



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

CFFCA President Jim White opened the regular CFFCA meeting at 12:05 p.m. The Roll Call sign-in journal confirmed that a quorum was present under the adopted bylaws to conduct official business and voting matters. President White, on behalf of the membership, gave a warm welcome back to CFFCA Chaplain Ragan Vandegriff who had been on extended medical leave. Chaplain Vandegriff thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers along with the many cards, e-mails, and phone calls as it was most appreciated by him and Pat. Chaplain Vandegriff gave his own tribute to those telecommunicators who were present in recognition of National Telecommunications Week April 8 – 14, 2012 as he began as an OFD dispatcher. After a request for any special prayers, Chaplain Vandegriff gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

All in attendance were given a warm welcome. Retirees and 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 (19 Agencies + 3 Corp Partners + 3 Guest Agency):** Altamonte Springs [ret], FDNY [ret], Sanford, Winter Park, Kissimmee, Reedy Creek, Tavares, Winter Garden, Osceola County, Lake Mary, Orlando, Seminole County, Ocoee, Clermont, Longwood, FL Forest Service, St. Cloud, Leesburg, and GOAA. **CORPORATE:** Bennett Fire, EMS Management Consultants, and SERVPRO. **GUEST AGENCIES:** Lake EMS, Lakeland FD, and Stuart FD.

**Members and Guests Present (33 Members + 18 Guests):** Steve Gaston, John Pedalino, Vince Fioretti, Jim White, Joe Peters, Lois Tanner, Ann Davis, Richard Keith, Greg Combs, Jeremy Donovan, Charles Chapman, John Williamson, Bob Sorenson, Rick Fudge, John Miller, Jerry Ransom, Craig Haun, Leeanna Mims, Roderick Williams, Mike Reed, Craig Radzak, David Kilbury, Bill Gulbrandsen, Paul Anderson, Sean Gallagher, Mark Oakes, Mike Presby, Jim Grenus, Kevin Bowman, Duane Kaun, Richard Stover, Ivan Mustafa, and Rich Collins. **GUESTS:** Yavonna Jones [WPF 9-1-1], DeAnna Barron [WPF], Eva DeWalt [Kissimmee 9-1-1], Kimberly Stephens [Lake EMS], Cynde Earls [Lake EMS], Catherine McNew [Lake EMS], Jeanne Owens [Lake EMS], John Simpson [Lake EMS], Catherine Gibbins [OFD 9-1-1], Cameron Outlaw [Ocoee FD], Douglas Riley [Lakeland FD], Gary Ballard [Lakeland FD], Dave Dyal [Stuart FD], Rick Hertzog [Lakeland FD], Will Kitchings [FL Forest Service], Jay English [SCFR Comm Manager], Curt Varone [guest Speaker], and Lillian Sexton [Longwood FD].

### **CFFCA Special Order of Business Today:**

President White informed all present that the order of normal business would be suspended with the only exception being a vote for new corporate membership applicant and Good of the Organization. This change was to accommodate the special recognition program for attending Telecommunicators and the program speaker.

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

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Approval of [1] New Membership as follows:



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Corporate Partner – 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm Level – Star and Shield – Allen Durham, President and CEO

Motion to approve new membership was made by Chief Craig Haun, seconded by Retired Chief Charles Chapman. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the membership present.

**Note:** 50/50 was collected in the amount of \$64 with \$32 going to the ticket winner (Chief John Williamson - WGFR) and the \$48 remaining 50/50 balance going to the CFFCA Treasury.

**Special Recognition – Telecommunications Appreciation Week April 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012** – Chief Richard Keith [CFFCA District Director 4 – Lake County], on behalf of the CFFCA Board of Directors and Membership, presented a tribute to all 9-1-1 operators, dispatchers, and other communication staff by reading a letter by Police Chief Thomas Wagoner [Loveland, CA] written in 1994 describing the many roles and expectations of dispatchers. At the conclusion of the reading, each agency attending with a communications representative[s] came forward to introduce their special guest. Each were presented with a CFFCA Commemorative Challenge Coin by President White for a photo opportunity. The following telecommunication agencies participated in this program honoring their service as our unsung heroes:

- Orlando Fire Department
- Lake EMS – also presented a plaque by the Lake-Sumter Fire Chiefs Association – President Kevin Bowman and Chief Richard Keith.
- Kissimmee Fire-Police
- Winter Park Fire-Police
- Seminole County Fire Rescue

**Good of the Organization:** Chief Jerry Ransom provided a very brief update on his current operational action plan and issues facing the Sanford Fire Department. He thanked all those who had called him with special acknowledgement given to Seminole County Fire Rescue Department and Emergency Management Director Alan Harris. He will provide a more detailed after-action plan in the not so distant future sharing the experience and any lessons learned.

President White recognized Ivan Mustafa [SCFRD] for his recent professional credentialing as a designated Chief Fire Officer. He also recognized Ivan for his dual-credentials as a Chief Medical Officer and Chief Fire Officer – which has only been achieved by 38 professional worldwide. Ivan has been spotlighted on the CFFCA website [www.cffca.us](http://www.cffca.us) for this significant achievement.

Hearing no further business from the floor, President White adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 12:50 .p.m. upon motion by Chief Chapman, seconded by Chief Haun. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the membership present.

### **PROGRAM:**

Vice President Jerry Ransom introduced Mr. Curt Varone, retired Deputy Assistant Chief – Province [RI] who provided a case-study review PowerPoint presentation on several “DUTY TO ACT” scenarios. At the conclusion of the presentation and Q and A period, President White presented Curt with a CFFCA Commemorative Challenge Coin.