

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

July 6, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Angle at 12:45 PM. Ken Cramer provided the invocation and roll call was taken with 25 in attendance. Chief Naylor made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief O'Neal, motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of June 1, 2006:

PCFCA Checking	\$11,996.19
SCFSK Checking	\$1,075.82
SCFSK CD	\$5,001.70
Total	\$18,073.71

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

Chief Lewis made a motion to provide \$200 in support of the upcoming August 24, NFA "Taking Care of Our Own" course for box lunches. Second by Chief Naylor, motion passed by voice vote.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

Patricia Johnson of Life Scan Wellness Center presented information and distributed written materials on her company's abilities to provide firefighter health screenings, physicals and fitness evaluations.

President Angle reported on the recent request by the Council of Mayors for an information update from the Association regarding the Pinellas County EMS Advisory Council. Chiefs Stout and Naylor attended the mayor's luncheon meeting to provide this information and were requested by the mayors to seek a meeting of the Advisory Council. Chief Bullock recommended that the Association contact the Advisory Council through our representative Chief Naylor and request a meeting within 30 days. Chief Graves made a motion to that effect and added that the Association prioritizes items of importance for inclusion on the Advisory Board agenda. Second by Chief Naylor, motion passed by voice vote.

President Angle brought up the draft evacuation shelter staffing policy impacts on fire departments. Chief Graves discussed the assumptions within the Emergency Management policies regarding available units, recovering crews after an event and felt the draft needed a major re-write. Chief Bullock wanted to ensure that local communities could work on their own policies. Dr. Romig reported she is working with Public Health officials to delineate the responsibility and authority for EMS and nurse staff at special needs shelters. Chiefs Lewis and Bullock urged that current medical protocols be followed and no new protocols be developed.

Unfinished Business

President Angle reported on the status of the Charter Review Commission and that this would be the last report on this topic.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

No report. President Angle requested that the OP's chiefs examine and discuss the automatic fire alarm response SOP. Mike Wallace reported on draft language to change the SOP that will be brought to the Association at the August meeting.

Education Committee

President Angle reported on the final financial accounting for the extrication competition/symposium.

Purchasing

No report.

Fire Marshals

The Governor vetoed HB 391. Thank you to all the Association members that wrote letters to the Governor seeking his veto of the bill.

PALS

Leland Greek, Seminole reported that PALS had been working to finalize draft plans for evacuation shelter EMS staffing. After hearing the member's input today PALS will continue to work on the draft.

Training Officers

President Angle thanked the training officers for their work on the 2006 Stand Down. Greg Lanning, St. Petersburg thanked Don Sayer, Tarpon Springs for his work on the DVD distributed to all Pinellas stations. The command simulator product demonstration is scheduled for the July 14, training group meeting beginning at 9:00 AM in the Sunstar auditorium.

Randy Kiern of Lealman is looking for interested students for the Peer Fitness Evaluator training. Please contact Randy if there is an interest.

The seminar Pride & Ownership recently held was very good. The Association will look into hosting this seminar in Pinellas in the future.

EMS First Responder Contract

President Angle reported that there is nothing new from last month and that there have been several attempts to schedule meetings. County EMS Administration has not been ready to meet yet.

American Assembly

1. Marine Rescue Capabilities – No report.
2. Specialized Teams – President Angle distributed the committee's final report submitted by Chief Stout. Chief Graves made a motion to forward the report on to Commissioner Seel. Second by Chief Fant, motion passed by voice vote.
3. EMS Transport – Chief Bullock reported that a fourth meeting had been held and objectives had been identified. The next meeting is scheduled for July 24. Chief Bullock felt this will be a long term project with the committee providing quarterly reports. The committee is discussing hospital delays, on-scene times, Opticom preemption for the Sunstar ambulances, additional 911 transport units, regional transport capabilities and 911 CAD issues.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS

Mike Cooksey reported that a new assistant county administrator, Mr. James Dates has been appointed replacing Gay Lancaster. Candidate interviews are being completed for the additional position being hired in EMS & Fire Administration for haz-mat team oversight.

Emergency Management

No report.

Medical Director

Dr. Romig reported on the expiration of Mark I NAK contents. She is working with Craig Hare to explore options for replacement. She is seeking info from PALS on NAK needs by all organizations.

Communications/911

No report.

St. Petersburg College EMS

David Sullivan, EMS/CME Coordinator reported that the CME steering committee had much discussion regarding the eight-hour CME proposed for AHA updates and decided that staffing requirements will not permit this. He proposed that CME in August and August make-ups in September provide the didactic portion of the training update and hands-on in October (Sunstar) and November (Fire Rescue) with hands-on make-ups in December. The hands-on CME classes will require an earlier start time to accommodate the four hours needed to complete the training. Dr. Romig has set a January 1, 2007 deadline for this training to be completed throughout the system.

St. Petersburg College Fire

Charlie Crowther reported that the IFSAC review team has visited and the college looks to be certified at the IFSAC September meeting. Several courses are under curriculum review for alignment with the State Fire College. Greg Lanning, St. Petersburg questioned the make-up of the in-service and the academic/credit advisory committees. Charlie and Roger will send the committee membership info to President Angle for distribution.

Red Cross

No report.

SunStar

Mark Postma, SunStar/Paramedics Plus reported that they are working through new bar coding and inventory software within the Sunstar supplies warehouse. This new system will allow future on-line medical supply ordering. He also reported on the upcoming Pinnacle Conference at the Don Cesar Resort July 31, through August 2.

Good of the Organization

Ken Cramer sought the Association's letter of support for Dan Azzariti and Nat Ippolito in their election bids to Florida Fire Chief's Association positions. Chief Fant made a motion to that effect which was seconded by Chief O'Neal and passed by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Next Meeting is August 3, 2006