

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

December 7, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Angle at 1:00 PM. Ken Cramer provided the invocation and roll call was taken with 24 in attendance. The meeting was hosted by Pinellas County Emergency Communications to demonstrate the newest capabilities of the radio and data communications system.

Chief Meyer made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief Naylor, motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of December 6, 2006:

PCFCA Checking	\$10,866.64
SCFSK Checking	\$1,686.45
SCFSK CD	\$5,001.70
Total	\$17,554.79

Chief Meyer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Chief Fant, motion passed by voice vote. Chief Grave's made a motion to support the holiday haz-mat team luncheon with \$300; the holiday tech rescue luncheon with \$300 and the 911 dispatcher's holiday food with \$100. Second by Chief Fant, motion passed by voice vote.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

Pinellas County Radio Systems & 911 Emergency Communications provided an overview of the current state of the radio and data communications systems. Pam Montanari provided an update on the data system modem upgrade. New modems should arrive after December 19, and the field replacement will begin. The County will provide the new modem exchange and installation. Pam distributed the 2007 Motorola radio equipment price sheet. She reported that the Nextel re-banding project was likely still 9 – 12 months away.

Gail provided a review of the new data modems. They are larger and a bit heavier than the old units and will require the installation of two antennas with four feet of separation. The modems are rated at 96K with an actual working speed of 56K – 64K. She provided a demonstration of the wireless data system capability.

There was general discussion about the new data initiatives, changes to the Inspection Reporting account and discussion of statistical data storage and retrieval.

Unfinished Business

None.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

No report.

Education Committee

No report.

Purchasing

No report.

Fire Marshals

No report.

PALS

No report.

Training Officers

President Angle provided an e-mail report from Greg Lanning, St. Petersburg FR stating the Officer Development class went well and that the seminar dates with Chief Lasky were scheduled for March 23 & 24, 2007. There will be four seminar offerings during the two days. The training officers are looking for a 100 seat auditorium to host the Fire Service Ownership seminars. Greg will be stepping down as chair of the training officers committee and a new chair will be selected in January.

EMS First Responder Contract

Craig Hare reported that he will have the strike-through and underline version of the draft contract completed prior to next weeks meeting.

American Assembly

1. Marine Rescue Capabilities – No report.
2. EMS Transport – No report.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS

Craig Hare thanked everyone for their work in the EMS system throughout 2006. He discussed the Penny for Pinellas initiatives including the new EOC and central communications center. Craig will bring and show a public education video created by the County at the January 11, meeting.

Emergency Management

No report.

Medical Director

The AHA cardiac arrest training cut-off is December 31. If system medics and EMT's are not complete they will be placed on clinical suspension until the training is completed. The OMD office is cooperating to undertake a consolidated ordering for new NAK kits.

Communications/911

No report. President Angle thanked the communications representatives for hosting the meeting and providing the system overview.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report.

St. Petersburg College Fire

No report.

Red Cross

No report.

SunStar

No report.

Good of the Organization

Bay Area Chief's meeting to be hosted by Pinellas Park at Park Station 9:30AM on Friday 12/8.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Next Meeting is January 11, 2007 beginning at 13:00 at Safety Harbor fire station #53. No lunch will be provided.