



# PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES TO MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2001

**Association Regular Meeting at 12:30**

**Vice-President Williams called the meeting to order at 12:30**

**Invocation by Chief Leahy**

**Roll Call - 23 Members, 3 Guest**

**Introduction of Guests** - Pinellas County Commissioner Calvin Harris. Commissioner Harris spoke to the membership briefly on the current economic conditions and these effects on Pinellas County. The PCFCA members in attendance thanked Commissioner Harris for his support on issues effective the local fire and emergency service, most recently the central fire training facility.

Ellen Kirschner and Tom Holst of the American Red Cross were introduced as guests.

### **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting, motion to accept by Chief Leonard, second by Chief Brooks, motion carried by viva voce vote.

### **Treasurer Report**

Pinellas County Fire Chiefs Checking Account Balance	\$7,287.44
Save Cans for Safe Kids Checking Balance	\$1,370.48
Save Cans for Safe Kids CD Balance	\$5,066.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,724.64</b>

Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Chief Graves, second by Chief Leonard, motion carried by viva voce vote.

### **Correspondence**

None

## **Unfinished Business**

Reminder about the Kids Network Team Challenge (10) Firefighters. Deadline end of the month.

## **New Business**

Holiday Donations - Motion by Chief Graves, seconded by Chief Leonard, to give the holiday party donations to the Haz Mat Team, Tech Rescue Team, and 911 Operators in the same amounts as in previous years, motion carried by viva voce vote. It will be \$200.00 to Haz Mat and Tech Rescue teams, and \$100 for 911 dinner.

Dr. Pettyjohn Gift - Chief Parks reported on the retirement dinner for Dr. Pettyjohn. He is suggesting that the PCFCA do something in recognition of Dr. Pettyjohn's service to the County. He will research ideas and report back at the January 2002 PCFCA meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

Operations Chiefs Committee - Working on some SOP issues. The Ops committee has requested emergency communications ask the FBI to look at our web site for security any issues. A fair amount of info has been removed from the site. Jackie sought the PCFCA input on the Internet posting of live incidents. The members in attendance did not see a need for a change at this time. If you need home access to the 911 via the Internet, call Jackie for the necessary software.

Educational Committee - Two classes for next year have been advertised, specifically the preparing for assessment centers class, and the two NFA programs (Shaping the Future and Managing in a Changing Environment).

Chief Leahy discussed a WMD class that could be brought in. He will be following-up.

Chief Leonard gave a brief report on the Ocala WMD conference. Deputy Chief McCarthy spoke on funding needs for first responders. A lot of discussion on the regional approach to response.

Haz Mat - Deputy Chief McCarthy gave an overview of haz mat operations since September 11 and the related increase in incidents.

Training Committee - Moving ahead with driver and officer class development. Added FF Dave Diker to the Committee.

Fire Marshals - Randy reminded the membership that the Tampa Bay Fire Marshal's will host an NFPA 1 and 101 class at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree. The cost will be \$150.00 which includes all materials.

PAL's - MOM's ready to be printed. BTLS coming up in February, March, and April. Discussed not having CME in October because of Fire Prevention Activities. Chief Graves will follow-up with the CME Steering Committee.

### **Affiliate Reports:**

Fire and EMS Administration - Mike Cooksey reported that the burn building process is moving along fine. The suggested mutual aid agreement is still be reviewed, so there is no need to proceed ahead at this time. Mike also asked that department's review the hydrant maps that Dwaine sent out. It was commented that the maps from PRIDE may already have the information requested.

Chuck reported that the representative of the Florida Fire Chief's to the Select Committee on State Security is Chief Dan Azzariti of New Port Richey.

Office of the Medical Director - The MD will be out visiting station to get to know the members of the system. Also the OMD is looking at a process to help medics maintain and improve intubation skills.

Emergency Communication/911 - Working with MPO on traffic signal preemption policy. Greenhouse software still going on at Largo Fire Department. Chuck reported that Motorola is discontinuing their pager line. Orders will not be taken after February. Service contracts will stay in effect for three years. Pager business will be sold to another company.

SPC-EMS - ACLS doing well, very few did not pass. BTLS will be starting in February, medics and EMTs that want to renew will get textbooks, as will each station. All EMTs and medics will be attending the class.

### **Good of the Organization**

Deputy Chief McCarthy spoke on the need for better communications between police and fire in terms of intelligence.

**Next Meeting:** January 3, 2002

Homer's Buffet  
1451 N. Missouri Ave.

**Chief's workshop at 11:15 / Lunch at 12:00 / Regular Meeting at 12:30.**

**Meeting Adjourned**

