

Metro Dade Fire Fighters IAFF Local 1403

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UNION MEETING

April 24, 2018 (B-Shift)
8:00 PM
Firefighters Memorial Building
8000 NW 21 ST
Miami, FL. 33122

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2018
Bridget Keating
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Nick Digiacomo
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Adam Parks

Call to Order at 8:00PM – No Quorum- Information Meeting Only

8:00 PM to 8:20PM Nominations and Election of Delegates and Alternates for the 74th Annual FPF Convention-
Elected to attend as either Delegates or Alternates depending on the local's need were in order of votes. Once needs are determined members will be contacted to verify availability in order of selected:

1. Tim Porte
2. Chris Fink
3. Felipe Lay
4. Mike Osterman
5. Claudine Buzzo
6. Jorge Chavez
7. Mike "Sparky" Thomson
8. Gio Abril
9. Rich Andrews
10. Eric Fundora
11. Oscar Fumero
12. Errol Johnson
13. Art Abreu

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of Silence observed

Guests: **Chief Downey**- addressed the membership and encouraged everyone to ask questions if there is something that we do not understand. He wanted the membership to know that we might not always agree on the direction MDFR is heading but he would like the membership to understand why it is we are heading that way and the decision was made.

- SRA Dive Class question- When we will the department put another SRA Class. We need to develop a strategy for diver deployment and placement. Chief Downey stated that the department has more trained drivers than other departments that have similar water response areas. We need to find a balance not just add more divers.

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- Supply, 3rd party vendor- Gall's- He just received the contract from Viking to provide us with our gear. It is not practical for everyone to have 2 sets of gear, the department is finalizing with a local vendor to pick up our gear after a fire or exposure on scene or back at the station and leave us a clean set. The private vendor would have our size on file and have a rotation of stock to eliminate the gear being expired without it being used as it happens now. Projected to begin by end of 2018 but not sure how long it would take to completely implement as it would require 2 private vendors working together with MDFR. He did not mention Galls and our uniforms.
- AMR Contract- It expired in late 2017 and the department is working on it. He stated he was not sure if MDFR would want to go back to BLS as it is not financially positive for MDFR
- Staffing of new soccer stadium- It is a political issue more that MDFR vs other departments. His belief is that it should belong to the department that responds to that territory.
- Haz Mat classes why only 6- It is difficult to balance the departments needs vs the individuals need. We still want to offer opportunities but again we have to establish a balance in an effort to keep individuals trained and up to date. The agreement with the local is for 6 per class.
- Special Events training(when)- The Chief believes that very few venues require specialized training. He believes and stated that we are professional and that if it is the first time we work a venue we would take the additional time to learn the area or specialized equipment, no special certification needed.
- Longevity Grievance- Tremendously difficult scheduling conflict with as many involved, both the department and he is sure the local are working to get this completed.

Treasurer's Report: **Blake** reported balances and if there were any questions.

Correspondence: None

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President Blanco-

- Reported on contract negotiation, numerous TA articles but still working on others. The county has not offered anything that is worthwhile to bring back to the membership. He understands the frustration by the membership not knowing but he assured the membership that as in past contracts the local will negotiate for raises, health benefits, working conditions etc. If we mention what we are trying to negotiate the county would have the upper hand as it is not possible in today's climate to keep information from spreading.
- Local involvement in elections- We need your help!!!!, we are currently working with Rep Javier Fernandez and trying to help him get elected as he is a strong supporter of public safety. We were asked to help by knocking on doors to pass out information and only had 4 individuals show up, we cannot do this alone this is your local and our future and the future of those to come depends on us being politically involved. Please help when asked.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Good and Welfare:

Motion to adjourn by at, Second by. Motion adopted.

In Unity,
Gabe Nemeth, Secretary
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Next Meeting May 29, 2018. 8:00 PM A-Shift

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