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Fire Exchange
Uniting Fire Science and Natural
Resource Management

2025 Central Florida Prescribed Fire Council Hybrid Annual Meeting

Friday October 17, 2025

At Osceola Heritage Park

8:15 - 9:00 am	Sign in, Mingle, Coffee, Visit Sponsor Booths, Purchase T-shirts, Stickers, and Raffle Tickets
9:00 - 9:15 am	Welcome, Logistics, and Sponsor Acknowledgments David Hogrefe, CFPFC Chairperson and CFPFC Steering Committee Members
9:15 - 9:50 am	Central Florida Fire Weather Outlook for Fire Practitioners (25 min presentation / 10 mins for questions) Zach Law, Senior Meteorologist National Weather Service
9:50 - 10:20 am	Burning for Birds (20 min presentation / 10 mins for questions) Heather Obara, Alachua Conservation Trust
10:20 - 10:35 am	Coffee & Snack Break, Sponsor Videos, Sponsor Booths Michael Orlando, and CFPFC Steering Committee.
10:35 - 11:10 am	Lethal Bronzing Impacts on Forest and Natural Area (25 min presentation / 10 mins for questions) Jeff Eickwort, Forest Entomologist and Supervisor of the Florida Forest Service's Forest Health Section
11:10 - 11:45 pm	Fire Regimes in Old-growth Grasslands (25 min presentation / 10 mins for questions) Dr. Raelene Crandall, University of Florida
11:45 - 12:15 pm	Vendor Demo and Sponsor Booth Presentations (30 mins) Michael Orlando and Vendors.
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Lunch (Pizza, including vegetarian & vegan options) (1 hour) CFPFC Steering Committee Members
1:15 - 1:45 pm	Fire Tools and Weather Training (20 min presentation / 10 mins for questions) CFPFC Steering Committee Members
1:45 - 2:30 pm	Open Burn Authorization System and FFS update (25 min presentation / 20 mins for questions) John Saddler, Prescribed Fire Manager Florida Forest Service
2:30 - 2:50 pm	Practitioner and Public Preferences for Smoke Impacts from Prescribed Burns in the S.E. U.S. (15 min presentation / 5 mins for questions) Phillip Rodgers, FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
2:50 - 3:05 pm	Coffee & Snack Break, Sponsor Videos, Sponsor Booths Michael Orlando, and CFPFC Steering Committee
3:05 - 3:35 pm	Perspectives of a Safety Officer (20 min presentation / 10 mins for questions) Willie Cirone, In House Training LLC
3:35 - 3:55 pm	Tall Timbers New Fire Academy (15 min presentation / 5 mins for questions) Zach Prusak, Wildland Fire Training Specialist at Tall Timbers Research Station
3:55 - 4:00 pm	Wrap up, Thank You, Evaluation Reminder, and Next Meeting: Friday October 23rd, 2026 David Hogrefe, CFPFC Chairperson and CFPFC Steering Committee Members