

# **PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**

## **April 3, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 12:45 PM and roll call was taken with 25 in attendance. Chief Yaudes made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief Wallace, motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of April 2, 2008:

PCFCA Checking	\$7,916.44
PCFCA Extrication	\$237.32
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$9,671.46
SCFSK Checking	\$1,995.68
<u>SCFSK CD</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total	\$24,820.90

Chief Fant made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Chief Yaudes, motion passed by voice vote. CPAT Pro-rata invoices will be sent to Active member organizations this week.

### **Correspondence**

The Association received a thank you from the 911 operators for donation and support for their recent apparatus fair.

### **New Business**

Chief James Large is running for the Florida Fire Chiefs position of West Central Director.

### **Unfinished Business**

Chief Angle presented the nominating committee's slate of proposed officers for the April elections. They are:

President - Dan Graves	Vice-President - Doug Lewis
Past President - James Angle	Secretary/Treasurer Scott McGuff
South County Director - Gordon Yaudes	Mid-County Director - Deryll O'Neal
North County Director - Jay Stout	Director at Large - Jeff Malzone

A motion to move the approval of the slate of officers was made by Chief Fant and seconded by Chief Large. The floor was opened for any changes to the nominations with no nominations made. The slate of officers for 2008/2009 was approved by unanimous consent. Installation of officers will occur at the May 1, meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Operations Chiefs**

Jim Wimberly reported:

- A letter received from Brinks Home Security requesting approval to perform a call back to the subscriber prior to the call to the 911 center. President Graves asked that the Fire marshals committee examine this and make a recommendation at the May meeting.
- Some departments are challenged by the new voice dispatching protocol which verbally announces the unit one time. The committee is requesting that the 911 center repeat the units on the incident at the end of the dispatch. The 911 center has agreed to do this when there are not calls in the queue to be dispatched through a 90-day test and evaluation.
- The committee is noticing longer on-scene times during extrication incidents. They believe there are a variety of reasons including newer vehicle types, hydraulic tool age and training. The committee is seeking to better define what an extrication unit should be capable of versus an extrication upgrade versus a heavy rescue upgrade.

- Squad units throughout the county are some of the busiest. The committee wants to examine the possibility of assigning Squad units to working fires only. Chief Wallace recommended that vehicle crashes be added as well and that the committee should examine call types where the Squad units may not be necessary.
- Emergency Management has created a Mass Casualty plan – the draft plan was rolled out in March of this year. The Association must identify how it can have input into the plan and what portions of the plan could be incorporated into the 600 Series SOP. Chief Yaudes suggested that the PowerPoint presentation provided in the March training could be condensed and presented at a future committee meeting. The draft plan will be forwarded to all members.
- Almost all fire rescue apparatus now have the MDC on board. Some units are not utilizing the MDC to its highest productivity. An activity list will be available through the 911 CAD data to fire rescue administrators to allow oversight. The committee will work with the 911 data personnel to define what the report data will entail.

### **Fire Marshals**

Ed Mullins reported on behalf of the committee:

- The IR account upgrade is still progressing with testing this spring and a possible release in October 2008.
- Ed has been appointed to the PCCLB executive board and Bill Jolley has been appointed to their Life Safety Committee.
- President Graves requested an update on the fire hydrant data sharing between Pinellas County Utilities and the 911 CAD data systems. Mike Cooksey reported that this is currently being worked on within the county. All county utility hydrant testing is being performed to AWWA standards.
- The membership had some discussion regarding possible fees for fire inspection services. The committee has worked on this with no real headway being made. Mike Cooksey reported that EMS & Fire Administration is moving forward with idea for fees in the unincorporated areas.

### **PALS**

Don Sayre reported on the ITLS recertification process and complimented St. Petersburg College for getting the work done in two months. Don provided a synopsis of a presentation at PALS last meeting dealing with Africanized honey bees. Pinellas County has a contractor list for bee removal that is available through 911. PALS will host a student preceptor meeting at St. Petersburg College on April 15. All post-incident intubation consultations are the responsibility of the person that placed the tube; evidently there had been some misunderstanding of this position.

### **Training Officer**

Meeting next week and will work to finalize marine rescue training package.

### **EMS Advisory Council**

Chief Lewis reported on the council's recent elections and that Chief Geer had been elected Secretary/Treasurer.

### **Opticom Preemption**

Chief Angle reported that the committee is waiting on the vendor to provide budgeting information and cost data. He will seek to schedule a meeting with the vendor.

### **Affiliate Member Reports**

#### **Fire & EMS Administration**

Mike Cooksey reported that Craig Hare is seeking federal funds to harden the SunStar building and he requested that a letter from the Association endorsing the project be provided. President Graves requested that Mike provide him with a draft letter for signature. Mike reported that the fire district budgets have been submitted to OMB for processing.

#### **Medical Director**

Jeff Barnard reported that the EZ IO equipment is now in place and being used. He also reported that:

- OMD 2007 annual report is complete - There are now over 600 AED's in the county – CPR survival stats are now at 36%!
- OMD is working with 911 CAD to place the hospital status on the MDC
- Bayfront neurosurgery coverage has been extended another 30 days.

### **SunStar**

New stair chairs will be placed into service within the next 30-45 days. The new units are much more user friendly.

### **Emergency Management**

President Graves forwarded an e-mail message from Sally Bishop regarding the GETS telephone priority system.

### **Communications/911**

- Chuck Freeman thanked the Association and participating departments with their recent apparatus fair. The event had a good turnout and judged as a success.
- Pam Montanari discussed the issues with digital radio communications recently covered in several fire service trade journals. When the system moves to digital Radio Systems will do it slowly and methodically to work to overcome any issues identified.
- President Graves asked for an update on the Nextel re-banding project. Pam reported her office is submitting information next week and will be scheduling a meeting to negotiate the replacement of equipment. Re-banding will be accomplished after this year's hurricane season.
- Chief Angle reported on testing with S65 and Radio Systems that provides a voice alert when users change sub-fleets on their portable radios. So far the testing has been very successful and may be worthwhile undertaking for all portable radios.
- Chief Lewis and Jackie Weinreich reported that there is now available a NFPA 1710 time line report on the 911 web prior calls feature. Jackie will coordinate with the operations chief's committee to fully develop the statistical proc.

### **St. Petersburg College EMS**

No report.

### **St. Petersburg College Fire**

No report.

### **Red Cross**

Mark Hendrickson, north county rep and Bob Nixon, south county rep relayed their appreciation for work the fire agencies do to assist fire victims in receiving Red Cross aid. They requested that the phrasing of the 911 prompt to the command officer be changed to, "Do you need Red Cross assistance this evening".

Bob presented Lealman Fire rescue with the inaugural Local Heroes fund raising award for their collection of over \$5,000!

Mark and Bob asked that any agencies having surplus vehicles that would meet a Red Cross need that they consider donating them to the Red Cross. This is done in other areas with good success.

### **Good of the Organization**

Ken Cramer shared an e-mail from Dan Jones regarding job openings in Raleigh, NC. He also has a St. John's county apparatus purchasing contract, contact Ken for a copy.

The Palm Harbor Fire Ball is April 12, tickets are \$60.00 and the event is black tie optional.

Chief Wallace thanked Clearwater Fire Rescue for their command officer response to a fire incident in Largo in which the interior crew had a loss of radio communications.

Chief Large thanked all of the agencies that provided services during the St. Pete Grand Prix race.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.**

**Next Meeting is May 1, 2008 at Stacey's Buffet.**