
Florida Fire Chiefs' Safety and Health Committee



Minutes of FFCA Safety & Health Committee Meeting, July 13, 2018

Executive Development Conference

Meeting called to order at 1530 hours by Committee Chair Frank Babinec

Discussion: 2018 Safety & Health Conference Planning

Initial discussion took place regarding what each day will include and the resources and preparation needed. The conference will encompass the following aspects:

ACTIVE SHOOTER DAY – Oversight will be by Chief Julie Downey and Chief Otto Drozd

- Items to be considered:
 - Active Shooter FOG
 - NFPA Standards 3000 Overview
 - Data already established - we already know what needs to be done, find proper method for implementation
 - Panel Discussion on the three recent active shooter events in the state. (Pulse, FLL, MSD)
 - Consider possibly at least one out of state incident.
 - Synopsis of events with a prevailing emphasis on Lessons Learned
- Mental Health for Strategic Response – Before, During and After
 - Mental resiliency while facing the incident
 - Physiological and Financial Cost
 - The real cost of not preparing - (a 30-classroom building now unusable, for instance).
 - The real psychological cost - impact on responders, ongoing and recurrent costs.
- Equipment and Ballistics component
 - What equipment is available
 - What to look for in quality
 - How to deploy this equipment.
 - Invite Vendors that sell this equipment to help offset costs

MENTAL WELLNESS DAY – Oversight to be determined

- Cover initiation and maintenance of the clinician resources
 - How departments should prepare and vet the clinician, listing each, making available to personnel. Vet the peer supporters, making lists available.
 - Per Dustin Hawkins, there are now 100 clinicians on the list – statewide, also statewide list of peer supporters as well (number of peer supporters not provided)

- Target Training Facility Coordinators - Development of a TTT Program (CEUs needed for Clinicians, have all details worked out and provided).
- Questions on the table about making headway with insurance companies other than Cigna (Chris Bator answered this question) Schedule a Brainstorming / Workshop Session - on how health care providers and insurance company are best utilized by the department. Departments will be requested to bring your resources, insurance companies, health care provider contacts.
- From highest management down, need letters written (Donatto / Babinec)
- Write these into your contracts with the intent to fund process. Goes out for Bid.
Contract addition: Have to have X amount of trained clinicians. Funding source added to contract.
- Now is a great time to capture - PTSD Bill (Senate Bill 376) is law. Rulemaking is beginning (Oct 1) all employers shall teach broad list of qualifying events being developed.
 - Opportunities need to be known so stakeholders can be present at the rulemaking session with the State. (comment request from Babinec to Halas)
 - A walk through on 376 Bill, including key stakeholders.
 - Invite Rep. Matt Willhite, Rep. Erin Grall, invite firefighter from Tampa (Hillsborough??)

FIREFIGHTER PREVENTION CANCER DAY

- Updates on Development of Curriculum
- Data and New Information - highlight that which is new, avoid rehashing old, unless relevant
- Update on the Cancer Research from Sylvester
- Hands-on decontamination overview - demonstration only but possibly wet and outside.
- Fire Investigators & FF Cancer Practices and the impact for those other than firefighters.
- Clean Cab - applies also to separation of gear / contaminants for the investigators
- Wildland Firefighters - Cancer Prevention
- **EMERGING TRENDS**
- Fire Station Design - Building a new Station. Ice Machines, PPE Storage, (red yellow green) Zones, Vestibules. (Chief Stravino to oversee)

OVERALL SAFETY DAY

- Highway Responder Safety (brought up by John Miller) 15/20 minutes of roadway tragedy – Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Point of contact: Julie Downey
- Gas Leak Incidents - Explosion in Wisconsin??
- Accountability - Fragmented Accountability
 - Strip Mall
 - Wild Land Accountability
 - Ft. Lauderdale and Parkland Accountability (fire vs law enforcement)
 - So you're a safety officer: what now? (brought up by John Miller)
 - new roles for the safety officer
 - new areas for issue and concern
 - Drone Use for incidents
 - safety implications
 - Emerging Trends

- Drones, Fire Station Design

HEALTH and FITNESS - should have a component

Possible speakers/presenters for Conference:

- Jason Redman – Former Navy SEAL and author of The Trident: The Forging and Reforging of a Navy SEAL Leader <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17349179-the-trident>
- Josh Mantz – Former Army Major and author of The Beauty of a Darker Soul: Overcoming Trauma through the Power of Human Connection https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/37755674-the-beauty-of-a-darker-soul?from_search=true
- James Hatch – Former Navy SEAL and author of Touching the Dragon: And Other Techniques for Surviving Life's Wars <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/36556213-touching-the-dragon>

Notes for rest of meeting

DIRECTOR HALAS

- * Decon Kits going out statewide - Overview of the Decon Bucket roll out
- * Out of over 500 departments we had 4550 Kits going out to 80% of them

Awarding the Legislator that brought the million dollar grant, Senator Denise Grimsley
Collect a collage of photos of decontamination being successfully performed

Request for volunteers for the vendor that is putting together the buckets.

NOTE for Babinec - Send out specs on the decon bags..

Upcoming events

** Annual Mental Health Symposium taking place August 3rd at the Florida State Fire College in Ocala. Register at <http://www.FloridaStateFireCollege.org> Register using Class Offering ID#: RN12754

Collaborative update

Redline Rescue is the Hub:

- resource connection
- provide to every firefighter
- we can split the cost
- comparison of the decon buckets
- how Redline is just as important.
- Suggestion made to seek support:
- Major Corporate Sponsor
 - AT&T
 - Motorola, “Powered by”

Consider setting up a Workshop JUST for Redline Rescue with the FFCA, FPF either at the Safety and Health Conference or prior to in the Fall.

Update by Susan Schell

- Two from Trenton still in trauma ICU but no longer critical
- FF from Hillsborough County has been released and Susan made contact with him.

Otto Drozd, Fire Chief Orange County, FL and President of the Florida Fire Chief's Association

Chief Drozd addressed the group on legislative issues and advised the group that he is running for second vice-president of the International Association of Fire Chief's. You can contact him through www.chiefottodrozd.com