

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

July 12, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 12:40 PM. Ken Cramer provided the invocation and roll call was taken with 21 in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report as of July 11, 2007:

PCFCA Checking	\$8,148.39
PCFCA Extrication	\$5,089.37
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$6,013.84
SCFSK Checking	\$1,687.02
<u>SCFSK CD</u>	<u>\$5,001.70</u>
Total	\$25,940.32

Chief Livernois made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Chief O'Neal, motion passed by voice vote.

Correspondence

Received a thank you note from John Leahy for his retirement dinner.

New Business

Don Sayer, Tarpon Springs thanked Joe Accetta, Safety Harbor for organizing the fire service tribute during the funeral procession for the Army Pfc. Jonathan Rossi killed in Iraq. Don wanted to encourage the fire chiefs to continue to this practice if the situation occurs again.

Unfinished Business

No report.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Mike Wallace, Seminole Fire Rescue reported that the committee is working with the Fire marshal's committee on the new fire report with standards, including a link to the property appraiser's office for determination of structural values. Fire officers will input a percentage of damage and the report will calculate dollar loss

Police agencies have been requesting ALS responses to hospitals for alcohol blood draws. The committee is referring this issue to PALS.

The 911 center has reported that some units are not utilizing their laptops; they will generate a report of units involved and forward it to the effected agencies.

The committee has recommended that the county public works department not be notified of working fires for the purposes of increasing water pressures on the effected system.

The committee is examining the alternatives to address issues with Code 3 incidents and the dispatching of squads. Mike reminded the group that current practice during Condition 3 reduces responses to Code 3 incidents to single units.

Discussed issues related to Progress Energy and no or inaccurate ETA's during incidents.

Education Committee

No report.

Fire Marshals

Chief Fant reported that the Pinellas Fire Marshals were asked to examine the special needs data base but felt it was not a fire marshal issue and should be sent to the county Emergency Management.

The committee is working to improve the CAD IR account and migrating to a window's based system with preplan attachments to inspection reports. The current IR account will accept electronic field reporting. The committee has undertaken the task to create a 400 Series SOP for fire investigations. They are also discussing the creation of a local/county fire code appeals board; improving current relationship with school board personnel for construction and inspection issues; fire hydrant locations and mapping accuracy.

PALS

No report.

Training Officers

Don Sayer, Tarpon Springs reported on the scheduling of a Pinellas Officer Development course in the end of November, the location TBD. The committee is exploring inviting Chief Lasky for the final day and opens the attendance to all interested.

Don reported on the success of the 2007 Stand Down and that the committee is working on a county-wide drill.

EMS First Responder Contract

Chief Angle reported on the contract status – awaiting clean contract from Craig Hare at county EMS.

American Assembly

1. Marine Rescue Capabilities – No report.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS

No report.

Emergency Management

Medical Director

Jeff Barnard reported on the OMD annual report that was distributed at PALS and is available on-line. Jeff also reported on the NAK distribution on 7/16; 2/08 is projected for Easy IO training; and OMD will schedule a meeting late in July to meet with hospital nurse managers to resolve blood alcohol kits at hospitals.

Communications/911

No report. Chief Bell questioned if budget cuts at county effected fire station 911 CAD PC replacements at fire stations and/or the WAN data system?

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report. Chief Large questioned the volume of pages within the July on-line CME.

St. Petersburg College Fire

No report.

Red Cross

No report.

SunStar

No report.

Good of the Organization

Ken Cramer has several statewide purchasing contracts available, call if needed.

Chief Large reported that St. Petersburg has put a new 27' Boston Whaler with a 250 gpm pump marine unit in-service and on the change of location for St. Petersburg's EOC.

Chief Bell reported on bridge restrictions at the Belleview Biltmore – Largo has requested that the bridge be upgraded to accommodate 32 tons.

Chief Angle encouraged chiefs to quantify not only what is being lost due to budget cuts but what is not being implemented for service delivery needs due to higher demand for service.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Next Meeting is August 2, 2007 at Stacey's Buffet.