

**2022 First There First Care Gathering of Eagles  
Committee Meeting  
May 11, 2022**

**Meeting VIA Zoom: Meeting started at 11:07**

Randi Alfonzo, Steven Carter, Bruce Caruso, Johana Cinque, Vince Cinque, Theresa Curbelo, Todd Draizin, Dr. Scott Gilmore, Joel Gordon, Paolo Goyeneche, Jaime Green, Jeff Levy, Bill McGrath, Colleen McMahon, Dan Moran, Ngoc, Dr. Paul Pepe, Candace Pineda, Rachele Solomon, Rodney Turpel, Luis Villar, Charlie Wohlitka, Alison Zerbe, Michele Bachmann

E-Board Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2022

Committee Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2022

**MOTION** to Approve the Minutes

Motion made by Chief Villar

Seconded by Captain McMahon

MOTION passed unanimously

- Chair Report – Chief Caruso
  - Eagles/FCABC MOU – MOU is with Chief Brocato and in the process of finalizing the AV. After working through the MOU will be signed.
  - Commemorative Pin – Received the proof from China, Chief Caruso approve it. Currently, no ship date but will be shipped FedEx. He is looking at small boxes for Chiefs, Dignitaries, etc. instead of the plastic bag it comes in. They will also be selling the pins and shirts.
- Vice Chair Report – Chief Draizin
  - Website Update – It was mentioned that the conference location is not on the website. Chief Draizin will update the website.
  - Chief Draizin sent the link so Chief Gordon can push out the Leadership Symposium.
  - All the logos have been updated through May 2.
- Finance/ Budget Report – Chief Cinque
  - Event Budget Sheets – They are ahead of last year on sponsors and exhibitors but behind on registration compared to last year. The exhibitor registration is closed but Candace Pineda is working on a few sponsorships.
  - The E-Board just approved the fire fighter owned business section and there will be a separate location for them. Representing them because of past conference loyalty.
  - They work through the ALS Competition to keep cost down.
  - AV cost are currently 22% of the total meeting. He talked with Rick Sluman and met with Sharbel of Hard Rock to reduce the labor cost. They will be reviewing the conference for any other AV reductions.
  - They are responsible for the shuttle between the Le Meridien and the Hard Rock.

- Chief Caruso said that as they get closer to the conference there will be expenses. If it incurs a cost, it must be brought before the E-Board. They just approved challenge coins for the Leadership Symposium.
  - 1, Bring it before the E-Board for them to approve.
  2. There will be a point where they say stop paying/stop buying.
- Health and Safety Report – Captain McMahon
  - Current trend for positivity rate as of last week: national 7.4, Broward 9.7, Palm Beach 9.2, and Dade is 9.1. The number are increasing 24% from the previous week.
  - The death rate cases are decreasing overall even though positivity is increasing.
  - Currently only four people on ventilators in Broward County.
  - The current variant is going to morph and there will be different variant to come along.
  - Dr. Pepe said that one of the problems with the reporting is people are either self-testing or people having mild symptoms and not doing anything about it. A lot of the testing we're doing now are not showing up. He thinks we're underestimating what's out there.
- Event Coordinator Update – Lieutenant Johana Cinque
  - Conference Update – Have to do some adjustments to where the events are happening. During the walk through and in person meetings everyone will be aware of conference locations.
  - Johana is having a meeting with Tatiana, Hard Rock, on Saturday and they will go over details of conference. Chief Caruso said that after Saturday they wouldn't be able to make any changes.
  - Hard Rock for the most part is sold out. There are a few issues with the rooms they are working out.
- Registration Update – Chief Levy/Ngoc
  - Registration Update – Ngoc reported current registrations:
  - EMT - 25, Paramedics – 267, Nurses -36, Other – 14, Physicians – 40, under Broward Healthcare provider – 43+, Sponsors – 15, Exhibitors- 49, Full registration – 119, Eagles only – 128, FTFC only – 78.
  - There is a grant to fill over 300 slots. Chief Caruso asked the Chiefs to get people in those seats. The number one priority is education with cutting edge training.
  - Chief Levy emailed a report on the agencies that have used their codes. Only one agency used all codes. There is a couple dozen in the approval process, and they need about 17 signatures. They want to utilize the full grant. Also, he sent the EMS Chief the correct registration link for Broward County.
  - Chief Caruso said that they need an increase in registration.
  - Hardware/Software Quote – FFCA and FTFC will be splitting costs. Chief Levy found a local company to provide them with all the registration equipment and the custom printed badges. The E-Board has approved the cost of \$7,125.43 for the rental of equipment and the purchase of the badges, and Ngoc made the deadline for graphics for the badges.

