

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

### **August 2, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 12:35 PM. Ken Cramer provided the invocation 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 O'Neal, motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of August 1, 2007:

PCFCA Checking	\$8,203.39
PCFCA Extrication	\$3,589.37
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$6,013.84
SCFSK Checking	\$1,687.07
<u>SCFSK CD</u>	<u>\$5,001.70</u>
Total	\$24,495.37

Chief Lewis made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Chief Geer, motion passed by voice vote.

### **Correspondence**

None.

### **New Business**

President Graves suggested seeking the Fire Marshal's committee prepare an analysis of inspection fees and recommend a schedule for fees following a unified methodology. There was discussion regarding the jurisdictions with fees already in place and how fees are set by individual entities. There was agreement that the methodology for determining what should be charged for should be examined. Chief Bell questioned Pinellas County fees charged for plan review that city/district jurisdictions are performing but not charging for or receiving payment of the county fees collected. Mike Cooksey will look into this and report back at the September meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

President Graves discussed the haz-mat contracts status – contracts are with the jurisdictions for legal review and board approvals, the county is reviewing the contract in its internal processes.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Operations Chiefs**

Mike Wallace, Seminole Fire Rescue reported that the committee is seeking to allow changes in vehicle accident responses – Jackie Weinreich will create a Code 1 VC which would allow a single-unit response if that is desired locally. Local jurisdictions will still define their level of response. Code 1 VC would be determined through dispatcher interrogation identifying low speed, parking lots, no likely trauma, etc. Chief Bell questioned how the proposed change would affect statistical reports. Mike and Jackie reported that all stats would be available due to the VC code. Jackie asked that all departments send her their changes or alterations for Code 1 VC and Code 3.

Mike Wallace distributed a statistical graph detailing the usage of MDT's among departments having them in-use. The committee is seeking a higher degree of usage by the field units for signaling their response and availability to reduce radio usage. He will provide additional data breaking down the usage by department, unit and shift.

Mike covered the communications capability of the Florida Inter-operability Network (FIN) patches to other agencies outside Pinellas. Units may request the FIN patch through the 911 Center. Alterations to the 600 Series SOP regarding the FIN patch will be accomplished.

Mike also spoke on the creation of an SOP dealing with funeral arrangements/ceremonial duties in cases of Line of Duty Deaths and death of retirees. There was support for such an SOP creation and Mike said the committee will move forward with this.

## **Education Committee**

No report.

## **Fire Marshals**

No report.

## **PALS**

Don Sayre, Tarpon Springs reported on a Bayflite demo of their new aircraft. He reported that the electronic patient care reporting system is moving forward with computer units on SunStar units. The fire department LifePak 12 units may need upgrading or cables to allow for download of scene data from fire based units to the electronic PCR.

## **Training Officers**

No report.

## **EMS First Responder Contract**

Chief Angle felt that the committee had completed its work and that the committee report could be removed from the agenda.

## **EMS Advisory Council**

This council will be meeting every two months and is selecting a new chairperson in September. Chief Geer, Clearwater has expressed his interest in serving as chairperson. The council meeting schedule may be altered to meet quarterly. Chief Saltzman will serve as the Association representative to the EMS Management sub-committee. At the council meeting Major Scott Steiner, PCSO questioned the aging of the post 9/11 PPE distributed to field units and should we, as emergency responders seek county or grant funding to replace the equipment. There was discussion regarding the caching of the equipment or distributing it again.

## **American Assembly**

1. Marine Rescue Capabilities – Chief McGuff will call a meeting of the committee to complete its report.

## **Affiliate Member Reports**

### **Fire & EMS**

Chuck Kearns, Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration provided background on the EMS contract funding numbers and the internal county machinations to determine those numbers. The EMS contract is now going through county review and is close to being complete. County risk management has proposed some changes and Chuck's office will be sending those out.

Chief Bell suggested that agencies check their Professional Liability insurance coverage to ensure that they cover events after the year in which they may occur.

Mike Cooksey, Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration reported on the status of the fire district contracts and their funding.

President Graves asked for an update on the fire hydrant replacement/upgrades. Chuck Kearns explained how the program has worked in the past and that this FY they had a \$400,000 budget and next FY there is no funding. Chuck's office is seeking alternatives to keep the program moving forward. Mike Cooksey raised an issue in the East Lake area regarding fire hydrant coverage and would like to re-examine a countywide fire hydrant ordinance or land development regulation changes.

### **Medical Director**

Dr. Romig reported she has been pleased with the on-line CME results. December 2007 will likely be scheduled as an on-line CME. She also reported on the ACLS upgrades and recertification. The OMD is attending the nurse managers meeting in August to discuss the BA blood draw requests by FD units at the hospitals.

Chief Bell had questions regarding the jail contracts for medical services and the permissibility to perform the BA draws. Chuck Kearns and Dr. Romig will investigate this and report back at a future meeting.

## **Emergency Management**

Sally Bishop, Pinellas County Division of Emergency Management reported on the recent state recovery summit and the county emergency management staffs participation. She also discussed the following items:

- The state has opened a resource center in the Orlando area.
- Upcoming POD training/exercise in late August.
- Update on shelter upgrades, generators and HVAC, for special needs shelters. Purchasing some water purification systems for larger shelters. The units will be available for other drinking water emergencies. Completing contracts with facilities & Red Cross for voluntary evacuations.
- Seeking grant for mass casualty alternative treatment facilities.
- Recovery plan update is underway.
- Alternate county EOC will be at the Supervisor of Elections facility.
- Involved with debris management and road clearance responsible entities.
- Examining base camp capabilities under state contract
- Utilizing E-Team software for messaging and resource requests – funded through UASI grants.
- Examining a reformatting of the CEMP
- Wants to discuss the use of relocated beach community resources to assist with staffing at inland shelters during large recovery events.

## **Communications/911**

No report.

## **St. Petersburg College EMS**

No report.

## **St. Petersburg College Fire**

Jim Terry reported the college is offering a pump operator course 9/15 through 10/13; call 727-572-5315 for information. Jim also reported that 8/27 – 31 they will host a Live Fire Instructor Training course for \$85. In the future this course may cost over \$200. An adjunct Live Fire Instructor Trainer course, aimed at company officers that will be involved with live fire exercises, is being planned for the near future. The next minimum standards class will begin in September – Class 18 will graduate on September 13, 18:30 at the Allstate Center.

## **Red Cross**

No report.

## **SunStar**

The electronic patient care reporting is going OK. SunStar is upgrading to hydraulic power stretchers. The units have a 700 pound capability and utilize different loading techniques – SunStar will seek a training CD for the stretchers for distribution to FD unit personnel.

The Pinnacle conference is being held in August in St. Pete Beach.

## **Good of the Organization**

Ken Cramer has several statewide purchasing contracts available, call if needed.

Chief Large reported on the upcoming Safe Walk to School events – FDOT has provided signs and banners for FD use.

Chief Bell reported on bridge restrictions at the Belleview Biltmore – Largo has requested that the bridge be upgraded to accommodate 32 tons.

Chief Angle reported on the wildfire reimbursement for FF90-133. Agencies need to send in their notice of intent to submit claims. Forms are available at FloridaPA.org

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.**

**Next Meeting is September 6, 2007 at Stacey's Buffet.**