



# East Central Florida Fire Prevention Association



*Meeting Minutes:*

**Tuesday, July 9, 2024**

**Volusia County Training Center- 3889 Tiger Bay Rd**

## **Members Present**

1. Sharon Shivers- Deltona
2. Sam Schaller- Deltona
3. Howard Bailey- Ormond Beach
4. Richard Beauregard- Holly Hill
5. Dan Deckers- Volusia County
6. Mark Edgil- Volusia County
7. Ken Gaines- Ormond Beach
8. Fred Godawa- New Smyrna Beach
9. Eric Hill- Wiginton Fire Systems Orlando
10. Chip Johnson- Volusia County School Board
11. Kyle Crider- Port Orange
12. Norman Medders- Daytona Beach Shores
13. Ken Mitchell- Volusia County School Board
14. Brian Sievertson- Daytona Beach
15. Tom Smith- Wiginton Fire Systems Orlando
16. Don Wiech- New Smyrna Beach

## **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Sharon Shivers, President at 2:14 PM

## **Meeting Minutes**

Approval of June minutes with May 1-31 financial reports. Motion made to approve meeting minutes with an amended change that Daytona Beach does not conduct fire investigations. Motion made by Howard Bailey and second by Sam Schaller.

## **President's Report**

- *Fire Chief's Group Meeting*
  - I will be attending the upcoming Fire Chief's Group meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2024; however, the Redbook will not be ready for discussion since we are still working on it.

## **Vice-President's Report**

- *Introduced New Member*
  - Kyle Crider with Port Orange- took over for Beau Gardner. Brand new to the fire prevention division will be reaching out to other agencies for help and guidance along the way.

## **Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

- *Financial reports for June 1-30*
  - Checking- \$6,222.32
    - Deposits- \$100.00 in membership dues
    - Expenses- \$272.17 for the Publix bi-annual luncheon
  - Savings- \$1,000.81
    - Deposits- nothing to report.
    - Expenses- nothing to report.

## **Important Notes:**

- *Sign-in sheets.*
  - Please do not forget to sign-in on both sheets (ECFFPA and VCFR)
  - Please remember to include your FDICE number when signing the VCFR sheet.
- *ECFFPA Contact Sheet*
  - Please review your information for typos, corrections, etc. If changes are needed, please make them and initial.
  - If your information is grayed out, then your information is up to date.
  - The contact sheet will be used for emails, contact information, and future classes so it is important to keep your information current.

## **Committee Reports**

None

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### **Chip Johnson**

- *BDAs*
  - The district has been in communication with Trent and Greg regarding the P25 system being turned on. They are going around now spot testing the radio signals.

- Chip is responsible for new construction and when a grid test is performed that fails, they require a BDA.
- An example is Tomaka Elementary. They failed the grid test. Greg Kelly went there today to test the radio signal with the P25 in which the signal strength still failed, so this school will require a BDA.
- Testing will take place tomorrow at Pine Ridge High School. This school is significantly closer to the county radio antenna. The county radio folks are informing Chip that now the school does not need a BDA because the P25 is turned on; however, at the time that the BDA was installed the P25 system was not turned on.
- VCPS is looking for directions from the county radio folks if any of their BDAs need to be turned off after the P25 testing takes place.
- One item that they look for/test is the 6 points for failure. The donor antenna failure. They make sure it is not cut and is reporting to the FACP, battery failure, system component failure, etc.
- University High School and Deltona High School passed and now have active BDAs.
- The P25 contract with the county expires on December 31st. County radio is going around testing the system as we speak.
- Turie T Small in Daytona is in the process of getting a grid test.
  - Brian Sievertson brought to Chip's attention FS 633.202 which goes into depth regarding the BDA system and stipulates that an assessment of a new or existing BDA shall occur not more than once every three years for an existing high rise building and an existing building have more than 12,000 gross square feet. Once every five years for all other buildings.
- VCPS currently has 21 or 23 existing schools requiring a BDA, but his immediate focus with BDAs is for new construction.
- Pine Ridge will be Chip's 5th school he has been involved with installing a BDA.

## **Presentation**

None

## **Roundtable**

***Sharon Shivers***

### ○ ***Food Truck Decal***

- I sent an email this morning with our current decal and a revised one asking for the group to review it and provide input.
  - If you could review and provide input no later than Friday, 7/19. If I do not receive any feedback, I will assume everyone is stratified with the changes and will send it to the printers.
  - I would like to get a motion in advance to spend the money needed to purchase the checklist and decals, this way we do not have to wait another month.
    - We are going to use the same print company as in the past. The last time we ordered it cost us around \$800 to purchase three checklist sheets and decals.

- Motion made by Sam Schaller and seconded by Howard Bailey.
- **Red Book**
  - The book is still a work in progress so is not ready to go to the Fire Chiefs yet. If you have any changes upon reviewing the document, please send them to Shane Lanoue and any specific changes your municipality has, please send them to me.
- **Hilti Presentation CEU Update**
  - I reached out to Tyler who put on the Hilti presentation and asked him for an update.
    - He replied that he is still working with Philip Oaks to try and get us CEUs after the fact.

### **Sam Schaller**

- **Mobile Eyes Food Vendor Checklist**
  - Deltona has a customized food vendor checklist that mirrors the paper form. If anyone who is on Mobile Eyes is interested in getting a copy of it to please let me know. I can either come to you to set it up or get with the helpdesk to provide permission to share it with you.

