FFMIA Updates

Dear Members and Friends of FFMIA:

As we navigate through this time of uncertainty, your FFMIA staff and Board of Directors have been in close communication to assure we continue to deliver the customer service expectations you deserve and expect. Understandably nobody is permitted to travel for the next few weeks, some as much as sixty (60) days so we have had to make adjustments to some of our planned activities. Please check our website often at www.ffmia.org for the latest information of class and event schedules.

Current Status

The Miami Training Seminar scheduled for April 7-9, 2020 is postponed with a rescheduled date of September 15-17, 2020. Those members who have paid will be credited for the September offering. Please mark your calendars now.

We are currently processing details with the host hotel for The Joint Fire and Life Safety Educators (FAFLSE) and Fire and Explosion Investigators (FFEIA) conference scheduled for June 2-5, 2020 at the Wyndham in Lake Buena Vista. We have suspended registration on our website and expect this event to be cancelled. Those who have registered will be credited for the annual FFMIA conference in Sarasota November 2-5, 2020 as we will be pouring all of resources into this event with tracks for all of our sections.

Regarding frequent updates on the Covid-19 Pandemic

The State EOC is fully activated and the Statewide Emergency Response Plan (SERP) Emergency Response Committee has also activated members. The Florida Department of Health, (DOH) is the lead agency for information related to the pandemic. You can access current DOH updates on their website at www.floridahealth.gov.

The Florida Fire Chief's Association has been working very closely with the Florida Professional Firefighters (FPF) and FFCA has posted several very informative links related to joint guidance for self-monitoring and guidance for the Florida Fire Service. View their website for important information if your department or agency/business is not receiving their updates. Please refer to the FFCA Business and Operational Updates page for the most up-to-date information regarding the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association's operational and business proceedings in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the state as well as national advisories to prevent the spread of infection.

In Closing

As the Centers for Disease Control, Local, State and National officials continue to issue advisories and recommendations nearly hourly, your staff and Board of Directors has cancelled all travel until further notice and we have asked the Regional Directors not to plan any training until at least May 15, 2020. We will update that as we continue to review guidance from the Florida DOH, CDC and other recognized sources of authority. Keep watching the website and please reach out to us if we can be of any assistance. These are unprecedented times and it impacts every single one of us.

Be safe and stay well.

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