



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

CFFCA President Jim White opened the regular CFFCA meeting at 11:55AM. A Roll Call confirmed that a quorum was present under the adopted bylaws to conduct official business and voting matters. After a request for any special prayers, Deputy Chief John Jolliff 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 given a warm welcome. Guests in attendance were introduced and welcomed by the membership. Special acknowledgements were given to new corporate member Roseann Hightower [O'Brien's Response Management Group] and potential corporate partner Greg Combs [SERVPRO].

**Member Agencies/Corp Partners Attending (16 Agencies + 2 Corp Partners + 1 Guest Agencies):** Altamonte Springs [ret], FDNY [ret], Winter Park, Longwood [ret], Lake County, Mount Dora, Seminole County, Sanford, Central FL Fire Academy, Orange County, Winter Garden, Titusville, Leesburg, Orlando, Osceola County, and Clermont. **CORPORATE:** Municipal Equipment Company and O'Brien's Response Group. **GUEST AGENCIES:** Minneola Fire Department.

**Members and Guests Present (35 Members + 5 Guests):** Steve Gaston, John Pedalino, Jim White, Charles Chapman, Robert Gonzales, Jerry Ransom, Joe Silvestris, Bob Fenneman, Gary Kaiser, Skip Kerkhof, Vincent Fioretti, Craig Radzak, Rich Stilp, Dan Miller, Jeff Holton, Mark Rhame, David Rathbun, Rick Reynolds, John Williamson, Chuck Bogle, John Jolliff, Richard Stover, Kevin Bowman, Greg Hoggatt, Dan McAvoy, Rich Collins, Kevin Yelvington, Mark Oakes, Roseann Hightower, Carle Bishop, Paul Anderson, Earl Youman, John Miller, Chad Williamson, and Leeanna Mims. **GUESTS:** Greg Combs [SERVPRO], Damon Allen [MECO], Paula Ritchey [SCFRD], David Kilbury [Clermont FD], and Derryl O'Neal [Minneola FD].

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

**Consent Agenda** (listed below as approved by the BOD on May 6th was presented to the membership for approval. Consent agenda handouts with Treasury Report and proposed Budget 2010-11 were provided on each table for membership review.

1. Approval of General Meeting Minutes April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
2. Approval of April 2010 Treasury Report.
3. Approval of Proposed Annual Budget 2010-11.
4. (3) New Memberships for Approval:
  - Principal Member: Anthony Stravino, Fire Chief - Longwood Fire Department
  - Principal Member: David Sullivan, Battalion Chief - Orange County Fire Rescue Department
  - Associate Member: Scott Donovan, Fire Marshal - Winter Park Fire Rescue

Motion to approve consent agenda was made by AC Hoggatt, seconded by DC Oakes. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the membership present.

*Note: 50/50 was collected in the amount of \$124 with \$62 going to the ticket winner (Craig Radzak) with the remaining balance of \$62 going to the CFFCA Treasury.*

**Committee Reports:** Under Professional Development, Chief Ransom informed the membership of the upcoming program for June [SERC UPDATE] and EM Director Halstead during the Summer [August]. He is still looking for Operational After-Action Presentations.

Chief Williamson proposed under a motion for approval that the CFFCA become a partner with the CFFA and National Fallen FF Memorial Foundation to help bolster attendance and contributions to the NFFF Annual Golf Tournament to be held on October 8<sup>th</sup>. He suggested that the CFFCA re-think the Annual CFFCA tournament for Spring [April] as not to compete or conflict with the NFFF tournament. Motion seconded by Chief Chapman and approved by unanimous vote of the membership present.

No other committee reports...

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**Old Business:** President White updated the membership on the upcoming Fire 20/20 Seminar - "Recruiting and Retaining Diversity in the Fire Service". Twelve [12] agency teams have signed up to attend this free one-day seminar.

President White advised the membership that the "full version" CFFCA Annual Report 2009-10 has been POSTED on the CFFCA website at [www.cffca.us](http://www.cffca.us) under document downloads found on the Home Page.

**New Business:** President White reminded the membership that when they register for the upcoming FFCA Summer Executive Conference that they also need to register [pre-event ticket] for the CFFCA luncheon to be held on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the conference site in Ponte Vedra Beach at the Sawgrass Marriott. Lunch costs this year needed to be raised to help defray the added lunch costs: Members \$15pp and Non-Members/Guests \$20pp.

**Good of the Organization:** President White informed the membership of the recent BOD meeting being hosted by Mr. Ben May at Disney's EPCOT Innoventions for the purpose of touring the "Where is the Fire" public educational display and exhibit. He encouraged ALL to visit this exhibit should they not be aware of this valuable public educational endeavor.

An announcement was made to remind all that Chief Jim Reynolds [Orlando FD] retirement reception was being held this Friday night - May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Collins announced that the Osceola County Emergency Services was hosting the Regional FF Combat Challenge Competition at Old Town on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Their agency will also be hosting the National Competition to be held in October. More info to follow.

Hearing no further business from the floor, Retired Chief Chapman made motion to adjourn the business meeting at 12:30PM. Motion seconded by Chief Kaiser. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the membership present.

### **PROGRAM:**

VP Ransom introduced the 2-part program as an update on the USAR FL-TF4 Team by Chief Mims and to be followed by an Agency Round-Table Forum for all attending agencies to update one another.

Chief Mims provided an audio visual 10 minutes presentation on the current status of our Central Florida USAR Task Force 4 Team. A LINK to this update is provided on the CFFCA website's Home Page under Downloads Section located in the lower right-hand column of page [www.cffca.us](http://www.cffca.us).

The following agencies provided an update on their agency's operations and continued budget impacts:

Sanford	Winter Park	Clermont
Titusville	Lake County	Winter Garden
CFIX	CFFA [no report]	Mount Dora [no report]
Seminole County	Orlando	Osceola County

The common theme was the budgetary impacts becoming greater this coming year. Most are in a "maintenance only" survival mode of operation.