



# 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

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## Roll Call

**Election results** Kathy Weaver retains Secretary  
Matt Brown retains Region 4 Rep

**Legislative updates** – 2021 - \$500,000 LBR for training. Training group will be through TEEX. There will be seats for specialist class but no OT and backfill. Target start date is end of February 2022 for specialist classes. Have to fill these classes.

\$100,000 in SHSGP funds for classes (see attached). All seats must be filled. Graph in attachment showing number of seats per TF.

2022 – IF makes through legislative session would provide funding for teams from state budget \$5.1 million for vehicles; \$3.4 mil for training and sustainment.

**FEMA/USAR update** - All members of federal system must be completely vaccinated. Possible exemptions but to be reviewed by program office. No travel currently due to COVID

**EMAC/SUSAR updates** – Annual conference and training in SC April 2022. Next year will be in Orlando in April 2023. Want huge state attendance in 2023 as there will be training at the conference.

## Working Group Reports

TRT – 3 new teams Destin, Pasco and Sarasota. Opportunity for TRT training. Teams having events should send to Matt Brown. ORE packages sent last year received 56%. Region reps going to validate ORE's

StS – things going well with system. Had good connections occur during Surfside and great working relationship with teams. Adding 3 new StS however no training available for structure specialists right now.

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HSART – continuing working with National Guard to move teams via helicopter.

LBR funds will be used as an exercise. National Guard has an exercise in April and hope to combine.

Training – SHSGP and LBR funds being used for training. We must fill these training seats to prove we can use further funding.

## **Reports by Region**

1 – all 5 TRT ORE's turned in. Since no large TF near, want to be able to shadow big events

2 – nothing to report

3 – Flagler FR, SO, EM did joint SAR training utilizing GIS & Survey 123 platforms.

4 – Pasco new TRT, Pinellas TRT had concrete stair way collapse that after action will be in a few weeks

5 – Money for training will be traveling to TRT's to validate ORE

6 – 9 TRT & TF6 used on recent tornado incident, will be conducting site visits on ORE's, Shane Sibert contract extended for TF 6

7 – nothing to report

**SFM** – thank everyone who participated at Surfside. A phenomenal job was done and all teams worked seamlessly.

## **New Business**

SERP 104 A/B Wednesday

Surfside After Action – Thursday RM 102A

SHSGP funding meeting at 1330 Wednesday

F.R.E. App does not have correct info for meeting tomorrow

EMAP Assessment vs Local Assessment – cost associated with EMAP assessment. Local assessment could be of value. Create a Florida specific assessment or model after the FEMA assessment. US&R teams need some type of accreditation. Initially all TF's had to do ORE's but fell by wayside. After surfside we can more than prove performance of teams for the immediate but need a mechanism to show administrative and equipment readiness. Look at the FEMA assessment model and will be handled by Scott Chappell.

UAS – State decided 5 different manufacturers to be used with drone capabilities. Need to evaluate the use of UAS and what platform is being used.

Review contracts from SHSGP funding as bad items on some. Make sure sub-grant spreadsheet is correct or will not be able to obtain funding,

### Next Meeting

July 15 – 19, 2022 at Naples Grand Beach Resort, 475 Seagate Drive Naples, Florida

Motion to adjoin and seconded

Attachments:

[https://fl-serp.com/Reim\\_Training\\_Jan\\_2022.pdf](https://fl-serp.com/Reim_Training_Jan_2022.pdf)

## US&R Ops and Tech Series at FSFC

- Rope Rescue Operations (18)
  - 28 March – 1 April 2022
- Rope Rescue Technician (18)
  - 4 – 8 April 2022
- Confined Space Rescue Operations & Technician (18)
  - 11 – 15 April 2022
- Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations (18)
  - 25 – 29 April 2022
- Trench Rescue Operations and Technician (24)
  - 2 – 6 May 2022
- Structural Collapse Operations (18)
  - 9 – 12 May 2022
- Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Technician (18)
  - 23 – 27 May 2022
- Structural Collapse Technician (30)
  - 6 – 10 & 13 – 15 June 2022

	18	24	30
Type I/II	3	4	5
Type III	2	3	4
Type IV	2	2	3

- Tuition is covered through SHSGP – zero cost to teams
- No backfill
- No overtime
- No travel cost (working on getting dorms covered)