FLAHR 2024 Winter Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Location: Daytona Grande Oceanfront Resort
422 North Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach, Florida 32118
Room: Nautilus I & II
Time: 1300-1500 hours

Call to Order- Chief Lorimor
A call to order was announced at 1312 hours.

Roll Call/ Member Roster-Capt. Bloski
Roll call was verified and quorum for business was present. All members present for section were present except for:
- Immediate Past Chairman, Frank DeFrancesco,
- Region 7 representative, Brent Bloomfield
- Region 5 representative, Aaron Rhodes

Review of 2023 FLAHR Summer Meeting Minutes-Capt. Bloski
No revisions were noted but a note that the State Fire Marshall position is not filled by Jeff Strickland.

Consent Agenda:

Report of 2024 FFCA FLAHR General Elections-Captain Feagle
The following election took place for Chairman and Region 6 representative. The results are attached from the election chairman.

Report of Officers-Chief Lorimor, Capt. Feagle, Capt. Bloski

Chief Dwyer provided updates on upcoming DSOC funding from the state, emphasizing the importance of tracking grant-funded equipment in Ready Ops for its current location and functionality. He highlighted that grant-funded equipment is considered deployable assets by the state during emergencies. Chief Dwyer also addressed gap deficiencies, potential future funding from the state of Florida, and ongoing spending on hazmat response equipment. The Governor DeSantis has allocated $8 million for HazMat and USAR in Florida, unrelated to law enforcement or grants, with plans for statewide exercises. As hazmat team sustainment remains a challenge for future planning, the upcoming tabletop exercises preceding two state full-scale drills we help team capabilities and planning options. These will be proctored by FDEM.
**Report of Liaisons**

Chief Graham, speaking on behalf of FFCA liaison Chief Dewitt, he highlighted the unprecedented collaboration among special operations disciplines. He discussed ongoing legislative inspections of fire service agencies, specifically referencing the potential negative impacts of current special district legislation.

*Mr. Strickland report from State Fire College is noted in old business on the need for future Florida Hazmat team assessments.*

Mr. Cechowski reported on the LEPC, noting that local LEPCs have not received HMEP contracts, and regional councils are temporarily responsible for fronting course education expenses.

**Reports of Committees**

Chief Lamm gave a brief report on the off-shore hazmat response committee. This is moving forward with great success. Another pilot course is in the planning stages in 2024.

Chief Lorimor reported on the FLAHR hazmat deployment committee, emphasizing the need to coordinate with local incident command posts and area EOCs to prevent overlapping assets. Plans for hazmat team pre-deployment in forward command posts during emergencies were discussed, along with a designated SME in the State EOC for liaison between ESF 4, 8, 9, and 10. In further support, John Kohnke and TJ Lyons updated the section on the state web EOC and READYOPS, urging those without access to contact them for assistance.

Mr. Kohnke urged members to respond to the PFAS study sent out in 2023. and Mr. Lyons discussed the completion of the state mutual aid agreement. Agencies were encouraged to complete and return the agreements promptly. The state is working on a mobile application for FROC forms to enhance efficiency, with Chasity Brown from State FDEM as the point of contact.

There was no reportable actions under natural gas responses.

**Old Business/ Unfinished Discussion**

Chairman Lorimor confirmed the amendments to the section by-laws were completed and accepted by the section members by on-line vote in Nov. 2023.

Mr. Strickland from the State Fire Marshall's office expressed the state's focus on risk assessment, anticipating the examination of a hazmat team assessment program in 2025. Chief Lorimor and Chief Lamm mentioned the State Fire Marshall's gap and needs assessment for USAR and HazMat teams, in collaboration with FDEM, TTF, and FLAHR. Florida Hazmat Team assessment are in the planning stages for 2025. The assessment process may involve hiring two individuals, and a standardized process for team recognition is in development. Chief Murphy reinforced the need for FLAHR to draft a letter to SERC outlining future assessments, endorsed by FLAHR members. Chief Collins initiated a discussion on the relationship between Florida Hazmat Teams and RSDTF, with Mr. Murphy clarifying it as more related to mutual aid agreements than a committee-driven body.

General discussion ensued on hazmat incident awareness, with a reminder of supplemental project notification (CH. 556) and associated fines for non-compliance.

**Regional Reports-Group Regional Representatives**

Reports to the section were made by all representatives present at section meeting.
New Business
There was no new business brought before the section at this meeting.

Announcements- FLAHR members
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Adjournment-Chief Lorimor
Adjournment for meeting was confirmed at 1453 hours.

Attachments:
1. 2024 FFCA FLAHR election results
2. 2024 FFCA FLAHR Winter meeting agenda
3. 2024 FFCA FLAHR Winter meeting attendance sheet

Mike Bloski, FLAHR Secretary
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2024 FLAHR Elections

Chairman: Heather Lorimor 18 yes votes cast
Alexander Rall-Novoo 10 yes votes cast

Elected Chairman: Heather Lorimor

Region 4 Representative: Jeremy Feil 14 yes votes cast
Brandon Buchanan 10 yes votes cast

Elected Representative: Jeremy Feil

I affirm the above results from the 2024 FFCA FLAHR elections

Pat Feagle—Vice Chair
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STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order- Chief Lorimor

Roll Call/ Member Roster-Capt. Bloski
  o Verification of Quorum-Capt. Bloski

Review of 2023 FLAHR Summer Meeting Minutes-Capt. Bloski
  o Motion needed to accept

Consent Agenda:

Report of 2024 FFCA FLAHR General Elections-Captain Feagle
  o Election Committee to announce Nominations
  o Nominees platform (3-minutes maximum)-Capt. Bloski
  o Election

Report of Officers-Chief Lorimor, Capt. Feagle, Capt. Bloski
  o Florida SWP notification-Li Battery Incidents
  o FFCA FLAHR Logo change with explanation
  o Award of 2024 FFCA FLAHR Hazmat Responder of the Year award
  o Fire Service Showcase, Tallahassee, Fl. Feb. 15, 2024
  o DSOC/ FROC future funding and coordination

Report of Liaisons
  o Report from FFCA Liaison-Chief Dewitt
  o Report for Florida State Fire Marshall-
  o Report from LEPC Liaison-Mrs. Cechowski
  o Report from Florida Hazmat Symposium group-Chief Lamm

Reports of Committees
  o Report of SERC Training Task Forces:
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