



Meeting Minutes of Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County – February 1, 2024

- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chief McNamara
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and prayer
- III. **Presentations**
 - A. None
- IV. **Partners Reports:**
 - A. **AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC):** *Nickolyn Crosby, Disaster Program Manager*
 - 1. Cases in January – 10
 - 2. Smoke Alarm Program update: February in Tamarac; March in Margate
 - B. **BEMA:** - Clay Pacheco
 - 1. Clay Pacheco provided an update of his plans as the new Director of EM and future plans, meetings, training exercises, etc.
 - 2. SERT Tract provides training classes available
 - 3. Update on damage assessment processes
 - 4. Meeting in Sunrise regarding MCI exercise to be announced:
 - C. **Broward County Public Schools** – Kim Luke
 - 1. No report
 - D. **Broward Health Care Coalition** – *Reshena Clark/Kelly Keys*
 - 1. Projects continue to move forward
 - D. **Department of Health / Broward County** – Terri Sudden
 - 1. Peak season of the influenza and covid are easing
 - E. **Florida Forest Service** – *Tim Abramczyk, Forestry*
 - 1. No current fires going on; event participation update
 - 2. Continues working on canine service
 - F. **OMETs:** - *Alison Zerbe*
 - 1. The next Trauma System Quality Improvement Committee meeting is Thursday, 2/15 at 9:00AM at the Medical Examiner's Office.
 - 2. The recommendations regarding County Government EMS Grant Funds were presented at the Broward County Commission meeting on 1/23 and approved
 - 3. The application to State DOH was submitted and we are waiting on the award notification

4. The matching grant deadline is quickly approaching. The deadline for application is Friday, 2/16
5. All information and the application can be found at the website below.
6. <https://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/ems-grants/index.html>
7. The next EMS Council meeting will be Thursday, 3/7, 1:30PM at the Medical Examiner's Office.

E. **REHAB/CANTEEN**: Shaya Gutleizer / Sight Vishnu

1. No report

V. **Secretary's Report** – Chief Torres, *Lauderhill FD*

- A. Chief Torres has reviewed the Minutes from January and requested a motion to approve

MOTION to approve January meeting minutes was made by Chief Nugent and seconded by Chief Botting. All in favor

VI. **TREASURERS REPORT** – Chief Lorenzo, *Margate FR*

- A. Report provided to the Board and members

MOTION to approve Treasurer's report made by Chief McNamara seconded by Chief Downey. All in favor

VII. **2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Chief McNally, *CS/PK FD*

- A. No updates

VIII. **1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Chief Krivjanik, *Oakland Park FR*

- A. No updates

IX. **PRESIDENT REPORT** - Chief McNamara, *Sunrise FR*

- A. Chief McNamara gave an update about the upcoming FCABC voting process and bylaws
- B. Blue light letter of support was updated and submitted to Chief Botting
- C. Traffic Pre-emption letter of support to add CS. Revision is underway

X. **Standing Committee Reports**

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

1. Cert members deployment requirements update
2. State CERT Conference is in August – update

B. **CADET & EXPLORER** – Van Schoen and Chief Moser

1. Van provided an update on Cadets' meeting, CS event, and FFCA
2. Report can be found on the FCABC website

C. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**: Kimberly Spill-Cristiano, *Van Schoen*

1. Van provided the update: recovery exercise is on 5/2 – 2 members per agency to attend
2. Any StarLink system customer service questions or issues please contact Van Schoen
3. National Hurricane Conference to be held in Orlando next month

- D. **EMS:** - *Chief Shaw, Fort Lauderdale FR, Chief Whitton, PB FR*
1. No updates
- E. **FIRE PREVENTION:** - *Chief Almaguer, Pembroke Pines FR*
1. Two new committees/groups are being established and looking for individuals with knowledge, experience and willingness to participate on the subject matters:
 - a. Fire Drills in Educational facilities related to sheltering and in place vs. full evacuation upon fire alarm activations
 - b. Electric vehicles, energy storage systems and photovoltaic systems
 2. Next FP meeting is on 2/20 in Miramar
- F. **FIRST THERE FIRST CARE:** Retired Chief Carusso for Chief Draizin, BSOFR
1. Conference registration opens on 2/1
 2. Award nomination forms with a new award category will be sent soon
- G. **HAZMAT/SPECIAL OPS** – *Chief Nugent, Broward Sherriff Office FR*
- a. Training continues; 160 hr class was completed
- H. **MUTUAL AID COMMUNICATIONS** – *Chief Levy, Lauderhill FR, Chief Moser, CS FD*
1. Update on current radio designations needed edits as well as apparatus capabilities
 2. The Training Subcommittee is working on creating requirements for a Safety Officer designation
- I. **PIO:** - Michael Kane, BSO FR
1. Chief Kane was thankful for his assignment as the PIO Subcommittee Chair
- J. **SAFETY & HEALTH:** - *Chief Whalen CS FR/Chief Botting FLL FR*
1. Blue lights letter of support was submitted to the State
- K. **CHAPLAIN:** Ron Perkins, Chaplain
1. Michael Calderin said Ron Perkins is having health issues and to please contact him in case any assistance is needed
- L. **SUPPORT SERVICES:** Zachary Roseboom, CSFR
1. AFG Grant update and requested feedback from the Board on whether to submit as a regional request
 - a. A survey will be sent to find out which Agency needs new Air packs
 - b. There were no objections to allow Subcommittee to move forward with the Grant submission
- M. **TRAINING:** - Chief Rodriguez, Margate FR
1. Thanked Chief Levy for attending their meeting
 2. A survey will be sent regarding standalone vehicles and incident safety officer
1. Update on CS Job Fair on 4/23 from 1-4 pm

XI. **Old Business**

- A. SOG 109 – Uniform Rapid Intervention Crew – will be reviewed by the Board and will be brought back for discussion

B.

XII. **New Business**

- A. State of Florida Mental Health Resource & Response Guide and the Mental Health Incident Action Plan Template prepared by the First Responder Mental Wellness Response Subcommittee of the Florida Joint Council of Fire & Emergency Services
1. Chief McNally forwarded it to the Fire Chiefs to be reviewed
 2. Discussion held regarding adding it to the current BHAP SOG #109 as an Appendix

MOTION to add an Appendix Mental Health Resource and Response Guide and the Mental Health Incident Action Plan Template to the current **FCABC BHAP SOG #109** made by Chief Downey and seconded by Chief Botting. All in favor.

- B. Chief Keefe provided an update on Air Rescue Operations and the two new aircrafts being built
- C. FCABC appointments to the ORT Board Update:
1. Looking to replace Chief Levy as he will be stepping down as the representative
 2. Chief McNamara thanked Chief Levy for his extraordinary efforts, and he will be passing on his knowledge to someone else
 3. Please send your request via email
 4. Chief Preston was recommended for the position to vacated by Chief Levy
 5. Email will be sent with the recommendation; follow up by Chief McNamara

MOTION was made to support the recommendation of Chief Preston for the ORT Board made by Chief Nugent and seconded by Chief Moser

XIII. GOOD AND WELFARE:

- A. Annual MSD breakfast – link will be sent for RSVP
- B. Invitation to Chief Downey passing of command as she is retiring to be held on 2/29 at 2 pm
- C. Golf Tournament venue issues update

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM
- Next meeting is March 7, 2024, at 9:00 am – Plantation Fire Station – Training Room