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# Industry News & Events

## Fire Academy of the South

On May 8, 2014 the Fire Academy of the South, operated by Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) dedicated a new Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) training facility. Section 3 Director, Chief Duane Kann was the keynote speaker joining FSCJ President Dr. Cynthia Bioteau and Jacksonville Aviation Authority CEO Steve Grossman.

The ARFF training facility is approved by the FAA to



provide initial training and annual Part 139 hot drills. FSCJ's Fire Academy of the South provides a wide range of training and educational opportunities to emergency responders in both the public and private sectors.

Funding for the facility was provided through the Airport Improvement Program with the FAA providing 75% of the 3.2 million dollar project and the college the remaining 25%. The new facility includes a Kidde Fire Trainer with

ten separate fires, a 727 fuselage for separate related scenarios, a new E-One Titan vehicle, and an Advanced Disaster Management System simulator, in addition to the existing hydrocarbon fuel pits used for extinguisher and foam training.

Florida has recently received approval from the Pro-



Board for the 40 hour ARFF training, and all successful trainees will be eligible for Pro-Board certification.

For more information regarding training at the Fire Academy of the South, contact Sheldon Reed, sreed@fscj. edu.

