Florida Association for Search and Rescue
A Professional Interest Section of the Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association

MISSION
Unify and coordinate the efforts of SAR Responders in the State of Florida.

FASAR Business Meeting Agenda
January 23, 2021 1330 hours

Introduction and Roll Call – all present and accounted for

Vote tally on Vice Chair and Odd Region Reps (change takes effect at July 2021 meeting)

Larry Doerffel - Vice Chair
Jeff Wagner – Region 1
Larry Doerffel – Region 3
Spencer Bashinski – Region 5
Scott Dean – Region 7

Legislative Update – Fire Ops on the Hill in limbo due to pandemic.

SFM Update – funding documentation important and how US&R supports other groups in domestic security. The current environment has stopped on site meetings.

EMAC/SUSAR Update – nothing new to update. All training, deployments and travel restricted due to pandemic. Will be employing best practices learned to keep personnel safe in covid environment,

FEMA/US&R System Update – all training has ceased. Meetings by Zoom. Making sure all covid procedures are being followed when deployed.

Working Group Reports

LRTT – Added 3 new TRT to system: Destin Fire Control District, North Collier Fire District and Sunrise Fire Rescue. 39 active TRT’s. Other depts. wanting to create a TRT. Coordinating paperwork and site visit to follow. Need to be sure team is properly listed in NMAS.

Communications -MARC 7 moving to Broward. COMS training happened at Ocala. COMS training requests need to directed to MARC rep. MARC 5 has been maintained by Winter Park FD. Due to changes/retirements, will move to Orange County Fire Rescue.
StS – several StS have been laid off due to the virus; construction industry slow due to covid. State passing legislation for liability protection for StS’s.

Reports by Region

1 - Addition of Destin as a TRT
2 - Training with members and new specialty courses. Deployed to Sally – Ops chief and drone team
3 - Nothing to report
4 - Pasco County Fire interested in becoming a TRT and are in the process of completing packet. No major issues with Super Bowl. Advised that Tampa might host again in 3 years.
5 - TF 4 had deployments to Louisiana for Sally, conducted search operations. Learned valuable lessons on self-sufficiency when in out-of-state environment. Also flew crew from TF4 out of Jacksonville and flown in to theater. April 26-30 – Logistics Specialist class. Task Force Leader course late May early June
6 - North Collier new TRT. TF 6 had 2 in-county deployments for swiftwater: one was high water, other was body recovery
7 - TF 2 had 3 deployments: earthquake in Puerto Rico pre-covid, Hurricane Sally post-covid, and Hurricane Delta. TF 1 and 2 preparing for ARE. This is a major an audit conducted every 3 years by FEMA.

New Business

Need a clear footprint for responding teams and number of vehicles for FFS. Must be dynamic as teams all provide different number of vehicles to create a firm foot print.

Shortage of fuel during Sally, fuel tankers not approved, used local fueling stations.

Pre and post deployment COVID testing should be expected unless DOH changes. Expect to conduct testing locally before deployment with a common site on ex-fill.

Pull in all TRT’s in state with LTRT meetings

MARC 6 running a virtual COM-L course.

Senate Bill 518 and House Bill 433 - legislation for drone operations

SAREX - CERF-P and FNG on Covid restrictions for April/May. Will host and oversee but no participation. Earliest to integrate with CERF-P in July.

**link for zoom meeting can be found at https://www.ffca.org/fasar-section **

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting:

2021 Executive Development Conference, 15-20 July, 2021 at Sheraton Panama City Beach Golf and Spa Resort, 4114 Jan Cooley Drive, Panama City Beach, Florida.