



East Central Florida Fire Prevention Association



Meeting Minutes:

Tuesday, September 9, 2024

Volusia County Training Center- 3889 Tiger Bay Rd

Members Present

1. Sharon Shivers- Deltona
2. Sam Schaller- Deltona
3. Lisa Nadeau- Deltona
4. Ajorie Bailey- Deltona
5. Howard Bailey- Ormond Beach
6. Richard Beauregard- Holly Hill
7. Kyle Crider- Port Orange
8. Dan Deckers- Volusia County
9. Mark Edgil- Volusia County
10. Ken Gaines- Ormond Beach
11. Fred Godawa- New Smyrna Beach
12. Terry Griffiths- Retired
13. Jeff Humphrey- Edgewater
14. Fred Link- DeLand
15. Norman Medders- Daytona Beach Shores
16. Ken Mitchell- Volusia County School Board
17. Brian Sievertson- Daytona Beach
18. Rebecca Whidden- Deland

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Sharon Shivers, President at 2:02 PM

Meeting Minutes

Approval of August minutes with July 1-31 financial reports. Motion made to approve meeting minutes by Howard Bailey and second by Ken Mitchell.

President's Report

- *Food Truck Checklist and Decal*
 - We have the new decals and checklist ready and will distribute them after today's meeting. This time, we have implemented a numbering system so we can track who each decal is assigned to, as we noticed that the decals are fading depending on the type of pen or marker being used.

- *Fire Chief's Group Meeting*
 - I will be attending the Chief's meeting this month and bringing Shane Lanoue along with me to discuss the plan for consistency throughout the county regarding Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) submittals. I want to present this to the Chiefs for their feedback and buy-in before potentially moving forward.
 - Yolanda and Shane worked together to set up a portal where occupants submit their CEMP. Once submitted, the fire official for the specific jurisdiction will receive a notification that a CEMP is available for review.
 - Once reviewed, a standard letter, which is customized to the agency/fire official completing the review, will be sent to the occupant informing them whether the fire portion of their CEMP was approved or denied. If denied, they will be given specific reasons why and would have to resubmit, after which we would start the notification process over until approved.

- *Countywide Redbook*
 - Sharon Shivers and Shane Lanoue met last week to go over the Redbook. The formatting has been an issue, so we are going to start over from scratch; therefore, it will not be ready for this month's Chief Meeting.

Vice-President's Report

Nothing to report.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- *Financial reports for August 1-30*
 - Checking- \$6,297.32
 - Deposits- nothing to report.
 - Expenses- nothing to report.

 - Savings- \$1,000.83
 - 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

Sharon Shivers & Ken Mitchell

o Public School Walkthroughs

- Howard Bailey wanted to know if the police department are signing off on the fire safety walkthroughs.
 - Ken Mitchell advised that the police department and fire departments conducting the fire safety walkthrough all sign off on the form.
 - Howard Bailey also wanted to know from a liability standpoint, what do we need to do if during the fire safety walkthrough, we come across a violation.
 - Ken Mitchell advised us to contact him if we come across anything.
- Sharon Shivers advised that we discussed last month the lack of consistency, or we feel, guidelines that these Principals are to follow.
 - When we arrive, we are usually met with a blank stare by the administration staff (i.e., principal, or assistant principal) who seem confused about what they need to do with us.
 - Ken Mitchell advised that if we go to their website, Volusia County Schools- Security Department there is a Security Manual – Standard 300 that all the veteran principals know about and know what their role is for these walkthroughs.
 - The problem is the new principal that comes from different counties, including the staff at the front desk. They are not as familiar with the process and/or document.
 - The walkthroughs are required to obtain funding from the state, OPAGA.
 - Ken Mitchell confirmed that the school is only required to provide you with documentation/updated maps, etc. if changes were made.
- Sharon Shivers reminded the group that DLs are not required to be shown during the walkthroughs and a city ID will suffice if you are acting in the capacity of a firefighter.
 - Ken Mitchell confirmed that Chastity Burke sent an email to all the principals reminding them of this.
 - Brian Sievertson advised the group that the State Statute includes Code Compliance Officers and Building Officials.

Sharon Shivers

o Florida Youth Firesetters Intervention Network

- Nothing additional to report.

New Business

Terry Griffith

- *NFPA Journal Article*
 - I read an article on single exits/stairs in residential buildings (apartments).
 - In some cities they have been pushing to go higher than four floors (despite certain restrictions). They now want to go to six floors and have bypassed fire and building codes, doing this through state statutes.
 - You might see this in cities like Daytona Beach, New Smyrna, DeLand, or any places with old districts and older buildings. When I was in DeLand, I was frequently approached by building owners wanting to do something with the upstairs, like converting them into apartments, etc. I see this trend coming. It is already taking off out West.

Presentation

Greg Kelly

- *County Radio*
 - Fred Link suggested that we add the radio guidelines document to the countywide Redbook.

