

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

January 8, 2009, Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lewis at 12:30 PM, and roll call was taken with 22 members in attendance.

Chief Fant made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief Malzone, motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of January 7, 2008:

PCFCA Checking	\$35,702.29	Motion to accept: Chief Fant
PCFCA Extrication	\$143.32	Second: Chief Angle
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$10,741.94	
SCFSK Checking	\$1,995.68	
SCFSK CD	<u>\$5,144.30</u>	
Total	\$53,727.53	

Guests /Presentations

Sargeant Joseph Manning and Detective Mark Dunnagan of the PCSO Criminal Intelligence Unit provided a presentation on public safety agencies working together to improve safety during large scale events and specifically covered the upcoming super bowl event. Suspicious activity reporting may be accomplished via the sheriff's web site.

Correspondence

President Lewis reported on outgoing correspondence sent to state Senator Dennis Jones regarding EMT & paramedic ride along requirements found in statute and to the state house committee chairs encouraging their support to continue funding for the Road Ranger program. Deputy Chief Steve McCarthy, Pinellas Park Fire Rescue submitted his letter of resignation as the Pinellas County Hazardous Materials Team commander effective in April. Chief McCarthy has been a member of the team since its creation and has served as team commander for the past ten years.

New Business

None.

Unfinished Business

Chief McGuff reported on the status of the proposed legislative special act authorizing a Florida Fallen Firefighters Memorial Flag. Chief Malzone is requesting input on potential changes to the Association by-laws.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Chief Wimberly, St. Petersburg FR reported that the committee is moving forward with the 600 Series SOP revisions. St. Petersburg Fire Rescue specialty teams will be committed to Super Bowl events. Dr. Romig inquired if the Cyano-kits had been distributed at the Operations Chiefs meeting for delivery to district chiefs. Chief Wimberly said that had not occurred at the meeting the day before.

Fire Marshals

Ed Mullins, Seminole FR informed the members that the 2007 Florida Fire Prevention Code was now in use as of January 1. There was a question of inconsistency within the county code regarding the fire code. Mike Cooksey indicated that the county code will be changed to update the ordinance and code editions referenced.

PALS

No Report.

Training Officers

President Lewis had received an annual report from District Chief Randy Keirn, Lealman FR on the Training Officers activities and it is attached to these minutes. Chief Keirn volunteered to step down as the committee chair and allow someone else the opportunity to take over the chair. It was felt by the membership that if Chief Keirn were willing to continue to serve he should be asked to do so. Chief Graham advised he would talk with Chief Keirn and report about the chairmanship status.

EMS Advisory Council

No report

Opticom

No report.

Fire District Contract

The committee has made a presentation to Mike Cooksey. Mike reported that the county attorney's office was reviewing the contract and he expected something back from the attorney shortly.

Medical Dispatch Review

Chief Competelli reported that the committee has held one meeting and undertaken preliminary discussions regarding response criteria. The committee will be meeting again in the near future. President Lewis reported that the electronic patient care reporting (E-PCR) is moving forward for the First Responder agencies. Equipment should be arriving for distribution in the late spring or early summer.

Affiliate Reports

Fire & EMS

Mike Cooksey reported that many of the county public safety personnel were attending a new commissioner briefing. He informed the membership that the county has merged the 911 Communications with the EMS & Fire Administration with Dick Williams serving as the Director. The new department may be called Public Safety Services.

Medical Director

Dr. Romig reported that the 2009 MOMS manuals have now been distributed to system personnel. The new version has been reduced in volume with reference materials removed. The CME Steering Committee will be meeting in January to discuss the pediatric training tentatively schedule for March and April. February is a CME off-month.

SunStar

Mark Postma reported that the new ambulances have arrived and are in-service. The transport call volumes are increasing as is usual for this time of year.

Emergency Management

No report.

Communications/911

No report.

St. Petersburg College Fire

Phil Bailey reported that the training facility is busy, it will remain open five days a week and that a new fire academy class is underway. The flashover trailer donated to the college by the City of Largo is now ready for use. The college will begin offering a firefighter mentoring program in February for their fire academy graduates. The program can accommodate 20 students and will provide ten months of advanced firefighter training. The cost of the course is projected to be \$1,000. The college will be working with Clearwater Fire Rescue to move the CPAT initiative forward.

Charlie Caruthers reported that the on-line credit courses are full and that student enrollment is up overall.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report

Red Cross

No report.

Good of the Organization

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Next Meeting is February 5, 2009