### **Tom Smith**

- **Fire Sprinkler General Information Signs**
  - An email was forwarded to the group regarding general information signs and wanted to get everyone's thoughts on the signage requirement for systems installed prior to 2011.
    - Wiginton has made it a company stance not to push the code requirement onto the customer, so they are not yellow tagging the system. NFPA 13 2007 edition as adopted by Florida on December 31, 2010, is when the code started requiring general information signs which is how they came up with prior to 2011.
    - Ken Gaines advised that the signs are required to be provided by the original installer. Tom Smith advised that is one of the problems they are running into.
      - Tom advised that if the original installation company is no longer in business, then it could be very expensive for the customer for us to create this information and most customers don't have the original drawings from when the system was installed.
    - The sign has no bearing on the operation of the system yet gives you identification on where sectional valves may be if there is an antifreeze system, etc.
    - Brian Sievertson posed the question, who is the general information sign really for?
      - It is primarily for the contractor who may be coming in to perform work to better understand the system.
      - Ken Gaines advised that these signs provide the AHJ with a brief dummy down of the system verses trying to read the hydraulic calculation plate, locate plans, etc. Tom Smith advised it is a detailed sign.
    - Tom Smith advised that what he is hearing is that they may need to reassess their stance since it sounds like the information sign is also important to the AHJ.

- Tom Smith asked if Brian Sievertson would reply to his email; however, Brian advised he would prefer that it come from our association.
  - Sam Schaller advised that he would draft up a letter on behalf of the ECFFPA on our thoughts on this issue.

***Eric Hill***

Nothing to report.

***Fred Godawa***

Nothing to report.

***Don Wiech***

Nothing to report.

***Richard Beauregard***

- ***Fire Station 96***
  - Construction of the new station is a couple weeks ahead of schedule.

***Ken Mitchell***

- ***Fire Safety Reports***
  - Should have copies to pass out for everyone at our next meeting.

***Dan Deckers***

- ***Electric Fire Pumps/Reliable Power Sources***
  - Is wanting to know if anyone has had an experience with electric fire pumps and reliable power sources? Specifically, if they experience many power outages in a year. Something along the lines of 10 in a year for more than 4 hours at a time.
  - They have experienced two incidents now where this has occurred, so they are asking for a letter from the power company
    - Sam Schaller experienced this with his past employer and requested a letter from Duke Energy. Without hesitation they provided the letter which included a breakdown of the power outages that occurred within the last year to demonstrate that it was considered reliable. He will send the contact person from Duke that he talked to although it was a little ago.

***Chip Johnson***

Nothing to report.

***Howard Bailey***

Nothing to report.

***Mark Edgil***

Nothing to report.

### **Ken Gaines**

Nothing to report.

### **Brian Sievertson**

#### ○ **Click to Enter**

- Does anyone besides Edgewater use the click to enter system for access gates?
  - Ken Gaines advised that Brevard County uses it.
  - Mark Edgil advised that Sumter County uses it.
- Sharon Shivers posed the question to the group if there would be interest in trying to go to a county-wide Knox key switch system?
  - Ken Gaines advised this has been brought up in the past to go to the electronic key, but it just never took off.
  - Dan Deckers advised that when there is a gate on the city/county line they have them install a duel key switch.
- Ken Gaines advised he tried to move toward getting the electronic key throughout the county, but the information needed from each municipality to provide the Knox company was hard to come by, so the idea fizzled out.
  - In the past there was no interest from the Chiefs to move toward a standardized Knox key (for both gates and the boxes due to accountability. This of course was before the electronic key was developed which does tracks who it belongs to.

#### ○ **FFMIA Conference**

- This year's conference will be in early November in Melbourne. No hard schedule of classes is out yet.

#### ○ **Conveyor Pizza Ovens**

- Brian came across ventless ovens being used at the convention center which meet the minimum of less than 0.5 micrograms of grease being produced per the FBC so that they would not need to operate under a hood.
  - Brian advised that they still produce grease and is not convinced that they do not need suppression. He is still trying to connect the two on what code requirements, if any apply.
    - Sam Schaller advised that he still fell back on the FBC/FMC in which they were treating these types of ovens like a microwave in that if they fall below the grease build-up thresholds then they are exempt from all requirements. The hood is guiding whether suppression is required.

### **Norman Medders**

Nothing to report.

### **Kyle Crider**

#### ○ **Mobile Eyes**

- Would like to know more about Mobile Eyes. Specifically, what is it? How does it work? They are currently using Zoll for fire inspections and would like to know how it works for others?
  - The consensus of those who are trying to use Zoll for fire inspections have since stopped using it and reverted to paper reports for inspections.
  - Sharon Shivers advised that Deltona, New Smyrna Beach, Deland and soon to be Ormond Beach are using Mobile Eyes. Mobile Eyes is a software program made specifically for fire inspections and has been around for a while.
  - Sharon Shivers will send over the contact persons information.
  - Mobile Eyes is customizable meaning you choose what you want from it.
    - For example, we use it for fire inspections and pre-fire plans.
    - Deltona uses Responder to obtain our pre-fire plan information in the field via the MDTs and it works great. We also purchased Smartdraw to draw our pre-fire plans but have not launched that program yet.
  - FlowMSP is a newer third-party software that can be purchased to use for pre-fire plans and hydrants; however, it is still new and needs some work. Ormond Beach is looking into using it.
- **Food Trucks**
  - The group explained how the food truck checklist and decal work. The checklist and decal were just revised and are waiting to go to the printers. Once printed you will use that checklist form to conduct any fire inspection or evaluation of a food truck. A decal is placed on the truck every 12 months. A list of food truck inspections is trying to be maintained as created by Shane Lanoue and at some point, maybe on our ECFFPA page which is a subpage of the Fire Chiefs website.

### **Projected Project Goals**

Create a Countywide Redbook

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM. Motion was made by Richard Beauregard and second by Tom Smith.

***Next meeting is Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 2:00 PM***

VCFR Training Center located at 3889 Tiger Bay Rd. Classroom TBD