



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES Thursday, January 12th, 2012

CFFCA President Jim White opened the regular CFFCA meeting at 12:05pm. The Roll Call sign-in journal confirmed that a quorum was present under the adopted bylaws to conduct official business and voting matters. After a request for any special prayers, CFFCA Chaplain Ragan Vandegriff led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

All in attendance were given a warm welcome by President White. Guests in attendance were introduced and also welcomed by the membership. President White also formally thanked the Corporate Partners and Agency Fire Chiefs for their membership support of the CFFCA and its mission.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT: President White informed all present that the FDNY Rescue 4 Traveling 9-11 Remembrance Unit was on display outside and acknowledged the honorable work by Remembrance Rescue Project www.THERRP.ORG and its noble mission to educate, honor, and remember the fallen through this traveling fundraiser in support of the children of fallen firefighters.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: President White presented Rick Stilp with a CFFCA Retirement Plaque in recognition of his 6 years of service as the Central Florida Fire Academy's Director.

John Pedalino [FDNY ret] performed door duty collecting lunch payments, 50/50 ticket sales, and CFFCA Challenge Coin and Window Decals sales for the Secretary/Treasurer.

Member Agencies/Corp Partners Attending (16 Agencies + 4 Corp Partners + 2 Guest Agencies): Altamonte Springs [ret], FDNY [ret], State Fire Marshal Office, Sanford, Daytona Beach, Orlando, Umatilla, Ocoee, Longwood, Orange County, Tavares, Leesburg, Winter Garden, Kissimmee, Winter Park, and Seminole County. **CORPORATE:** Elkhart Brass, 1-800-Boardup, MECO Fire, and Ten 8 Fire. **GUEST AGENCIES:** Lake EMS and Deltona Fire.

Members and Guests Present (29 Members + 11 Guests): Steve Gaston, John Pedalino, Mac McGarry, Kendall Gogarty, Charles Chapman, Jerry Ransom, Robert Gonzales, Jim Bland, Rick Stilp, Tony Apfelbeck, Jeffrey Benway, Pete McNeil, Tim Hoover, Tammy Wunderly, Richard Keith, Kevin Bowman, Robert Boggus, Chad Williamson, John Miller, John McCormack, John Williamson, Karen Hunter, John Rooney, Mark Austin, Jim White, Ragan Vandegriff, Jim Reynolds, Kevin Yelvington, and Hezedeane Smith. **GUESTS:** Larry Stoney [sp?] - Daytona, Dr. Gloria Bullman - OFD Consultant, Bill Gulbrandsen - Longwood, Jim Judge - Lake EMS, Matthew Fenneman - MECO, Roderick Williams - Orlando, David Harris - Orlando, Jim Wells - Kissimmee, Unreadable name and agency??, Unreadable name - Seminole County, and Bob Staples - Deltona.

[Roll-in Lunch Buffet Served to all in attendance]

Consent Agenda (listed below as approved by the BOD On 01/05/12) was presented to the general membership with handouts provided on each table for membership review and vote.

January 12th Consent Agenda

1. Approval of General Meeting minutes November 10th and December 8th, 2011.
2. Approval of November/December 2011 Treasury Report [combined].
3. Approval of New Memberships: 1st Alarm Partner - Butch Stanley - Belfor Property Restoration
4. Notice of 2012 Nomination/Election of New Officers set for February 9th IAW bylaws: Vice-President, District 2 Seminole Director, District 4 Lake Director, and District 5 Retired Fire Chief Director [at-Large].

Motion to approve consent agenda was made by Retired Chief Charles Chapman, seconded by retired Chief Jim Reynolds. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the membership present.

Note: 50/50 was collected in the amount of \$88 with \$44 going to the ticket winner (Retired Chief Steve Gaston) and \$44 remaining 50/50 balance going to the CFFCA Treasury.



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Committee Reports: Tony Apfelbeck [Legislative Chair] provided brief update on Florida Fire Prevention Code updates that addressed Water Supply [common standard statewide] and new provisions added to address interior FF building communications responsibility of building owner.

Chief Ransom updated the membership on February program for CFFCA retirees; CFFCA hosting April 12th Seminar on FD Managing Strategies for the Digital Age by speaker Curt Varone; and CFFCA hosting an EMSpire Seminar with speaker Steve Wirth. Flyers will be forthcoming.

Chief Williamson [FFCA President and Immediate Past President CFFCA] reminded the membership of Fire Rescue East Expo at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center and encouraged and welcomed attendance. He also updated the CFFCA membership on the National Fallen FF Foundation Golf Tournament and made a motion that CFFCA partner with the NFFF as a host with support provided to NFFF Chair Rick Stilp. Motion seconded by Chief Richard Keith and passed by a unanimous vote of the membership present.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: President White informed the membership that the Nominations/Election Ad Hoc Committee was appointed with all incumbents seeking re-election. Any interested CFFCA members wishing to seek office should contact the Committee Chair [Chief John Jolliff] with their stated interest. He can be reached at jjolliff@lakecountyfl.gov. Election will take place at the February 9th General Membership Meeting with the installation of new officers taking place at the March 8th General Membership Meeting. Terms of Office are 2-years [April 2012 - March 2014].

Good of the Organization: Michelle Czechowski of Barry University [Chief Williamson's guest] introduced to the membership its new offering of scholarships to all public safety employees and family members in the Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole County areas. She handed out packets to all present detailing the new educational opportunity from Barry University.

Jim Judge [Executive Director - Lake EMS - guest of Chief Richard Keith] informed the membership that Orlando, Florida has been announced as the site of the next Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update (ECCU) Conference. It will be held Sept. 11-15 (with preconference workshops on Sept. 11 and 12) at the new Rosen Shingle Creek hotel.

Hearing no further business from the floor, President White adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 12:55pm upon motion by retired Chief Chapman, seconded by Chief Williamson. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the membership present.

PROGRAM:

Chief Ransom introduced and welcomed Mark Austin, District Chief - Orlando Fire Department and Dr. Gloria Bullman - CISM Consultant] as special speakers to discuss Critical Incident Stress Management in a group discussion forum.

Highlights of his discussion included:

- Historical perspective on CISM and its evolution from inception
- Impact of Attrition and Current Status of CISM at OFD and OCFRD
- Roundtable discussion allowing each agency in attendance to provide CISM current status
- Needs assessment with future professional training to revitalize CISM and feasibility of a more CFFCA regional approach.
- Interested agencies offered training opportunity or own training at their venue
- CFFCA Board of Directors to follow up w/ a planning session

At the conclusion of the program presentation, CFFCA President Jim White presented both DC Austin and Dr. Bullman with a CFFCA challenge coin as a small token of our appreciation.

All photos taken at the meeting/program will be posted on the CFFCA website at www.cffca.us under the Gallery menu tab.