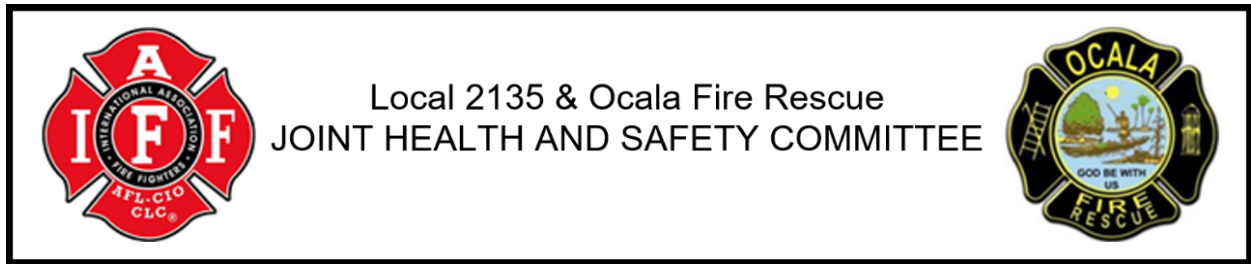




## **PUBLIC NOTICE**



**DATE:**            **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**TIME:**            **9:00 am**

**WHERE:**        **Ocala Fire Administration  
3001 NE 21st Street  
Ocala, Florida 34470**

**CONTACT:**    **Captain Robert Davis  
City of Ocala - Fire Rescue  
Joint Health & Safety Chairman  
352-629-8306**

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting in respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceeding, and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made.

If reasonable accommodations are needed for you to participate in this meeting, please call (352) 629-8306, 48 hours in advance so arrangements can be made.



# Ocala Fire Rescue & Local 2135 JOINT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE



## AGENDA

H&S Agenda

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Meeting Information

**Location:**

Ocala Fire Administration  
3001 NE 21st Street  
Ocala, Florida 34470

*Time:* 9:00 AM

**Committee Members:**

- Lawrence Doerffel
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- Doug Smutko
  - [DSmutko@Ocalafl.org](mailto:DSmutko@Ocalafl.org)
- Joe Talley
  - [JTalley@Ocalafl.org](mailto:JTalley@Ocalafl.org)
- Robert Davis – Chairman
  - [rdavis@ocalafl.org](mailto:rdavis@ocalafl.org)

**Mission Statement:**

The City of Ocala provides fiscally responsible services consistent with the community's current and future expectations.

The mission of Ocala Fire Rescue is to provide high quality, essential service in the areas of fire prevention, emergency management, public safety education, fire protection, emergency medical care and mitigation of hazards relating to confined space rescue, trench rescue, building collapse and hazardous materials.

**City Council's Strategic Priorities:**

- Priority 1: Economic hub
- Priority 2: Fiscally sustainable
- Priority 3: Operational excellence
- Priority 4: Quality of place

### **WELCOME!**

Employees and Citizens are encouraged to participate in City of Ocala meetings. The City of Ocala encourages civility in public discourse. Cell phones should be turned off or set to vibrate.

The order of agenda items may be changed if deemed appropriate by the committee.

Employees and Citizens are encouraged to provide comments in writing to the Committee Chairman before meetings for inclusion into the public record.

Employees and Citizens may also provide input to individual committee members via office visits, phone calls, letters and e-mail that will become public record.

**Scope:**

The City and the Union agree to provide the highest standards of health and safety in the Fire Department in order to eliminate as much as possible: accidents, deaths, injuries, and illness.

**Purpose:**

This committee's role is to actively participate in the promotion of all aspects of health and safety to include, but not limited to, the physical fitness program, the training program, and the utilization of all safety equipment and procedures.

**Affecting Legislation:**

The 2018 Florida Statutes, Title XXXVII, Insurance, Chapter 633 Fire Prevention and Control.

The Florida Administrative Code (FAC) Chapter 69A-62 Firefighter Employment Standards.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Ocala, Florida and IAFF Local 2135 Firefighter & Officer Unit. October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.

All such recommendations shall be forwarded to the Fire Chief and include a suggested target date for implementation.



- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**
- 5. GENERAL BUSINESS**
  - a. FIRE CHIEFS REPORT**
    - 1. Chief Alexander: The international Seat Belt Pledge through everyone goes home is underway department wide.*
  - b. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF REPORT**
    - 1. Chief Alsup: To my OFR family: I have been eligible to retire for the past five years; however, due to the circumstances it never felt right. With the new leadership team now in place, I feel the department is in good hands and have decided 30 years is enough. I have truly enjoyed working with each of you and have memories which will last a lifetime. To the younger generation I say this, enjoy every shift because the time will go by faster than you think. Make a difference to the people you serve, as well as, to those you serve with. Stay safe and remember to take care of each other.*
  - c. Safety Officers Report**
    - 1. None to report*
  - d. BATTALION CHIEFS REPORT**
    - 1. None to report*
  - e. ACCIDENT / INJURY REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PREVENTION SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**
    - 1. John Long with Risk Management will present Risk Management's Fire Department injury incidents between 1/11/2019 and today.*
  - f. DEPARTMENT EMAIL FEED BACK**
    - 1. No issues reported to the committee.*



**g. OLD BUSINESS & OPEN ISSUES**

1. Reestablish goals and expectations due to committee member changes.
  - Review Article 33
2. Review the committee's affecting legislation and Sunshine requirements
3. SCBA Replacement: 1 to 1.3-million-dollar capital purchase 2022 that requires budgeting.
4. New employee must be SCBA mask fit tested prior to operating in an IDLH atmosphere.
5. Riding out of class
6. Reach out to MCFR H&S Committee

**h. NEW BUSINESS**

1. TIMS Recommendation – R. Davis
2. POST DECON - Doerffel:
  - [https://www.usfa.fema.gov/current\\_events/020719.html](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/current_events/020719.html)
3. Training Ocala FR about MCFR Air Packs – R. Davis
4. Reach out to MCFR H&S Committee in the future – Task out
5. Seat Belt Pledge Update – R. Davis & Smutko

**6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. None to report

**7. CALENDAR ITEMS**

1. March 3/19-21/2019: CSX Training - Emergency Response to Railroad Incidents / Safety Train. This training will be joint training with MCFR. Approximately 30 attendees each day. Location: CSX Safety Train on the Florida Central Railroad 1130 North Magnolia Ave, Ocala, FL
2. March 3/28/2019 Title: Firefighter Stress Management Training, Location: Station 1 and 2 , Start Time: 3/28/2019 12:00 AM, End Time: 3/28/2019 11:59 PM, Description: Chaplain Joe LaCognata will be traveling around the stations for the month of March conducting Firefighter Stress Management Training. Below is the schedule for the day, please ensure the crews are aware he will be stopping by. The meeting will take about an hour. Thursday, March 28, Station 1, 9 am & Station 2, 10:30.
3. April 4/15/2019: Captains Exam Practical Test Week
4. April 4/23/2019: Annual SCBA Mask Fit Testing



5. *May 5/20/2019: Annual SCBA Calibration Testing: Air Pack & SCBA Regulators*

6. *June 6/18/2019: SAFETY STAND DOWN WEEK*

**8. SCHEDULING OF NEXT H&S MEETING**

1. *Next H&S meeting scheduled for April ?*

**9. COMMENTS FROM ATTENDING GUESTS**

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SHANE ALEXANDER, FIRE CHIEF**

1. *TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT Training (TIMS) during 2019*

2. *POST FIRE DECON - June 6/18/2019: SAFETY STAND DOWN WEEK*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Notes:**





Ocala Fire Rescue & Local 2135  
JOINT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE



**RECOMMENDATION FOR TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT  
TRAINING**

**Recommendation to the Shane Alexander, Fire Chief**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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***Description of concern:***

In recent months, there have been numerous incidents in Florida involving fire and EMS personnel operating on roadways that have left firefighters critically injured and killed. In past cases, while heroic attempts were made to help victims of vehicle crashes, firefighters and EMS personnel ended up becoming victims themselves.

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***Operations on roadways are high-risk, high-frequency events that occur daily in the city of Ocala and we can improve our situational awareness by embracing the following goals for 2019.***

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***Official H&S Committee Recommendation: (see Annex for details.)***

1. Within 30 days, assign all Ocala Fire Rescue employees the task to complete the orientation video about "Traffic Incident Management Requirements in NFPA 1500".
2. Within 60 days, assign all Ocala Fire Rescue employees the task to complete the National TIM Training Certificate Online before July 1st, 2019.
3. Within the calendar year of 2009, develop a standard operating procedure requiring traffic safety best practices during all emergency and non-emergency incidents using NFPA 1091, 1500 and TIMs national recommendations.
4. Budget: to equip our vehicles with (18 each) 28 inch tall fluorescent orange traffic cones with double reflective markings that are compliant with the MUTCD.

Captain Rob Davis - Chairman

Chief Lawrence Doerffel

Captain Joe Talley

Chief Doug Smutko

Submitted for Fire Chief Review on Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Safety Program Goal 1:** Each Battalion discuss and to focus on the critical traffic safety and survival training to minimize the risk to our firefighters operating on the highways.



