

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

January 10, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Lewis at 13:05 PM. Ken Cramer provided the invocation and roll call was taken with 16 in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report as of January 10, 2008:

PCFCA Checking	\$8,061.44
PCFCA Extrication	\$237.32
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$9,491.46
SCFSK Checking	\$1,995.68
<u>SCFSK CD</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total	\$24,785.90

Chief Meyer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Chief Yaudes, motion passed by voice vote. Annual dues invoices will be sent soon. The Association will begin to have to file an IRS e-postcard in 2008 as a non-profit organization with gross receipts under \$25,000, due to new IRS regulations.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

None.

Unfinished Business

Chief Wallace made a motion to accept the LODD and revised Rehab SOP's for inclusion in the 600 Series SOP, second by Chief Meyer. The motion passed by a voice vote, all in favor.

Chief Angle made a motion for the Association to invoice member organizations for CPAT participation per the prorated share document distributed by President Graves, second by Chief Meyer. The motion passed by voice vote with all in favor. Members will be receiving an e-mail questionnaire regarding the CPAT transportability study. Please complete the questionnaire and return to Chief Swarthout at Clearwater Fire Rescue.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Jim Wimberly, St. Petersburg FR reported that the fire reporting system now allows for Quality Assurance reviews by supervisory staff. He asked that departments please provide Jackie Weinreich with names permitted access to the reports.

Code 3- Vehicle Crash notifications will be sent to the county Intelligent Traffic System (ITS) center to allow the use of existing cameras at intersections to help gather additional pre-arrival information.

The Technology sub-committee meeting is scheduled for 1/23 at 09:00 at the 911 dispatch center to discuss Mobile Data Computer (MDC) issues and manual dispatch system contingencies for if or when the 911 CAD system is down. They will also discuss the desire of staff officers to have the ability to use the MDC for placing themselves on a call, on-scene or available.

The Operations Chief committee has forwarded to the Training Officers committee an Alachua County SOP examining emergency apparatus placement at vehicle crashes for development of a draft 600 Series SOP.

Education Committee

No report.

Fire Marshals

Clearwater Fire Marshal Steve Strong recently underwent surgery. The Association members pass along their wish for a speedy recovery.

PALS

Don Sayre, Tarpon Springs Fire Rescue reported that ITLS books are in and being delivered to the stations. Paramedics must score an 85% on the pre-test to enter the hands-on training site. The PALS committee inspected the SunStar multi-casualty apparatus. The unit has flexibility in types of equipment that can be loaded to address the needs of specific incidents.

Training Officers

Committee meets on 1/11. They have notified allied organizations of the 2008 Fire & EMS Safety and Survival Week (formerly the Stand Down) June 22 – 28, to help avoid scheduling conflicts.

EMS Advisory Council

Meet on 1/14 with the Management Committee.

Opticom Preemption

Chief Angle sent an e-mail to stakeholders about the first committee meeting. The work will examine the feasibility of the GPS technology, applicability to the Pinellas system and the financial impacts.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS

Mike Cooksey commented on the December meeting minutes and the discussion of ownership of fire hydrants. Mike indicated the county acknowledges ownership of the fire hydrants and that the county attorney's office is examining the applicability of the FSS 633 language to a public utility versus a private utility. Chief Wallace will forward a copy of the State Fire Marshal's declaratory statement on the issue to Mike Cooksey.

Chief Meyer reported on the work of the ALS Incentive sub-committee and provided a background on how the CAD works to identify the EMS statistics. He encouraged that department's examine their run cards, EMS grids and chief grids with Jackie Weinreich. Incentives will be based on:

- First Due – first due unit in first due area is measured
- Emergency Responses – No more C & D and time is now 5:30 up from 5:00
- At-Patient – remains first due unit in first due area
- EMS Public Education – no definitive tracking measure – will require routine reporting to EMS Administration

Medical Director

Dr. Romig reported that the 2008 MOM's manuals are being distributed and the individual delivery receipts are due back to OMD by 1/31. ITLS is in the February and March CME program. There is no CME in April.

Jeff Bernard, OMD requested that if departments know of new AED placements that they please notify OMD to ensure registrations of the units per ordinance is occurring.

Chief Wallace asked Dr. Romig if there was any data on increased MRSA exposures to paramedics and healthcare workers. Dr. Romig indicated that OMD does not track these statistics.

Dr. Romig reported that a free standing emergency department in the Bardmoor area may be opening on 3/1. OMD will determine if the EMS system will use this facility as a transport destination.

SunStar

Call volume and transports have increased from 2007 numbers with over 300 transports occurring per day. The number of ambulance units on the road will be increased to meet the rising demand and SunStar will begin working with hospitals on 1/14 to help cut down on bed delays and speed unit availability.

Chief Wimberly, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue asked Dr. Romig if there could be more examination of alternative transport means for non-emergent transport situations. Dr. Romig indicated that current studies indicate there are

negative issues regarding this and that OMD feels uncomfortable with the idea due to a lack of good research and field control.

Emergency Management

Sally Bishop has been named as the Director of Emergency Management.

Communications/911

No report.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report.

St. Petersburg College Fire

No report.

Good of the Organization

The haz-mat team thanks for the chiefs funds for their holiday luncheon was passed along. Greg Lanning, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue has been selected as the state Training Officer of the Year, congratulations to Chief Lanning!

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Next Meeting is February 7, 2008 at Stacey's Buffet.