Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES TO MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2001

Association Regular Meeting at 12:30

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

Invocation by Tom Tarulli

Introduction of Guests – None.

Roll Call – 20 members

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting, motion to accept by Chief Meyer, second by Chief Fant. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

TOTAL	\$17,029.45
Save Cans For Safe Kids CD Balance	\$5,153.39
Save Cans For Safe Kids Checking Balance	\$1,236.79
Pinellas County Fire Chief's Checking Account Balance	\$10,639.27

Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Chief Meyer, second by Chief Fant. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Discussed letter sent by President Naylor to Dwaine Booth regarding NFPA 1710.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Chief Stout reported on status of fire academy, Paul Roberts, and the fire apprenticeship program.

Chief McGuff requested \$200.00 from the Save Cans for Safe Kids account for the purchase of materials for child car seat installations performed by north county departments. Motion by Chief Fant, second by Chief Meyer. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs: No report.

<u>Education Committee</u> - Need more students for the Interpersonal Dynamics course, March 19 – 30. Now have eleven students registered. We need 22 to break even on the costs.

Purchasing Committee: No report.

<u>Communications Committee</u> - Dick Williams provided report on new communications center and budgetary timelines.

Fire Marshals: No report.

PALS: No report.

Affiliate Reports

Fire & EMS Administration – Discussed handout attached to agenda regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction. Craig Hare requested someone from the Association work with him on this. Chief Meyer volunteered DC Scott Magness.

Craig requested that the Association provide a letter of support for the resubmittal of the grant request for the driver-training track. Motion by Chief Fant, second by Chief Stout. Motion passed. Due to time constraints Craig will forward letter to Vice President Williams for his signature.

Chief McGuff asked that EMS & Fire Administration facilitate a meeting with the Division of Forestry to revisit wildfire fire fighting goals established last March. Chief Meyer inquired about the refurbished county vehicles to be used as brush units.

Communications/911 – Pam Montonari reported that the new Motorola price sheet would soon be out. No major changes. Pam is working on the schedule for the portable radio reprogramming. Pinellas County and the sheriff's office are testing a new Motorola data transmission technology in the 700 MHz range.

Chief Fant inquired if there had been an increase in missed station encodes. Chuck Freeman will look into this and reminded all stations to report to dispatch each time stations encode is missed. Chief McGuff inquired about the status of goals and objectives identified in meetings last year regarding improved communications between FD and other agencies within the county. The Association will send letters to all police agencies seeking their endorsement of creating a large scale incident/multi-agency county communications plan. Chuck Freeman will ask David Bilodeau to revisit this issue. Dick Williams suggested meeting with the sheriff's office first and work on a small area project. Broad discussion was exchanged on this issue.

<u>Medical Director</u> – Jeff Bernard reported on the recent meningitis cases. 116 AED's are registered in Pinellas County at this time.

Good of the Organization

Chief McGuff reported on the executive board meeting and discussion to send donations to the families or identified charities of deceased firefighters Jack Barker, Tampa FD and Pete Sznerch, Chapel Hill FD. Motion by Chief Fant to send \$50.00 donation to the Tampa Burn Center in memory of firefighter Jack Barker and \$100.00 to the family of firefighter Pete Sznerch. Second by Chief Meyer. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: March 1, 2001 Homer's Buffet 1451 N. Missouri Ave.

Chief's workshop at 11:15 / Lunch at 12:00 / Regular meeting at 12:30

Meeting Adjourned