

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

July 10, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 12:30 PM and roll call was taken with 25 in attendance. Chief Yaudes made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief Moreno, motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of July 9, 2008:

PCFCA Checking	\$33,866.25
PCFCA Extrication	\$143.32
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$9,319.43
SCFSK Checking	\$1,995.68
<u>SCFSK CD</u>	<u>\$5,144.30</u>
Total	\$50,468.98

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

Correspondence

None.

New Business

Mr. John Murray of Revenue Rescue provided a presentation on fees for service and recovery of those fees by his firm. Revenue Rescue desires to partner with fire service organizations to provide billing services for all types of fire department activities including motor vehicle crashes, structural fires and fire inspections. Mr. Murray indicated that his company's services can be streamlined to the individual organizations needs.

Unfinished Business

Assistant Chief of Health & Safety Bob Swarhout at Clearwater Fire Rescue reported that the surveys from Madeira Beach and the St. Petersburg Clearwater Airport are still outstanding. Madeira Beach and Pinellas Suncoast have not yet paid their pro rata share of the CPAT project expenses. These items need to be completed ASAP to keep moving forward with the CPAT project. Chief Swarhout will be meeting with the St. Petersburg College representatives in July to discuss the next steps in the CPAT process.

Chief Angle reported on the status of the Fire Standards Council draft legislative proposal.

President Graves appointed Fire Chief Mike Wallace to be the Association's representative to the EMS Advisory Council and Fire Chief Doug Lewis will serve as the alternate. Chief Wallace will also serve as the Association representative to the EMS Management Committee.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

George Bessler, Seminole Fire Rescue reported on the following issues being worked on by the Operations Chiefs Committee:

- State of Florida's desire that all wild-land fire deployments require responders to have S130 and S190 training – working on bringing more of these training course opportunities to Pinellas.
- Squad unit run cards will remain up to the individual departments – the committee is still working on creating Equipment Typing standards for various types of squads within Pinellas.
- The committee is working on a calendar to assure that the three-year review time frame for the 600 Series SOP is adhered to.
- The committee will be developing a multi-casualty incident SOP.
- An update of the 600-7 Communications/Dispatch SOP will be updated to include a definition of "Working Fire".

Fire Marshals

President Graves asked that the Fire Marshals Committee provide an update at the August 7, meeting on the exchange of fire hydrant data between Pinellas County Utilities and the 911 CAD system.

PALS

Don Sayre reported on a new medical device for patients with failing hearts. The device assists with blood flow and in many cases will present a patient with no pulses or on monitoring, may indicate asystole. There are three known patients in Pinellas and departments that may be affected are receiving specialized training from hospital staff.

Training Officers

Randy Keirn reported that the Courage to be Safe curriculum was presented in June with over 700 firefighters receiving the training. He also reported the following:

- The committee will be hosting a Health & Safety Officer course this fall
- Water rescue training is underway in the north-county utilizing a car prop.
- The committee is planning and developing a mass casualty drill for December.
- The committee would like to suggest the creation of an e-mail system utilizing the Association web site that all department personnel could utilize to obtain training information.

EMS Advisory Council

No report.

Opticom Preemption

No report.

Fire District Contract

Chief Stout reported that the committee met in June to finalize proposed contract language changes. The committee will be meeting with Mike Cooksey in July or August to share the work accomplished thus far.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS Administration

Dick Williams thanked the Association for meeting with him and Craig Hare on the EMS funding issues. Dick asked that we keep good, open lines of communication.

Craig Hare reported that the EMS contract performance incentives payout notices should be going out soon. Chief Geer acknowledged that Clearwater Fire Rescue still had issue with how the incentives were being calculated and may utilize the EMS contract dispute resolution provision to seek remedy.

Medical Director

No report.

SunStar

Mark Postma reported that the Pinnacle EMS conference went well and that SunStar had recently completed background checks, including driver's license records on all employees.

Emergency Management

Sally Bishop reported that the implementation of the E-Team software has been delayed and will not be used this year. Emergency Management is creating a web site for Emergency Management Coordinators utilizing Microsoft SharePoint software.

Communications/911

Pam Montanari provided an update on the Nextel re-banding project. The project contract should be executed in August. Pam's office will work with individual agencies to discuss radio needs.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report.

St. Petersburg College Fire

No report.

Red Cross

No report.

Good of the Organization

Chief Graham advised the group that a Lealman Fire Rescue firefighter and a canine companion will be attending the Accelerant Detection Canine training program. Once training is complete the canine unit will be available countywide. He also reported that a test period for ALS EMS service utilizing a two-person District Chief unit will be underway soon. Chief Graham also recommended that Association members check out the Bay News 9 weather software available for use on computers.

Dick Williams provided information on a recent Code B at the court house in Clearwater and subsequent internal review of proper and desired policies for internal actions by employees within the court house in response to such an incident.

Fire Chief Mike Wallace distributed brochures from Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home and Cemetery outlining the Fire/Police/EMS LODD burial services program.

Fire Chief Doug Lewis thanked Chief Wallace for his assistance and the Largo Fire Rescue Honor Guard with a recent retired firefighter's funeral ceremonies.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

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