

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

August 7, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 12:30 PM and roll call was taken with 29 in attendance. Chief O'Neal made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief Yaudes, motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of August 7, 2008:

PCFCA Checking	\$34,821.40
PCFCA Extrication	\$143.32
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$9,319.43
SCFSK Checking	\$1,995.68
<u>SCFSK CD</u>	<u>\$5,144.30</u>
Total	\$51,424.13

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

The Training Officers committee submitted a budget proposal for the upcoming Pinellas Officer Development Course this fall. There will be a single day seminar kicking off the program open to up to 225 attendees at a registration cost of \$35.00 and the registration cost for the week long program of \$100.00. Revenue is projected to be \$10,000 and expenses at \$7,000. Chief Meyer made a motion to support the program as presented. Chief Stout seconded the motion, motion passed by voice vote.

Correspondence

President Graves received an invitation from County Commissioner Morroni for the Association to make a sponsorship donation and attend his annual Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation Dinner. There was no motion from the floor to expend funds towards a sponsorship.

New Business

Mr. David Zufelt of Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park and Funeral Home provided a presentation on their program called The Simplicity Plan and services provided to those firefighters killed in the line of duty. He emphasized the difference between funeral pre-planning and pre-funded arrangements and encouraged everyone undertake the pre-planning to avoid emotional decision making for funeral arrangements. Chief Wallace volunteered to be a point of contact so that departments may request cover letters and flyers, which were distributed, so that each agency may provide the information to all personnel if desired.

Chief Large thanked the Association members for their support of his successful campaign to become the Florida Fire Chief's Association West Central Regional Director.

Unfinished Business

August 10, is the Back to School/Clearwater Thresher's fund raising baseball game. Jim Millican, Lealman Fire Rescue is looking for departments to respond with their intentions to participate in the event.

Chief Bob Swarouth, Clearwater FR reported that there are still some outstanding CPAT surveys needed before the project can continue. All of the pro-rata payments from the departments have been received.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Jim Wimberly, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue reported on the following issues being worked on by the Operations Chiefs Committee:

- An extrication ad-hoc committee has been established to examine Extrication Unit definitions and typing. They will present a report at the September meeting.

- Creating a sub-committee to work on a calendar to assure that the three-year review time frame for the 600 Series SOP is adhered to and to work with existing departments that have not yet officially adopted the SOP.
- The airport mass casualty incident is scheduled for November 13 – on September 17, there will be a walk-through of the event at the airport. Contact Chief Rauscher if you are interested in participating.
- Still working on an update of the 600-7 Communications/Dispatch SOP which will be updated to include a definition of “Working Fire”.
- The technology sub-committee, desiring to reduce verbal radio traffic recommended that EMD response determinants be sent the unit MDC with the unit having the option to acknowledge the downgrade or indicate the unit still responding emergency.
- MDC unit compliance statistics are available on the 911 web under the Prior Calls tab. If you have any questions you may contact Jackie Weinreich.

Fire Marshals

No report

PALS

Don Sayre, Tarpon Springs FR reported that August CME is on-line and September will be the hands on follow-up. The on-line CME will be affected by the college server being out of service August 11 – 15.

Training Officers

No report.

EMS Advisory Council

No report.

Opticom Preemption

No report.

Fire District Contract

Chief Stout reported that the committee has finalized proposed contract language changes. The committee has moved the proposed meeting with Mike Cooksey from August to October to allow more focus on EMS contract issues.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS Administration

Dick Williams thanked the fire chiefs he had met with in one-on-one meetings thus far for their candor and ideas. He is working on a work plan for all of the emergency services he is now directing. Dick informed the members of changes in the radio designators for county officials, his identifier will be CO700. He requested that the Association appoint one fire chief to work with his office on the county strategic planning efforts.

Craig Hare stated that he was looking forward to working with all of the EMS agencies. Craig requested that all agencies provide their recently acquired cyanide antidote kits to the EMS warehouse for distribution to the haz-mat team for the short-term as the team medics are trained in the kits use and administration. His wish is that by the end of the year all of the system medics will be trained in the kits use and administration and the cache of kits will be distributed to agency District Chiefs for storage on their vehicles as they are dispatched to structure fires and any events where the kits would be needed. Craig said the monitor/defibrillator sub-committee was still working and will meet again on August 28. The EMS Advisory Council meets again on August 27, at 10:00 AM

Chief Wallace asked Mike Cooksey on the status of fire hydrant data transfer between the county utilities department and the 911 CAD. Mike said he can provide the data in a printed report when it is needed but that there has been no movement towards an electronic transfer of data.

Medical Director

Jeff Barnard reported that OMD had sent a letter to all agencies to emphasize when 12-lead EKG is necessary during patient care and its relationship to STEMI alerts. Jeff also reported that there are now 1,000 AED units registered in Pinellas County. If interested agencies may request a listing of AED units by address within their jurisdictions.

SunStar

EMS chiefs are being sent customer service satisfaction surveys for services provided by the EMS supply warehouse.

Emergency Management

Sally Bishop reported that the Emergency Management Coordinators meeting will be August 20, at the Epicenter and they have invited agency PIO's to work on smoothing the dissemination of official information to the public. She also reported on a proposal to house Progress Energy lineman with municipal or fire district employees during disaster events. Chief Wimberly, St. Petersburg FR requested that lineman affected be trained to bring essentials and some self-sufficiency in the event of being housed over a multi-day period. Sally also reported:

- County EM has finalized work on updating the hurricane decision making process data set and forms
- The county EM web site will host a SharePoint web site for the posting of agency documents for reference and sharing
- The current reverse 911 City Watch capability is being dropped by county EM in favor of a new capability offered by Ready Alert. County EM will pay for the base system – cities may utilize the system by providing community phone lists and paying per call costs.
- Jan Walker has been promoted to EM Coordinator

Communications/911

Jackie Weinreich reported that the 911 web page was undergoing revision and updating.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report.

St. Petersburg College Fire

Charlie Crowther, Director of Fire Science Academic programs reported on student enrollments and upcoming course schedules. Roger Melchoir is no longer with the college.

Red Cross

No report.

Good of the Organization

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Next Meeting is September 4, 2008 at Stacey's Buffet.