

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

## **August 3, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Angle at 12:45 PM. Ken Cramer provided the invocation and roll call was taken with 24 in attendance. Chief Meyer made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief Yaudis, motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of June 1, 2006:

PCFCA Checking	\$10,877.03
SCFSK Checking	\$1,686.03
SCFSK CD	\$5,001.70
Total	\$17,564.76

Chief O'Neal made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Chief Yaudis, motion passed by voice vote.

### **Correspondence**

Letter received from the extrication coalition thanking the host departments for the recent competition.

Letter of thanks from Palm Harbor fire commission for members work with the charter review commission.

E-mail from Chief Naylor regarding Patriot's Day in South Pasadena on 9/11.

### **New Business**

Tom Crandall, Director of Pinellas County Utilities General Maintenance visited the meeting to ask if any members were having difficulty in getting county fire hydrants repaired. He asked if agencies were reporting water usage for hydrant flows, fires and training. He also discussed water quality issues with fire flow testing if done to rapidly. Tom reported that his department performs annual hydrant inspections of control valves, hydrant accessibility and hydrant operation. Mr. Crandall will e-mail President Angle with his reporting desires which will be forwarded to all agencies.

### **Unfinished Business**

President Angle discussed the Penny for Pinellas and indicated that Chief Stout would provide a report at the September meeting.

Leland Greek, Seminole FR reported on the shelter staffing draft guidelines – a revised draft is being completed by Craig Hare after long discussions at the last PALS meeting. It will be presented at the September meeting.

President Angle reported on the PCFCA web site development.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Operations Chiefs**

Mike Wallace, Seminole FR reminded members of the August 24, Taking Care of Our Own seminar. The LODD committee is working hard and it is likely that the Pinellas model will be utilized statewide.

The draft 600-032 Strike Team/Task Force Deployment SOP has been updated and will be forwarded electronically to members for review and adoption at the September meeting.

The 600-014 Fire Alarm Response SOP will be left as is since it does not specify numbers of units in response.

#### **Education Committee**

No report.

#### **Purchasing**

No report.

## **Fire Marshals**

PARCO is hosting a two day seminar on Fire Investigation Testimony 9/7 & 8 at the Innisbrook Resort. Info may be obtained at PARCOArson.com.

## **PALS**

Leland Greek, Seminole reported that the helicopter transport agencies request that field units communicate when extremely heavy patients will be flown. There was discussion on the status of the replacement program for the Mark I NAK kits.

## **Training Officers**

The Company Officer Development seminar scheduled in November received a grant to assist with support materials. The Command Simms demo hosted at SunStar was very good and some excellent questions were developed. The training officers are working to complete an evaluation of the product.

## **EMS First Responder Contract**

President Angle reported that there still have been no meetings.

## **American Assembly**

1. Marine Rescue Capabilities – No report.
2. EMS Transport – Chief Lewis reported that the last meeting had discussions on hospital delays and that hospital administrators will be meeting to seek solutions. Average on-scene time for EMS units was 17 minutes and did not seem to be an issue. Discussed methods of data transfer from 911 CAD to SunStar. The committee received a very impressive report on the current system status program utilized by SunStar. Chiefs Lewis, Graves and McGuff were to attend the APCO conference to visit Pam and Jackie at the exhibit hall for possible upgrade ideas to our CAD system.

## **Affiliate Member Reports**

### **Fire & EMS**

No report.

### **Emergency Management**

Sally Bishop, Pinellas County EM reported on the last TS Chris update. She spoke on the shelter staffing draft. A demo by a company called Aqua Magic was to be held at emergency management. The unit makes drinking water from air. Ready Alert test messages will be sent this day – users will need to contact EM for new login and password. POD logistic training will be held in early September. The emergency food Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI) is still in county planning stage – will likely be another 30 days before the program is identified; this will be a sole source contract. EM had identified several school shelters with toilet deficiencies – portable toilets will be provided within the risk protected areas. The CEMP is expected to be adopted by PCC on August 22. Pinellas County has budgeted dollars to spend on shelter hardening in municipal, private and not for profit structures. This budgeting will be long term utilizing Penny for Pinellas dollars. EM is working on ordinance language and building permitting requirements ahead of disasters to speed their development. The state will be hosting a Senior EM Leadership conference at the Regional Planning Council facility. The state has announced the creation of the Household Mitigation Grant program info can be obtained at <http://www.mysafefloridahome.com/>.

Special needs shelters are now to be equipped with generators and power distribution units for within the structures and fans will be supplied.

## **Medical Director**

No report.

## **Communications/911**

Pam Montanari reported on the high performance data system and that the one-for-one replacement of existing modems will occur within the next 30 – 45 days. She reported on the UASI communications exercise and that Pinellas performed very well. There was an antenna issue with the St Pete tower, likely from a lightning strike. Communications were decent so the decision was made to perform repairs in the most cost effective manner which took a few days. If the system had not been OK the repairs would have been accomplished immediately or the mobile tower could have been used but would not provide the same geographic coverage. Pam also reported on the re-banding plan phases with Nextel- there is an expected 18 month completion time.

Chuck Freeman reported that the county paging system will now be managed by Donna Biem at Radio Systems Division. You may notice county managers receiving pager info of incidents at county facilities. The Code 4/5 test is scheduled for 8/10 at 10:30 and 18:30 – there will be five incidents generated during each test for each agency. Emergency Communications has met with county traffic folks to identify possible information sharing effecting traffic delays and 911 may have access to new traffic camera system. Agencies may notice an ITS advisory on pagers for traffic related incidents. Chuck and Jackie have begun working on priority dispatch capabilities. Jackie requested that each fire agency provide her with an updated contact list with those responsible/authorized to make 911 CAD data updates. She is also interested in conducting a demo of the current 911 CAD capabilities sometime in the near future. Jackie also reported that Seminole FR had received a point reduction in their ISO communications grading because of generator testing policies. The policies have been updated to meet ISO requirements for weekly testing.

## **St. Petersburg College EMS**

David Sullivan, EMS/CME Coordinator discussed CME for AHA updates and the new on-line system is being tested for the anticipated use in 2007.

## **St. Petersburg College Fire**

No report

## **Red Cross**

No report.

## **SunStar**

Mark Postma, SunStar/Paramedics Plus reported that Sonny Geary was moving to their Tulsa, Oklahoma operations and Aaron Howell is slated to replace Sonny here.

## **Good of the Organization**

Chief Leahy has retired, again – President Angle is looking for ideas to honor his years of service.

Palm Harbor FR will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 1, during the Taste of Palm Harbor, all are invited.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.**

**Next Meeting is September 7, 2006**