- At check-in they can-do walk-up registrants and attendees' registration, and print their badges at check in. The software can check in individuals at the sessions they signed up.
- Speakers Report – Chief Carter
  - Speakers Update – Speakers are confirmed, and they need to fill seats. He has asked everyone to announce on their social media account and also ask co-workers.
  - Chief McGrath has been dealing directly with schools for student volunteers for ALS competition and nursing competition only. They are using committee members and CERT members for the rest of the events.
  - Training Classes Update -
- PIO Update – Chief Gordon
  - Advertising Update – Advertising is running on schedule with the publications, and they are providing EMS World the schedule set ups per the agreement. Dr. Pepe will have a conversation with EMS World about additions towards the end.
  - Pushing out social media events three times a week. Candace and Chief Carter created speaker flyers that work great on the twitter as well as other platforms.
  - He will make a push for Leadership Symposium. The direct registration link for the Broward County sites will be for the fire departments because they get a discount code.
  - Video/Photography Contract – Aside from SMP and Encore. Working with videographer from last year and photographer for ancillary things for FTFC's own use that wouldn't go to EMS World. Chief Gordon has reached out to Kelly's still photographer contact.
- Vendor Sponsorship Report– Candace Pineda
  - Vendor/Sponsorship Update – Exhibitor's space to purchase a table is closed and over sold.
  - They have a few sponsorships available and she is contacting the waiting list to upgrade them to full sponsorships.
- Eagles Update – Dr. Pepe
  - Discussed topics they are bringing up which are cutting edge.
  - People are showing up from around the globe.
  - Le Meridien Room Block Update – out of the 75 rooms there are 68 confirmed and over 50% on the overflow rooms.
- ALS/Nursing Competition Report – Chief McGrath/Kelly Keys
  - Chief McGrath said they have 20 teams confirmed. Fire Rescue had 14. Palm Beach had 16.
  - He is still in search of a portable A/C unit for outside. They have one and need one.
  - Johana asked to investigate how much and portable A/C would cost.
  - Chief McGrath will contact Johana on how they will do the division for Sunday. Whether they use Pipe and Drake or some other barrier.
  - The shirt for the competition teams are coming in Friday and Chief McGrath will send Chief Caruso the list of shirt sizes so he can pull them before Sunday.
  - The preliminaries will be Sunday and they will announce the finalists. Everyone will be gone. Chief Gordon will announce it at the competition that they will push

it out on all platforms including FTFC Facebook Live for what the teams need to look out for on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Hard Rock.

- Mike Haygood will be there to give out the awards.
- Johana reported Nursing competition. Kelly has three team registered and she's looking at three more. According to Ngoc the registration is not closed.
- The Broward Healthcare Coalition is paying for the sponsorship for nursing competition. They would like to reserve the right for the nursing competition for next year.
- Kelly is waiting on Stryker for the equipment. She's asking Candace and Chief Cinque to push that and get answer from Gisele. Chief McGrath is going to use that equipment for the competition on Tuesday, also.
- Kelly is coordinating with ArtWorks for the nursing shirts.
- She gave Chief Turpel the names for the nursing awards.
- All her speakers for the nursing symposium have been confirmed
- EMS Awards Report– Chief Turpel
  - The Ralph A. Marrinson EMS Lifetime Achievement Nominees – one nominee – Dr. James Roach, BSO EMS Fire Rescue, Protocols, Training, Air Rescue

**MOTION** to ACCEPT Dr. Roach to receive The Ralph A. Marrinson EMS Lifetime Achievement Award.

Motion made by Chief Levy

Seconded by Chief Cinque

MOTION passed unanimously

- The Fire Chief Donald DiPetrillo Paramedic Lifetime Achievement Nominees – three nominees – but they can nominate up to five.  
Chief Marc Celetti, 43 years Fire Service EMT, Lauderhill Fire Rescue, created Lauderhill Community EMT program in cooperation with Coral Springs, and the Regional Institute of Public Safety that offers four scholarships to EMT for city residents per semester.  
Retired Fire Division Chief John Pennick of Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue Department, on the FTFC committee for many years, EMS Chief at Pembroke Pines, many years EMS instructor all over county, was the glue that held the ALS competition together in the past  
Division EMS Chief Luis Villar of Margate Fire Rescue, nurse paramedic, Division Chief for many years, teacher, supported his teams that won many awards

