



# 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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FASAR Business Meeting  
January 17, 2023  
1000 – 1200 hours Rm 104AB

Roll Call Allen Willis

Motion to approve summer minutes, Scott Dean and second by Aaron Rhodes

Todd Livingston has resigned as Immediate Past Chair. Jeff Strickland appointed to Immediate Past Chair

Nominations for Vice Chair, Regions 1, 3, 5, 7

Vice Chair – Larry Doerffel 5 votes – continues as Vice Chair  
Spencer Bashinski 1 vote  
Jeff Rouse 4 votes

Region 1 – Jeff Wagner  
Region 3 – Jessie Brown  
Region 5 – Spencer Bashinski  
Region 7 – Scott Dean

Rule Update – Scott Chappell

Listening session conducted during meeting for Bureau of Fire Standards on 69A US&R and Haz Mat. The Bureau is looking for input from members on what needs to be addressed in the rule. Input included:

\*The word “shall” was inserted in the for syllabus which needs to be changed for Ops and Tech courses.

\*No identification for Specialist training instructor (currently FEMA approved instructors).

\*Need process to identify who can teach Specialist courses adopted by the Bureau

\*“Shall” also used in cache list and that list is dynamic and must have all pieces.

\*Recertifying a task force should be able to recert within itself

MARC Update – Scott Chappell/ Rulapaugh

8 MARC units in State. Region 5 will have 2 MARC units. First time MARC units were part of initial deployments during IAN to provide communications for US&R but also assisted in helping local areas resume communications. STARLINK was an asset for units in the field. MARC units under 4/9 desk and recommended they stay there. 250 new handheld units to be added to the MARCs. Need participation for US&R comms in MARC meeting this afternoon. Working to place STARLINK with all MARC units and US&R teams. Trying to establish funding for STARLINK access.

EMAC/SUSAR Updates - Scott Chappell

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SUSAR has working groups to move statewide forward. National US&R Conference will be in Florida in November 6, 2023. [www.SUSAR.org](http://www.SUSAR.org) is location for registration.

SUSAR Working groups needing input from Florida:

\*Drone

\*Medical

\*GIS/Mapping

\*EMAC credentialling

#### Working Group Reports

\*Training – training that is coming up and coordinating participation is important.

\*TRT – 2 new teams (Brevard and Flagler) added. 6 departments interested in bringing on TRT's. ORE's to be completed by June

#### Federal Updates – Scott Dean

FEMA program office hosted leadership and upper management discussion for Ian. Understood that state IST better prepared and FEMA can take support role. Cache lists under review. Need more funding for cache. 9 teams will be under review (ORE)

#### SHSGP Updates - John Kohnke

All projects funded this year. Determine gaps for the 2023 round of funding. Good hard look at cache and what is sustained under what funding group. This funding is not guaranteed so stay focused. Thanks to John Kohnke for all his efforts with SHSGP. Kohnke retiring June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Reports by Region.

1 – teams supporting each other and training opportunities

2 – responded to Hurricane Ian. Had funding for ops and tech level training but hurricanes scrambled schedule. Will open training in spring

3 – currently running full USAR series, Opening to local TRTs

4 – site visits completed in Region 4. Pasco deployed to Ian.

5 – Added TRT in Brevard. Orlando had local events during Ian for water rescue

6 – Thanks for all the help during Hurricane Ian.

7 – Lots of resources deployed to Ian

#### IST – Jeff Strickland

From after action in Surfside, developing IST's managing incidents. Need additional staffing for IST's. Have funding for training classes.

#### New Business

Need to put together and AD HOC to develop a GIS CONOP. Bring to SERP Chair.

Jacksonville has deployable ERAT (Emergency Road Access Team) to clear roads to make accessible for responders composed of firefighters and linesmen.

Palm Beach putting in papers to be evaluated and resource typing as a Type IV team. They will be evaluated by state.

Motion to adjourn Aaron Rhodes and Scott Dean

#### Next Meeting

July 14 2023

Naples Grande Beach Resort, 475 Seagate Drive Naples, Florida 34103

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