Roundtable

Sharon Shivers

- *FCDICE*
 - A huge thank you to Fred Link for getting Shane Lanoue and Kyle Crider on our FCDICE as instructors for our group. Terry Griffith will remain on the list as well.
- *1-800- Board Up*
 - I had a good conversation this morning with 1-800-Board Up. They are interested in coming to speak to our group. I will start conversations with him to try and figure something out.
- *Officer Positions for 2025*
 - In our upcoming meetings, I would like to start talking about our replacements for the upcoming year. So, start thinking about nominees; volunteers are also appreciated.

Sam Schaller

Nothing to report.

Lisa Nadeau

Nothing to report.

Ken Mitchell

- *Fire Prevention Week*

- Is anyone planning to do anything at the Elementary Schools for Fire Prevention Week, which is scheduled for the week of October 6th -12th?
 - Sharon Shivers advised I will find out and let him know about Deltona.
 - Mark Edgil advised that Volusia County is participating.

Howard Bailey

- *New Positions*
 - Fire Marshal – internal only. We will also have the following positions: Fire Inspector, Admin Battalion Chief – internal, and a Firefighter position.
- *Mobile Eyes Update*
 - We have been working with Mobile Eyes and are close to being done. We are also looking into FlowMSP.
- *Upcoming Conference*
 - Health and Safety Conference, October 7th- 9th in Orlando.

Dan Deckers

Nothing to report.

Ajorie Bailey

Nothing to report.

Norman Medders

Nothing to report.

Brian Sievertson

- *Daytona Health and Spa*
 - Chief Bailey inquired about what is going on with the building. Brian advised that it sustained heavy damage after Hurricane Ian in which they are waiting on insurance. The building official is involved. It is a work in progress.

Fred Godawa

Nothing to report.

Richard Beauregard

Nothing to report.

Ken Gaines

Nothing to report.

Mark Edgil

Nothing to report.

Fred Link

- *FFMIA Conference*
 - The conference will be held in Melbourne on November 4-7.

- *EV Vehicles/Batteries*
 - Fred Link advised that they received a phone call from an insurance company following a vehicle fire to inquire about the disposal of the batteries since they are having a hard time finding a company to take them.
 - Lisa Nadeau suggested he contact Tim Mossgrove with Hillsborough to see if he has a contact.
 - Terry Griffiths advised that the fire collage hosted a burn last month where they did a full burn on a damaged EV Toyota. Once extinguished it rekindled a couple of hours later.
 - During the burn the University of Miami conducted a cancer study.
 - The study consisted of drone air monitoring, ground monitoring, blood samples from the firefighters, and gear. They will conduct blood testing over time on the firefighters who participated in the burn to help gather data.

Kyle Crider

- *Mobile Eyes & FlowMSP*
 - Moving closer to purchasing Mobile Eyes and FlowMPS.
 - Kyle Crider inquired what type of device are the engines using for inspections?
 - Sharon Shivers advised Deltona uses iPads to conduct inspections and pre-fire plans.

Rebecca Whidden

Nothing to report.

Terry Griffith

Nothing to report.

Jeff Humphreys

- *Emailing Issues*
 - I sent an email last week to the group but received a response back that Ponce Inlet, New Smyrna and many others did not receive my email. Is anyone else having this problem?
 - Sharon Shivers advised that she is also getting messages that emails are not being delivered. This happens when I forward an email or reply to all.

- *Daycare Locking Mechanism*
 - Jeff Humphreys asked the group if anyone has come across the use of magnetic door locks with sensor release in a daycare or an assembly because he has recently come

across six locations that have installed them without a permit. Three of them are in day care occupancies and three are in assembly occupancies.

- When researching the day care occupancy chapter there are three options for delayed egress.
 - Section 7.2.6 allows for delayed egress however it shall have a motion sensor release and not everyone agrees with that.
 - The occupants only want the button to release the door and not the sensor since the sensor allows for the children to get out of the door.
 - We have a firefighter whose family runs three day cares in Daytona and they do not have the sensors.
 - In the Annex, it says that the push to release button is secondary, so am interpreting the code correct in that the sensor is required in addition to the push to exit button?
 - Terry Griffiths advised that mag locks are one kind of lock and in the Shores, we had mag locks and then we had latch locks. Occupants would come up to the door with a fob and the lock would release.
 - On the egress side it has always worked with the fob or sensor. This keeps the door secured from the outside and still meets code. If you could get them to switch the door hardware out and get rid of the mag locks that do require the sensor and push to release button, that would eliminate your problem.
- Brian Sievertson believes this should be looked at based on the occupancy type.
 - In one case he had in Daytona with a day care. The day care was on a busy road (Ridgewood Avenue) and if the children got out, they would run out onto a main road, so as the AHJ he considered all the risk factors and allowed the location to eliminate the motion sensor because he felt the safety of the children outweighed what the code book said.
 - Sharon Shivers asked Brian if he had code backing to support that decision that Jeff could use since his case seems similar.
 - Ken Gaines mentioned NFPA 1, Chapter 1.7.8.2.
 - Fred Link suggested Jeff sends the state a Dec Statement.
- Jeff H Humphreys advised that he agrees with what Brian said and in his three cases at the day cares there they have two additional exits within 40 feet from the other classrooms. The delayed egress is just on the main door.

Projected Project Goals

Create a Countywide Redbook

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 3:23 PM. Motion was made by Howard Bailey and second by Ken Gaines.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 2:00 PM

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