



# East Central Florida Fire Prevention Association



*Meeting Minutes:*

**Tuesday, November 12, 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. Richard Beauregard - Holly Hill
6. Ken Gaines - Ormond Beach
7. Fred Godawa - New Smyrna Beach
8. Terry Griffiths – Retired
9. Eric Hill- Wiginton Fire Systems Orlando
10. Jeff Humphrey – Edgewater
11. Chip Johnson - Volusia County School Board
12. Steve Lane - New Smyrna Beach
13. Adam Martin- Wiginton Fire Systems Orlando
14. Ken Mitchell- Volusia County School Board
15. Brian Sievertson - Daytona Beach
16. Tom Smith- Wiginton Fire Systems Orlando
17. Don Wiech - New Smyrna
18. Rebecca Whidden – Deland
19. Brandon Merritt- Summit Fire & Security

## **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Sharon Shivers, President, at 2:06 PM.

## **Meeting Minutes**

Approval of October Meeting Minutes with September 1-30, 2024, financial reports.  
Motion to approve: Chip Johnson. Seconded by: Tom Smith

## **President's Report**

- *Chief's Group Meeting*
  - Sharon Shivers and Ken Gaines will attend the upcoming Fire Chief's Group meeting on December 20th so that Sharon can advise the Chief's that Ken will become the ECFFPA liaison effective January 1, 2025.
    - I will inquire about the CEMP portal and if they are satisfied with the letters so that we can move forward with using the portal across the county.
- *Redbook*
  - Still trying to get that off the ground. Sharon and Shane Lanoue will work on it next year.
    - At the Chief's group meeting I will inquire if a decision has been made about needing a MOG.
- *FFMIA Conference*
  - Some key takeaways from the conference included upcoming rulemaking on food trucks. Keep your eyes open as we will want to be vocal about input. Should be opening the first of the year unless something else takes precedence.
    - The state is currently working on rulemaking for battery storage facilities.
  - Christina Diaz, our Regional Director advised that she would try to bring more classes to our area this year in order to meet the minimum allocated (16 hours) we should be getting through the FFMIA.
    - She advised that if we have classes or suggestions on classes, we would like to have to reach out to her.
- *Upcoming Training*
  - FFMIA just posted an Area of Rescue 2-Way Radio Communication Class taking place on November 21st at the Seminole County Training Center.
  - Josh Pringle reached out to me just before the FFMIA conference via Bobby Wu because he wants to come back to our group and put on a refresher course regarding CO2. It will be the same presentation he did at the conference.
    - I'll reach out to him to start working on getting that set up.

- Terry Griffith advised that he was on a zoom meeting a couple of weeks ago with the State up in Ocala and Chief Ennist would like to do some hybrid training and would also like to bring some of the approved classes that are taught up there and bring them throughout the state, that is his goal.
  - They are looking to re-write some of the curriculum for the basic courses.
  - They are looking for certified instructors, especially Fire Officer 3 and 4 level. This would be at the college and possibly in local areas.
  - You will need to be an OPS employee now (part time), they do not do the contracted work anymore. You would need to apply through the state.
  - Sharon Shivers asked Terry to please send me something about that and I can send it to the group to see if anyone is interested.

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

Nothing to report.

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

- *Financial reports for October 1-31*
  - Checking: \$5,191.10
    - Deposits- nothing to report.
    - Expenses: nothing to report.
  - Savings: \$1,000.85
    - Deposits- nothing to report.
    - Expenses- nothing to report.
- *Membership Invoices*
  - Annual membership invoices will be distributed over the next couple of weeks.

### **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**

### ***Steve Lane***

- *Bed & Breakfast Occupancies*
  - Nothing additional to report.
- *Chickee Hut*
  - Nothing additional to report.
- *Local Amendments*
  - Nothing additional to report.

### ***Brian Sievertson***

- *Food Truck Event Fees*
  - Nothing additional to report.

### ***Chip Johnson***

- BDAs
  - The P25 signal is reportedly penetrating buildings better than the current system. As a result, the number of schools initially requiring a BDA has been reduced from twenty to six or fewer.
  - Testing is scheduled for November 20th at Tomoka, new school and testing with Ormond Beach

### ***Sharon Shivers***

- *Officer Positions for 2025*
  - Ken Gaines will take over as President beginning January 2025. Sharon Shivers will step down into the Vice-President role and Lisa Nadeau will remain the Secretary/ Treasurer. Ken Gaines will also now serve as the ECFFPA liaison to the Fire Chief's Group.

- *Holiday Luncheon*
  - Lisa Nadeau will talk about this during the round table.

## **New Business**

None.

## **Presentation**

None.

## **Roundtable**

### ***Sharon Shivers***

- *NFPA- IFMA Section*
  - There is a greater push for Florida to become members of the International Fire Marshals Association (IFMA). It is free to join if you are a current member of NFPA.
  
- *School Inspection Reports*
  - I recall several months back Ken Mitchell advised the group that he would be providing us with annual inspection reports; however, to date, we have not received any.
    - Ken Mitchell advised that he has them but was waiting for the Director, Rod Smith, to attend the meeting. This way we can meet him and ask questions once the reports are handed out.
      - He is the new Director of Maintenance. He can answer the questions about the outstanding deficiencies.
    - Sharon Shivers advised that our next meeting will be in January
      - Ken Mitchell advised he would bring the reports at that time.

### ***Sam Schaller***

Nothing to report.

