

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

February 7, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 13:35 PM and roll call was taken with 31 in attendance. Chief Angle 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 February 6, 2008:

PCFCA Checking	\$8,061.44
PCFCA Extrication	\$237.32
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$9,611.46
SCFSK Checking	\$1,995.68
<u>SCFSK CD</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total	\$24,905.90

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

Lise Amundrud, Tampa Bay Chapter American Red Cross provided a report on the March fund raising activity and designation as Heroes Month. Red Cross will be hosting a telethon to raise money for local projects and initiatives. Lise requested the fire service assistance with fund raising activities. She may be contacted at 727-898-3111 ext 235.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

The Association has received a request from Pinellas County 911 to support their fire truck expo with a monetary donation for food and drinks. The \$100.00 approved for the holiday food that was not expended will be utilized for this event.

President Graves appointed Chief Angle as the nominating committee chair and Chief's Moreno and Yaudes will assist. They will report at the March meeting and elections will occur in April.

Unfinished Business

The invoices for the CPAT initiative will be sent out soon. Jim Terry, St. Petersburg College felt the college would be prepared to implement the program in August or September 2008. There is a need to work on the number of instructors needed, overall program costs and arrive at a participant fee.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Jim Wimberly, St. Petersburg FR reported that Chief Rauscher, St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport requested that the Operations Chiefs examine the allowance of a special run card for an aircraft emergency in the water. This request was approved and will be moved forward for development.

There was discussion of a recent school bus vehicle crash with the children being taken from the scene by parents prior to exam by EMS. This created a chaotic situation. A new communication process has been developed with the school board to speed the arrival of school board staff to school bus crash scenes.

Jim Wimberly provided information on the Bracken Engineering firm offer to assist the fire service with structural engineering consulting at emergency scenes. Each agency will need a MOU with Bracken Engineering. St. Petersburg FR is developing such an MOU and will share with other agencies.

Don Sayre, Tarpon Springs FR reported on the Operations Chiefs Technology sub-committee activities:

- County MDC updates will be accomplished with downloads at the stations utilizing thumb drives.
- Grid maps will be loaded locally on laptop hard drives to overcome loss of wireless connection.
- Law enforcement on-scene button being added.

- Administrative staff will have the ability to select a call and place themselves on that call and indicate arrival.
- Units may extend delayed status times on MDC.
- The map display will be improved by reducing some of the dispatcher notes.
- In the future the administrative staff MDC units will have voice capability for dispatcher notes.
- MDC will have feature to select a FDID and see department unit status screen.
- Rick Cody, 911 data Support taught a basic AutoCAD course to assist local agencies in improving/editing maps.
- The sub-committee is examining AVL/GPS equipment alternatives and capabilities.
- Jackie Weinreich reported that a MDC system utilization report will be a user written program within the FR account for administrative oversight of MDC usage by unit and shift.
- Next meeting is May 7, after the Operations Chiefs meeting.

Chiefs Wallace and Wimberley requested that the 911 dispatchers' verbalization of incident information be provided twice. The current practice is to provide the verbalized data one time. This will be addressed at the next Operations Chiefs meeting.

Education Committee

No report.

Fire Marshals

The Fire Marshals will be having a meeting in February to discuss the IR CAD account. Any departments having improvement suggestions or special requests should forward them to their fire marshal. The committee is working to establish data sharing for fire hydrant data between the fire agencies and the Pinellas County Utility Division.

PALS

Don Sayre, Tarpon Springs Fire Rescue reported that ITLS is underway and so far the results are good. St. Petersburg College will be offering a 12-lead EKG course and additional course hours to assist those achieve National Registry recertification.

There was discussion on the Office of the Medical Director position on mandatory system use of capnography and possible sanctions for crews not following the protocol.

Training Officers

No report.

EMS Advisory Council

Chief Geer reported that the annual meeting will be on March 26, 10:00 AM at the SunStar facility with the possible election of officers and appointment of executive board.

Opticom Preemption

Chief Angle reported on the results of the committee's first meeting. A survey has been sent to all agencies requesting information on intersections equipped with preemption equipment and units with emitters. The committee is also seeking information from other counties on the GPS preemption systems through the Florida Fire Chiefs network.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS

Jackie Weinreich reported that the EMS Incentives sub-committee had worked to identify CAD procs to create the new incentive reporting within the 911 CAD.

Mike Cooksey reported that he has sent fire district budget information requests to the 10 agencies affected for beginning budget development. Property Appraiser valuations may not be available until April.

Mike reported that the county is examining fees for services in areas such as false alarm responses, hazardous materials storage and inspection services. President Graves urged the various stakeholders in developing these fees for service that the work is coordinated in an attempt to standardize the fees to all extents possible. President Graves will work with Chief Stout to examine the fee for service issues and assemble sample ordinances from other agencies.

Medical Director

Dr. Romig reported that the written testing portion of ITLS seems to be the stumbling block for paramedics – personnel must prepare thoroughly for the written test in advance to pass.

The Bardmoor ED is scheduled to open on March 3, and OMD will be tracking performance of the facility. Jeff Barnard thanked everyone for ensuring the return of delivery receipts for the new MOMS manual on time. OMD reported seeing better stats with emergency departments to remain open and out of divert status – OMD thanked SunStar and ED's for their good work on this issue.

SunStar

A record number of transports are occurring in February. The new hydraulic stretcher use has resulted in a decreased number of requests for the specialized bariatric transport units and has resulted in a lower incidence of back injury.

Emergency Management

Mike Cooksey reported on behalf of Sally Bishop that the Emergency Management newsletter will be coming out in February.

Communications/911

Pam Montanari reported on the Nextel re-banding project and upcoming negotiations with Nextel in April. There are no planned system status changes during hurricane season.

Pam urged fire agencies to utilize the Assistance to Firefighter Grants to obtain new radios. The county cannot switch to the new system until all the users have replaced their older units. Pam offered her assistance in grant proposal development.

Jackie Weinreich requested that agencies provide her data on how many units are anticipated to have MDC capabilities in the next five years. Jackie will be e-mailing 911 incident demographic data to agencies for their records.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report.

St. Petersburg College Fire

Roger Melchoir reported that Dr. Stewart has left the college to seek other opportunities. The baccalaureate program is doing well and enrollment is up.

Jim Terry reported the fire academy complex is being repainted and they are continuing to add training props. He encouraged fire agency use of the facility and the new props. Jim thanked fire chiefs for their continued support of the programs and the facility. In-service training is now available with CEU's provided. Phil Bailey, recently retired from Largo FR has been hired by the college and will coordinate the in-service programs. The college is seeking to streamline the student registration process using the Health Education CME model.

Good of the Organization

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Next Meeting is March 6, 2008 at Stacey's Buffet.