolyn Crosby, Disaster Program Manager*
 - 1. No report
 - B. **BEMA:** - Tracy Jackson and *Lori Von Kannon*
 - 1. Mr. Jackson was not in attendance but sent an update:
 - 2. CAD upgrade was completed in July
 - 3. GIS Database Upgrade project went live in August. The accuracy rate as of September is 99.04%
 - 4. Tech Roadmap will be updated in October now that the FY24 Budget is approved.
 - 5. There is some disruption on the Rapid SOS, Radio ARL, ASAP to PSAP, and Hub Testing projects. Meeting will be scheduled with Motorola to eliminate same
 - 6. East Hollywood (West Lake Park) Tower close-out activities continue
 - C. **Broward County Public Schools** –
 - 1. No report
 - D. **Broward Health Care Coalition** – *Reshena Clark/Kelly Keys*
 - 1. New website www.bchconline.com
 - 2. Attendance minimum requirement is 11 meetings a year
 - 3. Airport Exercise update
 - 4. FCABC representative appointment letter pending to BCHC
 - D. **Department of Health / Broward County** – Terri Sudden
 - 1. No report

E. Florida Forest Service – Tim Abramczyk, Forestry

1. Update on Markham Park fire occurred last month
2. Update on peer support, K-9 participation, and Smoky the Bear school events

F. OMETS: - Alison Zerbe

1. Update meeting an in-depth discussion regarding TXA administration in the field and produced some guidelines and recommendations as a committee with the trauma surgeons and medical directors involved
2. Next meeting is 10/26, 9 a.m., at the Office of Medical Examiner and Trauma Services; recommendations for auto pulse device use in trauma to be addressed
3. Grants: Broward County has been allocated \$92,781.44 for 2024
4. To submit a project proposal, please see the Broward County EMS Grant general information and 2024 EMS Grant application at the link:
<https://www.broward.org/BrowardEMS/Pages/Default.aspx>
1. EMS Council – 12/7, 1:30 p.m. is the next EMS Council
2. A quorum requirement at this meeting to approve grant recommendations, so we ask if you are an official EMS Council member to please be present physically
3. The deadline for submission is Tuesday, 10/24, 2023, at 3 p.m.
4. Application must be physically brought to Broward County Office of Medical Examiner and Trauma Services front lobby and signed in.

G. REHAB/CANTEEN: Shaya Gutleizer / Sight Vishnu

1. Update on total cases assisted in September: 28 runs

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

- A. September's meeting minutes have been reviewed; a motion to approve

MOTION to approve September's meeting minutes was made by Chief Nugent and seconded by Chief Torres. All in favor

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

- A. Update on FCABC next year's elections
1. Board member transitions and new Board positions available
 2. Chief McNally will be moving to the position of VP
- B. Update on treasurer's report; bank accounts were changed to Chase Bank

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

- A. Briefly discussed proposed Broward Local Fire Code (8th Edition) revisions will be presented for approval by BORA

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

- A. Update provided on the upcoming retirement of Chief Brocato in January 2024
1. Chief McNamara said he won't be taking the President position that Chief Brocato will vacate

IX. PRESIDENT REPORT - Chief Brocato, Pompano Beach FR

- A. FCABC website has been transitioned to a new host

- B. Fire Chief's round table meetings should continue because the meetings have shown to be effective.
- C. ORT vacancies and Board recommendations update:
 1. Chief Marcel was recommended to represent the ORT Board

MOTION: to recommend Chief Marcel to the ORT board to represent FCABC made by Chief Levy and seconded by Chief Krivjanik. All in favor.

X. Standing Committee Reports

- A. **CERT:** - Van Schoen, *Chair*
 1. Report available on the website
- B. **CADET & EXPLORER** – Van Schoen and Chief Moser
 1. Meeting update provided
 2. There are 231 cadets in Broward, with 12 agencies participating.
 3. Working on Mission, Goal, and Vision for the Subcommittee
- C. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** *Kimberly Spill-Cristiano, Pompano Beach FR*
 1. Update on training offerings
 2. Agreements with facilities for sheltering update
- D. **EMS:** - *Chief Shaw, Fort Lauderdale FR, Chief Whitton, PB FR*
 1. Update on the whole blood program
- E. **FIRE PREVENTION:** - *Chief Almaguer, Pembroke Pines FR*
 1. Broward County Fire Code amendment effective 1/1/24
 2. AED and Bleeding control kits training requirements update to BORA
 3. Brief discussion on Fire Inspectors shortage in the County
- F. **FIRST THERE FIRST CARE:** *Chief Draizin, BSOFR*
 1. Update on Conference
 2. EMS Grant application submission is 10/24
 3. Conference MOU being reviewed
 4. Please support this year's conference with your attendance
- G. **HAZMAT/SPECIAL OPS** – *Chief Nugent, Broward Sherriff Office FR*
 1. Update on training
- H. **MUTUAL AID COMMUNICATIONS** – *Chief Pingol for Chief Levy, Lauderhill FR*
 1. Airport Drill update
 2. BC Jackson funeral ceremony coverage update
- I. **PIO:** - *Chief Gordon, Plantation FR*
 1. Chief Gordon will be retiring
 2. Chairperson TBD
- J. **SAFETY & HEALTH:** - *Chief Whalen CS FR/Chief Botting FLL FR*
 1. S&H Conference update
 2. Training classes update
 3. ESLI hosted by Tamarac Fire Rescue will start in January.
- K. **CHAPLAIN:** *Ron Perkins, Chaplain*

- L. **SUPPORT SERVICES:** Zachary Roseboom, CSFR
 - 1. Foam used, plans for new PFAS-free foam, department practices update.
 - 2. Airgas vendor discussion and issues that some agencies are having with this vendor, looking into solving these issues.

- M. **TRAINING:** - Chief Russo, Hollywood FR
 - 1. Lithium-Ion battery training update

XI. Old Business

- A. Chief Keefe BSOFR thanked FCABC members for their support and participation during BSOFR BC Jackson's funeral and provided an update on the air rescue status.
- B. Executive Board appointments for the January to September period and next year's elections

XII. New Business

- A. AFM Geimer provided an update on Scholarship Program applications, and the deadline for submission has been extended to November 15
- B. Chief Preston discussed the Key Lite Renewal agreement, and the high prices Agencies are being charged for maintenance
 - 1. Discussion held regarding Key Lite, USDD, FileNet, Digital Design vendors.
 - 2. The Mutual Aid & Communication Subcommittee will address the matter and work on a solution regarding what direction to take for the alerting system maintenance and follow up with the vendor.

XIII. GOOD AND WELFARE:

- A. Golf Tournament registration link available on the FCABC website

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM
- Next meeting is on November 2, 2023, at 9:00 am – Plantation Fire Station – Training Room