

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

June 1, 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 22 in attendance. Chief Lewis made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief Naylor, 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

The Save Cans for Safe Kids CD was renewed at \$5,000 for a 15 month period at 5.15%. The interest income was transferred to the Save Cans for Safe Kids checking account.

The Association has invoiced each department involved with the RIT drill at \$3.00 per member attending. This will recoup the \$2,094 the Association will expend for the reimbursement. As of June 1, the following departments have not paid: St. Petersburg, Largo, Pinellas Suncoast, Dunedin, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs, and Clearwater.

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

Correspondence

None.

New Business

Jeff Bernard, Office of the Medical Director presented Heart Ready Community Awards from the American Heart Association to the following organizations: Oldsmar, Largo, Pinellas Park, Pinellas County, Pinellas Suncoast, Belleair Bluffs, Madeira Beach, Tarpon Springs, South Pasadena and East Lake.

Unfinished Business

President Angle reported on the status of the Charter Review Commission. There is one public comment meeting left and the final meeting is scheduled for June 19, 5:30 PM at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council facility.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Mike Wallace, Seminole reported that the 600-32 draft comments will be reviewed and addressed at the next operations chiefs meeting with a final product brought back to the Association for adoption at the July 6, meeting

Education Committee

President Angle reported on the extrication competition/symposium held in Palm Harbor and Clearwater.

Purchasing

No report.

Fire Marshals

Ed Mullins, Seminole reported that HB 391 was passed and was on the Governor's desk awaiting action. Ed requested that the Association and all of its members write letters to the governor urging him to veto the bill. A sample letter will be distributed via e-mail to the membership.

PALS

Leland Greek, Seminole reported on the State EMS award winners of which many were from Pinellas agencies. He reported that PALS was still working to finalize plans for evacuation shelter EMS staffing.

Training Officers

Greg Lanning, St. Petersburg discussed upcoming firefighter stand down guidelines and again requested the Association develop an opening proclamation in concert with the IAFF Pinellas Council of Firefighters to open the stand down week. Sample public service announcements are available at the IAFC web site and these will be evaluated by the training officers group for recommending a cohesive message. The haz-mat team training scheduled for the week of the stand down will continue as planned.

Greg reported that Clearwater, through a grant award, will be purchasing and utilizing the CPAT testing equipment for new hires and that other agencies could be invited to participate. The training group recommends that SPC and Clearwater come to an agreement on providing the CPAT to fire academy recruits. Association members voiced their support for the CPAT testing for recruits and employment candidates.

St. Petersburg is hosting a Fire Data Analysis course June 27-28.

John Beebe, Pinellas County reported that there is a command simulator product available for demonstration. The product demo will be 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.

EMS First Responder Contract

President Angle reported 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 – Chief Graves reported that a final report has been drafted. President Angle will forward this to all members via e-mail.
3. EMS Transport – No report.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS

Mike Cooksey reported that he will be picking up the new State FOG manuals for Pinellas agencies, he will advise on the distribution plan. The additional position being hired in EMS & Fire Administration for haz-mat team oversight is moving forward through the hiring process.

Emergency Management

No report.

Medical Director

Dr. Romig reported on past practice of CME steering committee to not have CME in October and December. OMD will not be ready to roll out the new AHA at July CME, it will be provided during the August and September CME. July CME will be cancelled. Dr. Romig would like to have CME in December, possibly an on-line course. There was discussion regarding possibly making October and February the CME months off to

allow for fire department activities such as hose testing to be done in February. There was also discussion regarding the future use of more on-line courses for CME.

Communications/911

Chuck Freeman, Pinellas County 911 discussed the Ready Alert system for possible hospital information notifications. There was a general discussion regarding the capabilities of the Ready Alert notification system. Jackie Weinreich, Pinellas County 911 reported on the status of 911 center hardware and their readiness for the hurricane season. She reported on the recent FailSoft testing which went well, only a few field glitches which Pam Montanari will be working on.

St. Petersburg College EMS

David Sullivan, EMS/CME Coordinator reported on current on-line teaching systems and the logistics of registering EMS personnel for CME use.

St. Petersburg College Fire

Charlie reported that the college is now using the state reporting system for courses taken by their students.

Red Cross

No report.

SunStar

Mark Postma, SunStar/Paramedics Plus reported that they will be delivering a geriatric EMS course to their employees during the CME off month of July. The SunStar communications center received ACE re-accreditation which is good for three years.

Good of the Organization

Mike Cooksey suggested collecting NIMS compliance data from jurisdictions for countywide compilation. Greg Lanning said he will take this idea to the training group to discuss putting together a status report.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Next Meeting is July 6, 2006