



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES Thursday, January 13th, 2011

CFFCA President Jim White opened the regular CFFCA meeting at 11:55AM. 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 gave the invocation calling special attention to recent tragic shooting event in Tucson, AZ. A special Moment of Silence was called for in respect and honor of Fire Chief Mark Sauer [Bradenton Fire Department] and CFFCA friend who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 55 years. Following the invocation and moment of silence, Ragan led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. All in attendance were given a warm welcome. Guests in attendance were introduced and welcomed by the membership.

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

Member Agencies/Corp Partners Attending (16 Agencies + 6 Corp Partners + 1 Guest Agency): Altamonte Springs [ret], FDNY [ret], Winter Park, Longwood, Oviedo, Leesburg, Lake County, Orange County, Clermont, Lake Mary, Osceola County, CFIX, St. Cloud, Tavares, Sanford, and Orlando. **CORPORATE:** MSA, Elkhart Brass, Bennett Fire, Ten 8, FireStats, Hall-Mark, and SERVPRO. **GUEST AGENCIES:** Deltona Fire Department.

Members and Guests Present (30 Members + 8 Guests): Steve Gaston, John Pedalino, Eric Klotz, Mac McGarry, David Nummela, Robert Boggus, Jim White, Tony Stravino, Paul Rottenburg, Lars White, Nate Gilman, Kevin Bowman, Charles Chapman, John Jolliff, Greg Combs, David Rathbun, Mark Rhame, Thomas Rullo, Paul Anderson, Carle Bishop, Dan Miller, Craig Haun, Dan McAvoy, Rick Fudge, Kristie Toruno, Ragan Vandegriff, Bill Johnston, Richard Keith, Jerry Ransom, and Jim Reynolds. **GUESTS:** Monte Sims [Ten 8], Fritz Leader [Ten 8], Dee Daniels [Hall-Mark], Cindy Morgan [Ten 8], Gary Schindell [Clermont], David Kilbury [Clermont], Bob Staples [Deltona Fire Chief], and Merideth Gaines [CFIX].

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

Consent Agenda (listed below as approved by the BOD on November 4th was presented to the membership for approval. A Consent Agenda and November/December Treasury Report were provided as a handout on each table for membership review.

1. Approval of General Meeting Minutes November 11th, 2010.
2. Approval of November/December 2010 Treasury Report [combined].
3. New Memberships [2 corporate partners]:
 - 2nd Alarm Partner - Rob Williams, Cardiac Science - Senior Territory Manager
 - 1st Alarm Partner - Gary Kranston, Bentley Architects + Engineers, Inc. - Vice President

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

Note: 50/50 was collected in the amount of \$79 with \$39 going to the ticket winner (Chief Tony Stravino, Longwood FD) and \$40 remaining 50/50 balance going to the CFFCA Treasury.

Committee Reports: No Fire/EMS Legislative Committee reports. President White reminded the membership of the FRS pension legislation and encouraged ALL to keep abreast of this important issue. A LINK is available on the FFCA website under the legislative section which monitors all related legislative issues.

Under Professional Development, Chief Ransom confirmed February meeting as our CFFCA Retiree Round Up Recognition and a program planned on Beating Stress and Aging.

Chief Jolliff on behalf of Chief Williamson [Fund Raiser Committee] stated that help is needed if the Golf Tournament is a GO. Chief Williamson is unable to coordinate the event this year due to other commitments.

CFIX Update: Kristie Toruno [CFIX] gave a brief overview and update on a recent suspicious activity reported from the Melbourne area regarding station tours. SAR report shared with membership as FOUO document. Agencies were asked to review their internal visitation policies and procedures in an effort to harden critical facilities. More info will



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follow via e-mail notifications. Kristie also reported that a training program is being developed for Chemical Suicide Incidents, including Dispatchers asking specific questions when EMS incident patients are reported within a vehicle.

Old Business: None

New Business: President White announced the re-appointment of the Nominations/Election Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose to present a Slate of Officers for membership vote in February in accordance with the bylaws. Officer positions up for election are: President, District 1 Director [Orange], and District 3 Director [Osceola]. Upon election in February, installation of new officers [Oath of Office] will be conducted at the March meeting.

Good of the Organization: President White announced 3rd Alarm Showcases by Ten 8 today and Hall-Mark in February. Ten 8 presented a brief overview of their showcase to the membership.

President White reminded the membership that FRE was being held in Daytona Beach January 19-22 at the Ocean Center. The Trade Show is scheduled for January 21-22.

Assistant Chief David Kilbury announced the "Courage to be Safe" class with information on the course and its benefits.

Hearing no further business from the floor, President White adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 12:31PM upon motion by Chief Haun, seconded by retired Chief Reynolds. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the membership present.

PROGRAM:

Chief Ransom introduced Mr. Paul Rottenburg of FireStats along with his background and the courses he has held in the Central Florida area over the recent past. Mr. Rottenburg presented an informative PowerPoint presentation on "Tools for Evaluating Fire Service Delivery Performance". Many methods of reporting and validating delivery performance through effective use of statistical information through presentation of visual graphs, charts, maps, and other illustrative means.

At the conclusion of the presentation and its question and answer period, President White thanked Paul and recognized him with a CFFCA Challenge Coin.