### ***Lisa Nadeau***

- *Holiday Luncheon*
  - I reached out to Tiano's Italian Restaurant and Ford's Garage. Ford's Garage is the only one who called back and can accommodate our group.
    - Last year we raised the cost per paying due member to \$20.00

- *FACAP Conference*

- Registration is opening soon. The Hotel is the Equestrian Center, \$179.00/night

***Adam Martin***

- *BDAs*

- New laws go into effect for BDAs in existing buildings and would like to know how everyone is handling it?
  - Sam Schaller pulled up the law and stated it reads that all new or existing buildings must meet the minimum requirements with the radio. Existing buildings must come into compliance except high-rises January 1, 2025.
    - Sam Schaller advised that to determine if you need one or not, it should only be determined using DAQ, NFPA 1221. It details this now.
    - Adam Martin advised that DAQ is a terrible idea. It is very deceptive. Half of you do not understand me because I sound different. It is opened to determination and removes the human element. Volusia County specifies that they need to use the PCTel. It is very easy to fail a building. There are companies that will test your building for free and purposely fail you.

***Eric Hill***

Nothing to report.

***Tom Smith***

- *New Position*

- I am transferring to the Wigginton – Charlotte Office in Charlotte South Carolina effective November 15<sup>th</sup>, so will be leaving the association effective January 1, 2025.

***Brandon Merritt***

- *New member*

- I recently came here from South Florida to be the Branch Manager after Summit Fire & Security acquired Daytona Fire & Safety and Advanced Fire & Security.

***Ken Gaines***

- *Fire Inspector Position*

- Ormond is advertising for a Fire Inspector position. Starting is 52,000ish, basically with no experience and is negotiable with the amount of experience you do have. We are looking for someone who can hit the ground running.
  - We are trying to get the new position up and running by the first of the year, preferably by Christmas of this year. Hours will be 8:00-5:00 PM.
  - Ormond has not had a Fire Inspector for about 12 years. Leigh Grosvenor was the last one. Anything and everything is due for an annual. The Building Department has just been doing the state inspections and new construction.

- Would like to bring on another fire inspector position next year.
- *Promotion*
  - Effective Saturday, I will become the official Fire Marshal.
- *Mobile Eyes*
  - This is in the very early stages of discussion, but I would like to work with the Chief's group who could potentially work with Sherriff Chitwood to present the idea of accepting Mobile Eyes and FlowMSP as the fire departments software package for pre-fire plans so that all of Volusia County municipalities would be operating on the same page and have access to the information.

***Ken Mitchell***

- *Hurricane Milton*
  - We had several schools that were damaged and 8 schools that were flooded.
    - Osteen Elementary is still partially flooded. We had to change the bus and parent loops.
- *Metal Detectors*
  - We are adding another layer of protection to the schools. Not only will we have locked doors and security bars, you will need to go through metal detectors which also detect guns.
    - This will start with high schools, middle schools and elementary schools. This includes Charter schools.
    - Orange, Osceola and Seminole are ahead of us. Technology is constantly changing.
- *BDAs*
  - Of the s2 schools that failed, we only have 7 schools that are left to be tested. Ken advised that he sent the list to Sharon Shivers who advised the group she will send the list out.
    - Old Palm Terrace – Office, Volusia Pines, River Springs MS – Buildings 1, 2, 3 & 4, new Tomoka is scheduled the 20th at 9:00AM, Pine Trail – Main Office, Taylor MS and Pierson ES – the entire school.
    - Four of the schools are on the list to go to the board meeting for funding.
    - 24/25 school year – ends in May, we may start two new projects on one of these schools.
    - 25/26 school year – we should be done with the BDAs in all of the schools. The County owns the frequency, and they tell us what to do.

***Fred Godawa***

Nothing to report.

***Ajorie Bailey***

Nothing to report.

***Terry Griffith***

Nothing to report.

***Richard Beauregard***

- *Fire Station 96*
  - We are 30-45 days out from completion.

***Jeff Humphrey***

- *Gas Detector for Food Trucks*
  - Is there a handheld UL1484, gas detector?
    - Steve Lane advised that every RV has one that is hardwired. Jeff Humphrey then asked if that is what food trucks need to buy?
    - Sam Schaller advised that the detector only needs to be plugged-in and not hardwired. Lisa Nadeau advised they can be found on Amazon.

***Chip Johnson***

Nothing to report.

***Steve Lane***

Nothing to report.

***Brian Sievertson***

- *BDAs*
  - I have them place a sign on the exterior of the door which houses the BDA equipment stating BDA System.
    - Brian Sievertson advised that he called Melbourne as Sam Schaller suggested to see how they have handled BDAs in secure area since they have Lockheed Martin which a bunch of separate buildings and they advised they have a system to where their security people have access to a red phone and an on/off button for a BDA in a secured area, which is always off, and security should be able to turn it on.



- Adam Martin advised that you could run a separate fiber with a small amplifier for one antenna, that would be off until the activation of the fire alarm and not have to rely on a human.

***Don Wiech***

Nothing to report.

***Rebecca Whidden***

Nothing to report.

**Projected Project Goals**

Create a Countywide Redbook.

Reevaluation of our By-Laws

**Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:27 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Gaines and seconded by Adam Martin.

**Next Meeting**

*Next meeting is Holiday Luncheon/ No Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 11:00 AM- Ford's Garage, Daytona Beach.*