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
July 15, 2022
1030 - 1230 hours

Roll Call Allen Willis
Maj. Scanlon new CERFP

Nominations committee for Vice Chair and odd region reps
Aaron Rhodes
Kurt Hindle
Matt Brown
Provide bio and head shot for elections

Legislative LBR Updates Dave Downey
$10 mil placed in DEM’s budget for US&R. 48 contracts for TF’s and TRT’s. $5.8 for vehicles – not available and $ runs out June 2023. Will request revert and reapprove for vehicles. Proposal was for backfill for training and funds for logistic personnel expense. Personnel expense is not approved. Contracts will be reimbursements. Will get list of equipment to get with vendors to see what is available so when contract signed can order equipment and know what is not available. Must produce results for funding. Funding for 2023 will include swiftwater equipment. Funds go back into state rolls if not spent by June 2023. New request has been requested for sustainment. State will not be making purchases. Do not order replacements for items previously paid by SHSGP.

EMAC/SUSAR Updates Scott Chappell
2023 SUSAR Conference – November 2023 in Orlando, FL
More Info to follow.
EMAC information should be updated

Working Group Reports
Training Jeff Rouse/Scott Chappell
Update on Ops, Tech, and Specialist Training
US&R Exercise – August 17-18, 2022 – commit to level of commitment to Scott Chappell or Jeff Rouse ASAP
Next Round of Ops and Tech Training – TBD based on next training cycle. June 23 is target for budget and classes. Will be looking at refresher trainings
US&R TF Self-Assessment and Assessments – needs to be revisited more to follow.

TRT Matt Brown
Uniform for Deployments – see TRT minutes
Operational Readiness Evaluations not received – Region reps will be meeting with all TRTs this year
StS Andy Schrader – working to recruit, train and aligned with teams needed. Include these StS in emails/training. Still need to protect them from liabilities. Either hire or make them a contracted service (get with TF 4 for their contract). Minimize their time away from their job, bring in at day 2 and demob as quickly as possible). CERFP has some legislative information on how they are protected. Needs to be pushed to FFCA Legislative committee.

July 25 – 29 all MARCs will be at FSFC Operation Marconi. Will be placing around Marion County to see their comm abilities

HSART Scott Chappell – Deploying by helicopter to area and still determining who is in charge.

Federal Updates Brandon Webb – National TF Reps conference calls July 14th. National WG meetings – federal travel has been authorized. Schedule is out. Specialist training travel has been authorized. Fed Teams were mandated to be vaccinated but legal challenge has allowed non vaccinated to participate. Reduced level of protection and assigned to AHJ. All must be covid tested prior to deploy. Use of UAV’s for fed deployment by using CAP with agreement, utilizing UAV’s from local FD’s. Feds still cannot utilize UAV’s for now. Reevaluating cache levels for feds based on Type team dispatched.

Ad Hoc committee to get in front of the LBR funds coming to teams composed of Logs reps

Mike Zielonka – chair
DEM – Yenndy Gonzales -Vice Chair
FL 1 Art Abrue
FL 2 Joseph Barber
FL 3 Mike Miller
FL 4 Mike Zielonka
FL 5 Chris Rhoden
FL 6 Matt Thannell
FL 7 Donald Johnson
FL 8 Joe Rinaudo

SHSGP Updates John Kohnke
Projects have all been submitted. Projects were compared between LBR and SHSGP. Training funds used for 5 basic disciplines. LBR for advanced disciplines. Heavy caches were replaced by DEM during Surfside event. Marion County incumbered 105K from SHSGP to provide additional ops/tech training

Reports by Region
1 – Nothing to report. Reach out for utilization of region 1 personnel
2 – Nothing new – involved in all training
3 – Thanks for the funding. Class in Jax this week
4 – Team 425 out of Pasco in house ops and tech completed
5 – contacting former TRT’s to come back on line. Will be visiting these teams.
6 – lots of training throughout region
7 – Nothing to report

New Business
Safety – State gave UM funds for studying issues within FD’s. Determining issues with COVID, everyone working at Surfside doing a heavy metals study. Need to lock down exposure reporting during activated.
Ad hoc committee developed after Surfside for a formalized Incident Support Team. Have list of members form Ad hoc committee plus FL 1 and 2 who have submitted applications. Need to grow members. Going to exercise the IST on the 17 and 18th.

Strategic Plan Update Discussion – have achieved the current goals and now time to revisit and align goals with current goals and objectives. Reviewed document to determine what should be sunnetted, updated/changed, new items to add.

Next Meeting
Fire Rescue East January 17 - 20, 2023   Ocean Center, Daytona Beach
Meeting should be January 17th.

Request to Adjourn – John Kohnke
2nd Scott Chappell