

**(2025) 28th Annual First There First Care Gathering of Eagles
Committee Meeting - Zoom
September 19, 2024**

ATTENDEES: Zoom Meeting commenced at 9:00 AM

Chair: Todd Draizin

Co-Chair: Bruce Caruso

Kelly Andrews, Johana Cinque, Gina D'Ambrosio, Karen Dominguez, Julie Downey, Jessica Fischer, JoAnn Franklin, Jerry Gonzalez, Jaime Greene, Marc Hubschman, Jeff Levy, Bill McGrath, Jeff McMahon, Michael Moser, Paul Pepe, Mary Anne Usher, BC Gabriel Zahora

E-Board Meeting Minutes from

MOTION to Approve the Minutes for August 21, 2024 (PIA)

Motion made by Chief Jerry Gonzalez

Seconded by Chief Jeff Levy

MOTION passed unanimously

- **Chair – Chief Draizin**
 - 2025 Conference Slogan: 'Soaring to New Heights' – Commitment to elevating emergency medical services through innovation, education, and collaboration.
 - Captain Cinque is reviewing the Hard Rock contract. When completed it will go to Chief Brocato.
 - FTFC will complete another financial loan request from Hard Rock.
 - FTFC requested the MOUs for the Gathering of Eagles from Chief Brocato.
 - EMS Grant – Chief Caruso Mentioned the at last EMS Council meeting, they have no information for 2025 FDOH EMS grant. Agreements are going to project managers for their signature for 2024 funding.
 - 2024 Awards (conference) that were rescheduled will occur on December 5, 9:00 a.m. to noon, Fire Chief's Association breakfast at the Weston Hills Country Club. Email from Rosio today. Reach out to the people nominated. They can bring one guest.
- **Co-Chair – Chief Caruso**
 - The Cert volunteer who was injured during 2024 conference has submitted a claim. If anyone is contacted or has photos, etc., refer to Chief Brocato. Counsel from the Fire Chief's Association is involved.
 - Moving forward FTFC will do a hold harmless document that is signed by volunteers. Chief Levy said to have a hold harmless agreement when registering. Chief Caruso will work with Chief Brocato to have this at registration for attendees, competitors, committee, etc.
- **Event Coordinator – Captain Cinque**
 - She has a date for the meeting with the Speaker's committee to collaborate with the subgroups for a better solution. Chief Carter suggested October 4 (between 9 and 10 a.m.) in Coral Springs. Chief Shaw will participate. Chief Draizin wants to

attend. Captain Cinque will try have Dr. Pepe, who cannot be there, still attend meeting.

- **Eagles – Dr. Pepe**

- They are having an Eagle's day long track at the American College of Nursing Physicians and needs information about conference to get more attendees.
- He is going to several other conferences and needs some "Keep the Date" with how to register.
- Feedback was great for the 2024 conference.

- **Finance – Chief Draizin for Chief Cinque**

- No new requests for speaker's reimbursements which had an August 31st deadline.
- Chief Draizin would like financials done by end of this week.
- Chief Cinque will increase some supports for next year from \$10,000 to \$20,000. They are looking for multiple sponsors for the Gala.
- They are updating the prospectus
- Gina D'Ambrosio wants a list of types of sponsorships. HCA marketing starts in October for 2025. Chief Draizin will get the list from last year. He wants to give the sponsors from last year the same opportunity this year.

- **Speakers – Chief Carter and Candace Pineda not present**

- Chief Draizin said the speakers were meeting offline and developing the content and will have more information after October 4th meeting.
- Talking about content, honorarium payment formula. Chief Draizin want to get basics for the honorarium payments. If there is a person they think is worth more than the honorarium they need to bring it back to the committee for a vote.

- **Nursing Competition – Kelly Keys and Kristin Schmalz not present**

- No report.

- **Continuing Education – Vanessa Quiles not present**

- Chief Caruso said Vanessa was working on paramedics credits (CE Broker) being posted on FTFC platform.
- Chief Levy said registered attendees received their certificates through a link to download. A few questions about CEUs will be forwarded to Vanessa.
- Any questions about education forward to Vanessa or Chief Levy.