**Objective 1.1:** Within 30 days, assign all Ocala Fire Rescue employees the task to complete the orientation video about "Traffic Incident Management Requirements in NFPA 1500".

**Summary:** This 1-hour "module highlights the new traffic incident management and responder safety requirements in NFPA 1500: Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness Program and point departments to resources that will help them meet the requirements of the standard".

Responder Safety, Training, Learning Network. (n.d.). Retrieved from [https://learning.respondersafety.com/Training\\_Programs/Traffic\\_Incident\\_Management\\_Requirements\\_in\\_NFPA\\_1500.aspx](https://learning.respondersafety.com/Training_Programs/Traffic_Incident_Management_Requirements_in_NFPA_1500.aspx)

**Objective 1.2:** Within 60 days, assign all Ocala Fire Rescue employees the task to complete the National TIM Training Certificate Online before July 1st, 2019.

**Summary:** Through an exclusive agreement with the Federal Highway Administration, the Responder Safety Learning Network (RSLN) offers a National TIM Training Certificate for registered users who complete ten specific RSLN online self-paced programs.

Available from the Responder Safety Learning Network at <https://learning.respondersafety.com/Clusters/National-TIM-Training-Certificate.aspx>

**Objective 1.3:** Within the calendar year of 2009, develop a standard operating procedure requiring traffic safety best practices during all emergency

and non-emergency incidents using NFPA 1091, 1500 and TIMs national recommendations.

**Objective 1.4:** Budget to equip our vehicles with (18 each) 28 inch tall fluorescent orange traffic cones with double reflective markings that are compliant with the MUTCD. An example can be found at

[https://www.hantover.com/cgi/hnt.wsc/product.htm?p-item-num=26751&utm\\_source=ProductPage&utm\\_medium=RecommendedItems](https://www.hantover.com/cgi/hnt.wsc/product.htm?p-item-num=26751&utm_source=ProductPage&utm_medium=RecommendedItems)

### ***NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness Program 2018 Edition***

*N* Chapter 9 Traffic Incident Management

*N* 9.1 Reserved.

*N* 9.2 Emergency Operations at Traffic Incidents.

Each department shall establish, implement, and enforce standard operating procedures (SOPs) regarding emergency operations involving traffic.

*N* 9.2.1 Each department shall provide training on roadway hazards and safety for all personnel.

*N* 9.2.2 Each department shall communicate, collaborate, and coordinate with other response agencies when developing SOPs, planning, and training for incident response.



***N* 9.3 Placement of Apparatus and Warning Devices.** Apparatus and warning devices shall be placed to provide a safe work zone as well as early warning to the motoring public with specific consideration to be given to topography and weather conditions (uphill/upwind) and to protect fire fighters from traffic.

***N* 9.4\* Use of Apparatus as a Blocking Device.** First-arriving apparatus shall be placed in a blocking position order to protect the scene and create a safe work zone from oncoming traffic.

***N* 9.4.1\*** Placement of blocking apparatus upstream/downstream shall be dependent upon traffic conditions and incident hazards.

***N* 9.4.2\*** When a temporary TIMA has been established, the apparatus in the blocking position shall reduce warning lighting.

***N* 9.4.3** All additional responding vehicles, when arriving on the scene, shall be positioned downstream from the blocking vehicle with warning lighting reduced, unless their function requires placement before the temporary control zone.

***N* 9.4.3.1** Ambulances shall be positioned in a safe location to allow patient loading away from traffic.

***N* 9.4.4** The blocking apparatus shall establish a buffer between it and the work area.

***N* 9.4.5\*** The following warning devices shall be used to warn oncoming traffic of the emergency operations and the hazards to member(s) operating at the incident:

(1) A minimum of 5 (five) 28 in. or greater (71 cm or greater) fluorescent orange traffic cones with double reflective markings that are compliant with the *MUTCD*

(2) Retro-reflective warning signs compliant with the *MUTCD*

***N* 9.4.6** Warning devices shall be placed and utilized with proper considerations given to visual obstruction such as hills, curves, blind spots, or unusual localized weather conditions such as fog or rain.

***N* 9.4.7** Members shall position themselves and any victims in a safe area.

***N* 9.4.8** Members shall park or stage unneeded fire apparatus and personal vehicles off the roadway or downstream of the incident work area.

***N* 9.4.9\*** When member assignments place them in potential conflict with motor vehicle traffic, they shall wear a high visibility garment that meets ANSI 107, *American National Standard for High-Visibility Apparel and Access*, unless exposed to fire, heat, flame, or hazardous materials where NFPA-compliant turnout gear is more appropriate.

***N* 9.4.10\*** Personnel assigned to traffic control shall receive training that is commensurate with their duties and in accordance with NFPA 1091.

**END**