**MOTION** to ACCEPT Chief Marc Celetti, Chief John Pennick, and Chief Luis Villar for The Fire Chief Donald DiPetrillo Paramedic Lifetime Achievement Award

Motion by Chief Levy

Second by Chief Draizin

MOTION passed unanimously

- They need logistical assistance to set up awards that night – Chief Hubschman will handle this. Chief Turpel will be bringing the awards and give to Chief Hubschman.
- Chief Gordon will write up a little paragraph for each award and create brochure to be distributed and get head shots to put on the screen.
- Volunteers – Rachele Solomon
  - Johana reported that they have a lot of people on their committee, and they have assigned the people to where they need them.
  - Rachele will email the volunteer schedule today, and if someone is not available let Rachele know as soon as possible so they can reassign that that time.
  - They are trying to use committee for most of the conference so they can avoid using any students because they had issues last year.
  - Chief Caruso emailed Rachele and Chief McGrath with the CERT members and cadets if needed. They are coordinating that with Van Schoen from Tamarac, who is in charge of that. Rachele sent an email to him that they were assigning CERT's, but she did not hear from him. She is going to try to reach him through BSO.
  - Chief Levy needs more volunteer for check in to each session. Johana said they have one for every single room.
  - Tuesday everyone is assigned to something. If they are committed to a specific group make sure they are allocated to that group, and not double book anyone.
  - Any questions call or email Rachele.
  - If Alison has any needs for Le Meridien, let them know.
  - The cadaver lab has a cert who will need to know the offsite location and time.
  - Chief Caruso will need help at the shirt sales for Thursday and Friday. Nancy Hubschman will help with that also.
- A/V Report – Rick Sluman
  - SMP Quote – The quote for Le Meridien AV is done and Johana Chiefs Cinque and Gordon have that Rick, Johana and Chiefs Cinque and Gordon have talked with Sharbel setting the bigger conference which is completed.
  - Chief Caruso said to look at Le Meridien to reduce the cost. Last year it was \$7000 and this year it's \$11,000 just for Eagles Creek.
  - The labor is the biggest expense, and they are looking at reducing labor and AV costs. Currently, AV costs are over 20% of the conference budget. Sharbel is open to reducing labor costs.
  - Encore Update (Le Meridien)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary EMS Gala
  - Theme – The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Anniversary with silver and white themed room for silver anniversary.
  - Going to have a live band called the Smokin' Aces.
  - Going to have a lounge in the pre-function area and a cocktail hour in the beginning, move to awards, then a party with food to follow.
  - Bar will be in the pre-function area and then brought in for the gala, after the awards.
  - Dress code is party attire – semi formal. No uniforms or conference shirts.

- Johana wants to organize a meeting with Chief Caruso and Chief Downey to review how the evening will progress.
- ALS Shirts – Chief Caruso
  - ALS Shirt Update – two styles of shirts next level. 450 dark navy t-shirts short sleeve regular sizes \$13.83. 125 black long sleeve \$16.68.and \$1.00 more for 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary down the sleeve. About couple hundred t-shirts will be for sale marked up.
  - FTFC will sell regular size short sleeves for \$20 and the larger for \$25.
  - They will sell the regular sized long sleeves for \$30 and the larger for \$35.
  - Shirts from last year \$10.
  - Committee Polo Shirts – possible they will have them for in person meeting June 6. Sponsored by NAFECO.
- Give Aways – Theresa Curbelo/Chief Cinque
  - Portfolio - ordered black with silver-grey new logo imprint. Shipping completed by May 17.
- Logistics – Chief Hubschman/Chief Cinque
  - Chief Cinque filled him in on the food and sports for ALS Competition offsite on Sunday and finals on Tuesday.
- New Business
  - Chief Moran reported on the Resuscitation Academy. Two purchases are being finalized currently. He contacted Stryker for monitors for each of the stations and awaiting confirmation. Talked to Chief McGrath about the Sol monitors Chief Moran will be using between the Preliminaries and Finals.

Next E-Board Meeting – May 25, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. - Zoom

Next Committee Meeting – June 6, 2022 @10:00 a.m.

Location: Hard Rock Conference Room

In Person

Last meeting before the conference

Adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

MOTION by Theresa Curbelo

Seconded by Chief Cinque