- **EMSAC – Chief Downey**

- Chief Downey followed up on the 2024 invoice and called Amy whose voicemail said "out-of-office" since May, She hasn't heard from her. She then contacted Mike Hall but hasn't heard back from him. Next, she may go to Steve McCoy about FTFC payment.
- She wants to know if EMSAC will be participating next year and if they will have any changes.
- Chief Draizin asked if there was anything they could do to get paid earlier next year.
- EMSAC says they must pay bills within 30 days. She will follow up. Captain Cinque said they had an invoice two months before the conference.

- **Registration – Chief Levy**

- At the last meeting they talked about providing a list of session that had minimal attendance. At the hands-on sessions the volunteers scanned the registration but at other sessions it was self-scanning.
- Chief Levy said they have a proposal going forward 2025 to have volunteers at each kiosk to scan to get attendance. He sent the E-Board the scanning list and highlighted the sessions that had 0-10 attendees, 11-15, and anything under 25 to see what sessions are lacking. He asked Captain Cinque to send this over to the Speaker's Committee.
- They received a proposal from ATS for 2025 which had increased from 2024. He is comparing it side-by-side to see the disparity and why it has increased. Chief Draizin said ATS made a miscalculation and increase staffing from 9 @ \$750 in 2024 to 10 @ \$750 in 2025. Last year FTFC had eight scanners in 2024 and this year ATS is recommending 20 scanners. JoAnne Franklin said they had enough scanners, and they rarely used the hand-held scanners. Chief Levy will contact ATS to make FTFC's changes.
- He is waiting on the prospectus to have when exhibitor/sponsor registration is open.
- He will set up a meeting with Captain Cinque to see if they need to change any fees to compare with other conferences. They will then make a price proposal.
- He must contact Ngoc to see what the FFC is planning to do.

- **ALS Competition – Chief McGrath**

- Chief Roche accepted a position in Jupiter but should still be involved in the ALS Competition.
- Chief McGrath has a large nursing conference in October. He needs 'Save the Date' cards for it, and a large Florida Fire & EMS conference in January.
- Chief Roche gave an update to Chief Draizin. Preliminary at Memorial
- Preliminary Competition – room scheduled at Memorial with a maximum of 36 teams, Saturday will be setup, Sunday Preliminary Competition, Monday is final setup, Tuesday is competition.
- Chief Draizin will talk with Candace Pineda about a request Chief Roche has at Hard Rock.

- **PIO – Chief Moser**

- The priority is getting promotional activities prepared for the next event. At present, a lot of his things he has are closer to the event. He is working on getting things more ahead of the event.
- Chief Caruso said Facebook had people's phone numbers. Chief Moser will talk to Sepe about correcting it.

MOTION to APPROVE getting 1000 'Save the Date' cards in time for the Florida Fire Conference in January.

Motion made by Chief Levy

Seconded by Mike Moser

Motion passed unanimously.

- Chief Draizin asked Chief Moser to work with Sepe to design these cards and give it to Chief Draizin to give to the TT&S Printing. Due to an accident, anticipate as early as possible getting printing projects to TT&S.
- **Website – Chief Gonzalez**
 - When they do the 'Save the Date' cards give the QR code to Chief Gonzalez for the website.
 - They have over 150 people signed up for FTFC mailing list. Chief Draizin mentioned to do marketing once a month on website.
 - Chief Gonzalez will get Google phone numbers for the group and put these numbers on the website.
- **Volunteer Coordinator Report – Mary Ann Usher and JoAnne Franklin**
 - JoAnne said no new update for volunteers but looking forward to an amazing 2025.
- **28th Anniversary Gala – Gina D'Ambrosio**
 - Will tie the theme 'Soaring to New Heights' in with the Gala.
 - Chief Draizin said to check with airlines to sponsor the Gala because of the theme.
- **Old Business**
 - No report.
- **New Business**
 - Captain Cinque mentioned that the E-Board should be in person and the Committee meetings online. Chief Draizin agreed.

Next E-Board Meeting date is Wednesday, October 16, at 9:00 a.m. at Medical Examiner and Trauma Services.

Next Committee Meeting is Wednesday, November 20, at 1:00 p.m. – Zoom meeting.

Adjourn at 9:51 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn Chief Caruso

2nd Captain Cinque