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 Minutes  
January 21, 2020  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Introduction and Roll Call – FFCA President Donato in attendance

Vote on Chair, Secretary and even Region Reps –
Position description and duties for Chair position. Todd removed himself from consideration.
- Allen Willis will be new Chair
- Kathy Weaver retains Secretary
- New Region 2 rep Kurt Hindle
- All other even region reps retained position

Confusion on voting – Motion for consistent language with all other sections of FFCA.

Legislative Update – In the beginning phase of legislative session and FFCA is tracking bills. HB 1435/SB 520 includes an exemption by qualified fire department personnel for use of UAS. HB 865 /SB 538 on mandatory reporting of certain incidents by counties and municipalities to State Watch Office; requiring the division to annually provide the State Watch Office Reportable Incidents List to local emergency managers and the Legislature; requiring the division to notify local emergency managers and the Legislature of any amendments to the reportable incidents list, etc. FFCA is working on bills to provide for protection from civil immunity for the StS and funding to sustain US&R.

SFM Update - spend your SHSGP funds. If you can’t spend, turn in early. If you have unmet needs and built ad ready, unspent funds can be secured. Anticipating steady decrease in SHSGP funds.

EMAC/SUSAR Update - SUSAR update – Medical WG creating template for medical protocol. NEMA/EMAC Mission Ready Packages – updating the MRP’s. EMAC coordinator needed liaison with state SAR coordinator.

Working Group Reports
Move training from WG to a Committee with Training coordinators from each TF include TRT chair as members. Motion by Ed Dwyer, second by Rob Graf. Motion carried.

Reports by Region
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Region 1 – 100% TRT’s represented at the meeting. Large Animal Rescue in April
Region 2 – Refresher US7R training a presence at capital February
Region 3 - training
Region 4 – The Villages is new TRT.
Region 5 – added City of DeLand and Orange City added to Deltona’s TRT team. TF 4 has WAS and Logistics classes upcoming.
Region 6 – Collier TRT being audited, TR 6 increasing members
Region 7 – all TRT’s proactive in responses.

New Business – Thanks to The Villages and their efforts in passing review as a TRT. Special Thank you and congratulations of retirement to FWC Capt. Tim Riordan, who was instrumental in ensuring cooperative training with FLTF 4.

By-law/governance policy rewrites have been requested. Draft FASAR governance document will be placed on FASAR website for review.

Meeting adjourned
Motion to adjourn Walt Lewis
Second Jeff Strickland