



FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION OF BROWARD COUNTY



First There First Care Committee

August 2025 Report

2026 First There First Care & The Gathering of Eagles EMS Conference June 01, 2026 - June 5, 2026 Broward County Convention Center

2026 Theme: "Charting the Course for Excellence in EMS"

The First There First Care & Gathering of Eagles Conference is dedicated to advancing the practice, leadership, and innovation of Emergency Medical Services through education, collaboration, and inspiration. With our theme, "Charting the Course for Excellence in EMS," we embrace this new era at the Broward County Convention Center as an opportunity to guide the future of prehospital care. By bringing together EMS professionals, healthcare leaders, and industry experts from around the world, we foster a culture of excellence that equips providers to navigate challenges, elevate standards, and deliver lifesaving care with skill, compassion, and vision.

We held our E-Board meeting on July 16, 2025 and a full committee meeting on August 20, 2025, to close out items from the 2025 conference and discuss 2026. Attached are the approved minutes from the E-Board meeting.

The 2025 Conference hosted 2,249 attendees which did not include those registered for the DOH Meeting only. The final numbers are being tallied but at a high level we remained profitable for 2025. There remains an A/R of approximately forty five thousand dollars (forty thousand of which are from repeating vendors and we are expecting payment any day. In addition funding from the State EMS grant of \$75k is expected to be released within the next 30 days, and reimbursement from the Department of Health is being processed.

Lastly there is a vacancy on the board for a volunteer coordinator.

The next E-Board meeting is September 17, 2025, @ the Medical Examiner's office @ 09:00 hours. The next full committee meeting is October 15, 2025, @ and will be held by Zoom @ 09:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

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First There First Care Gathering of Eagles Chair and Co-Chairs.