



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Vice President Jerry Ransom opened the regular CFFCA meeting at 11:55am. Roll Call confirmed that a quorum was present under the adopted bylaws. After a request for any special prayers, CFFCA Chaplain Ragan Vandegriff gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. John Pedalino [FDNY ret] collected lunch payments and 50/50 tickets for the Secretary/Treasurer. All in attendance were welcomed.

**Member Agencies/Corp Partners Attending (13 Agencies + 3 Corp Partners + 2 guest agencies):** Altamonte Springs, FDNY [ret], Longwood [ret], Oviedo, Sanford, Lake County, Winter Garden, Tavares, Lake Mary, Ocoee, Kissimmee, Seminole County, and Orange County. **Corporate Partners and/or Guest Agencies:** Municipal Equipment, Ten 8, and TaqetSafety; State Fire Marshal's Office and Central Florida Intelligence Fusion Center - CFIX.

**Members and Guests Present (24 Members + 4 Guests):** Steve Gaston, Charles Chapman, Lars White, sp? [Sanford], Jerry Ransom, John Jolliff, John Pedalino, Matt McGrew, Joe Silvestria, John Williamson, Tony Apfelbeck, Robert Boggus, Richard Keith, Craig Haun, Ragan Vandegriff, Pete McNeil, Megan Shephard, John Rooney, TJ Lyon, Diane Ashe, Robert Gonzales, Robert Beck, David Rathbun, and Joe Washington. **GUESTS:** Brian Morrow [Orange County FD], Damon Allen [MECO], Sherry Hare [CFIX], and Kristie Toruno [CFIX].

Those in attendance enjoyed a roll-in buffet lunch provided by Lofton's chef and staff.

**Consent Agenda** (listed below) approved by motion of Fire Chief Pete McNeil, seconded by Deputy Chief Matt McGrew to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion unanimously approved by membership vote.

1. Approval of General Meeting Minutes of November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. No business conducted at December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. Approval of Nov/Dec 2009 Treasury Report [both months combined].

**Note:** 50/50 was collected in the amount of \$77 with \$38 going to the winner Chief Craig Haun [Lake Mary FD] and with the remaining balance of \$39 going to the CFFCA Treasury.

**Committee Reports:** Tony Apfelbeck briefed those present on current legislative issues and informed the group of a rule-making workshop at FRE concerning the light-weight truss marking system rule provision concerning whether or not to include steel bar joist assemblies. Tony encouraged attendance by each agency at the FRE workshop. Other legislative actions discussed were: Rewriting of State Fire Marshal Rules, S1136 Fire Hydrant Inspections, S1074 Public Schools Inspections, S846 Eliminating Building Commission authority to require residential sprinklers, and S832 and S648 concerning Codes by the FSFMO.

Chief Ransom reported that the Professional Development Committee has planned a personal financial planning program for February along with the CFFCA Retirees Roundup. Barry Baker [State Fire College] is set for the March meeting.

Chief Chapman encouraged input on any social events that may be of interest to our membership.

No other committee reports...

**Old Business:** No old business...

**New Business:** VP Ransom announced to the membership that the 2010 Nomination/Election process is underway for the positions of Vice President, District 2 Seminole Director, District 4 Lake County Director, and District 5 Director-at-large representing retirees. Any interested members should e-mail their intent to the Committee Chair [Deputy Chief John Jolliff at [jjolliff@lakecounty.gov](mailto:jjolliff@lakecounty.gov)] prior to February. The Slate of Officers will be presented at the February meeting followed by the election of new officers.

Under new business, District 4 Director Richard Keith provided an update on Leesburg Chief Dennis Sargent recent health issue and presented a resolution [read aloud and placed on file] in this regard for membership approval. Resolution approved by motion of Retired Fire Chief Chapman, seconded by Chief Haun. Motion unanimously approved by membership vote. A get-well card was circulated for all to sign. Chief Keith will hand carry resolution and card to Chief Sargent on behalf of the membership.



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**Good of the Organization:** CONGRATS were extended [followed by applause] to longstanding CFFCA member Pete McNeil for his recent appointment as the new Fire Chief for the City of Ocoee.

Chief Williamson announced the FL Emergency Services Coalition kick-off meeting scheduled at FRE on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in Daytona Beach. He encouraged all agency chiefs to please attend the 5-Bugle Chief Round Table to discuss the current economic impacts with emphasis on developing legislative strategies. FRE Expo will be Friday thru Sunday.

Assistant Chief Joe Washington [OCFRD] announced the upcoming Ten Commandments of Apparatus Safety symposium to be held on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at the First Baptist Church of Orlando [Henry Chapel] 9am - Noon. Registration is FREE.

In follow-up to the legislative report by Tony, DC McGrew emphasized that the primary purpose of the truss rule is FF safety which evolved from the [2] LODD's experienced by Orange County Fire Rescue 10 years ago and the Charleston 9 LODD incident.

Chief Lars White reminded the membership that the SAFE HAVEN website has FF training resources available for downloading and educational use. Completion of this training program qualifies for EMT/Pare recertification CEU's.

Robert Boggus [Ten 8] announced and invited the association membership to their opening party festivities at the Daytona Speedway during FRE. Contact Robert after the meeting to confirm RSVP.

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Hearing no further business, Vice President Ransom adjourned the Business Meeting at 12:33pm upon motion by Chief Haun and seconded by Chief Chapman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the membership.

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**PROGRAM:** Chief Jerry Ransom introduced Kristie Toruno, Intelligence Analyst - Central FL Intelligence Fusion Center [CFIX]. Kristie presented a very informative PowerPoint presentation on the Central Florida FUSION Center, its purpose [mission], its collaborative partnerships, and the products provided to the Fire/EMS/Emergency Services disciplines. Handouts were made available to all agencies in attendance.

At the conclusion of the program and a Q and A period, Vice President Ransom presented Kristie with a full color CFFCA logo display board for use as a wall display at the Fusion Center.

**EQUIPMENT DISPLAY:** None

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