

Fire Marshal's Association of Palm Beach County Meeting

January 18, 2023

Start -- 9:03 AM

Introduction of Attendees

- Thank you to West Palm Beach Fire Rescue and the PBC Convention Center.

Secretary Report

- Motion to accept: Chief Henry; Second by: J. Clark (Approved)

Financial Report

- Report not available at time of meeting.

Unfinished Business

- None

Committee Updates

- Joint Installation –
 - Luncheon was held on 12/15/2022. Thank you to Boynton Beach for facilitating the event space. The guest speaker was wonderful and challenged all in attendance to answer the question, "What will your legacy be?" He spoke on developing the future leadership of our organizations.
 - Chief LeDuc encouraged all to consider what the purpose of our association is.
 - Would like to see more classes offered on the topics that interest and affect us.
 - Would like to hold a meeting with the area Fire Marshals to discuss goals.
- Legislative Committee –
 - Compliance with BDA requirements for existing apartment buildings by 2025.
 - Some municipalities do not issue BDA permits until a survey is provided showing one is required.
 - Critical area elevator shafts.
 - If an AHJ considers elevator shafts as critical areas, they must submit a letter to the state stating this.
 - Indication from legislative session this year is that the ELSS requirements currently set to be due by 2024, will again be extended.

New Business

- Discussion regarding SB 1140 that addresses issuance of permits without a formal review.
 - There was discussion regarding a full panel change out and how it is viewed under this bill. Some and/or most jurisdictions do not place it under the guidance of this bill.

- Questions were raised regarding how to address the need for a revision if existing site conditions do not match the required on-site plans.
- Joe Clark with WPBFR discussed a Lucid car fire he investigated on New Year's Day. The vehicle was involved in a crash that resulted in a 20-30 foot fire ball. The car's battery was encased in a ballistic case and destroyed in the fire. WPBFD has had a rash of fires related to ion batteries.
- Marty Perrone raised the discussion on arc flash risk assessments that are required by NFPA, for commercial businesses. He stated that only about 10% of panels in south Florida have the required arc flash labels.

Feedback from Partners

- Reliable Doors will be hosting a fire doors course in April in Miami and can facilitate a class after one of our meetings.
- Highland Wireless is available to discuss BDA and wireless radio services.

Department Updates

- Greenacres has transitioned to the ESO software program.

Good and Welfare Report

- WPBFD gained 2 new inspectors; Capt. Dolan retiring.

Next Meeting will be March 15, 2023.

Tentative Location: WPBFD; Sponsored by: TBD

Motion to Adjourn: Chief Henry; Second by: K. Francis

Meeting Adjourned: 10:03am