

Executive Committee Conference Call Minutes January 18, 2022

Attendance: Jamie Caggiano, Joshua Jordan, Bryan Bailey, Gary Rogers, Jack Kirlin, Jamie Helms, Jana Kassianos, Jeff Harkey, Jeff Oswald, Justin McClellan, John Bowers, Josh Holzheimer, Keith Minick, Malcolm Burns, Mike Norket, Randy Arant, Rick Dunn, Ross Vezin, Terry Sheriff, Thomas Tardo, Tracy Williams, Tres Atkinson, Zorrina Harmon, Charlie King, Brick Lewis, Brook Dennis, Ashley Boltin

President Caggiano called the meeting to order.

Fire Service Improvement Conference

With the impending winter weather this weekend, we have chosen to postpone the FSIC until March 24-27. Whether it snows or sleets, there will be at least steady rain in mid 30 degree temps throughout the times for the conference. Our intent will be to duplicate the proposed schedule and classes during the proposed dates. We hope that all those registered will be able to join us at the new date and time but will make arrangements for refunds if desired.

Legislative Update

The first legislative update for this session is attached. We will share and post updates each week as the sessions moves forward. The first page especially is a good read with the highlights of LLR/State Fire from the Governor's budget. Please help to share in your departments and areas.

Fire-Rescue Vendor List

The vendor list from last year's conference is attached. "Phase 1" has opened for these partners to go in and reserve their space for June's Conference. Please help us reach out to them and invite them back as well as look for vendors not on the list that would make a great addition to the show floor.

COVID Rapid Test - CLIA Application

State Fire and SCDHEC are working together to be able to place a COVID rapid testing kit in each fire department. While I have limited details on the device, it is a small reader that utilizes "spit" samples to provide a result within 20 minutes. They are expecting those to be made available this week, more to come. One of the steps they have shared with us is that departments will need a CLIA certification prior to receiving the device. Chief Holzheimer sent the attached CLIA document to help those who need it to navigate the process to obtain certification/license. SCDHEC has relayed to us that this would be needed. However, the same instruments going out through SCEMD have not needed the same document on the department level. There is also a \$180 fee to apply to CLIA. Chief Jones is already tracking down SCDEHC to deconflict and will let us know as soon as possible if this step is truly needed. My advice would be to hold off submitting your CLIA app until we hear back from them.