

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

June 5, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 12:25 PM and roll call was taken with 36 in attendance. Chief Yaudes made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief Graham, motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2008:

PCFCA Checking	\$28,781.25
PCFCA Extrication	\$143.32
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$9,671.46
SCFSK Checking	\$1,995.68
<u>SCFSK CD</u>	<u>\$5,144.30</u>
Total	\$45,736.01

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

Correspondence

None.

New Business

President Graves set the next meeting date to **July 10**, regular time at Stacy's Buffet as the first Thursday was July 3, and many were planning to be away for the holiday weekend.

Jim Millican, Lealman Fire Rescue and chair of the Safe Kids Coalition provided a presentation on the Back-to-School program and possibly adding a Clearwater Threshers baseball game to the program in early August. The Coalition was requesting fire service organization support to send a piece of apparatus to the proposed baseball game/event. A motion was made by Chief Moreno that the Association support the events as outlined by the Coalition members. Second by Chief Angle, motion was passed by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

CPAT surveys need to be completed and returned to Assistant Chief of Health & Safety Bob Swarthout at Clearwater Fire Rescue. Maderia Beach, Pinellas Suncoast and St. Pete Beach CPAT payments have yet to be received.

Fire Standards Council draft legislation will be sent to Active members by Chief Angle for review and comment. President Graves asked that Jackie Weinreich provide an update on the requested changes to the MDC information screens and data capability. Jackie provided a report on the phased changes with some being completed and others awaiting implementation to ensure the system was performing well before moving with all of the changes at once.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Jim Wimberly reported that the committee is exploring possible changes to Squad company responses and will have a more complete report and recommendation at a future meeting. The committee is also looking at extrication upgrade responses and quantifying the extrication capabilities within the county and what constitutes as an extrication unit.

The committee is seeking a countywide umbrella MOU with Bracken Engineering for provision of structural analysis during emergency incidents when needed. Incident Commanders may request a Technical Rescue upgrade/consult to avail themselves of the engineering services in the near term.

Chief Rauscher is seeking agencies to assist with an airport drill planned for November 2008. A table top exercise for those wishing to participate will be held June 25, contact Chief Rauscher for further details.

There will be a condition 4/Condition 5 drill in July.

Fire Marshals

Mike Rodde, Seminole FR reported that the committee is still working with the county on the sharing of fire hydrant data between public works and the 911 CAD system. The IR account software upgrade continues to move along and is still on track for rollout in October 2008.

PALS

Don Sayre reported that the June CME will be an on-line course.

Training Officers

Randy Keirn reported that the committee has partnered with SPC for an ISO course in the fall of 2008 and a Health Safety Officer course, dates to be determined.

The Courage to be Safe program has been distributed and will be presented in June during the Safety, Health and Survival week.

EMS Advisory Council

Chief Lewis reported that the council had met in June and discussed EMD and priority dispatch with a new protocol to be implemented on 6/17/08 dealing with skilled nursing care facilities. The council discussed state grant funding and voted to hold their meetings on a quarterly basis.

Opticom Preemption

Dick Williams reported on MPO actions after it received a presentation from the vendor. Efforts continue to get the project on the MPO unfunded project list which may open up potential grant funding opportunities.

Fire District Contract

Chief Stout reported that the committee is working on proposed language changes to the contract.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS Administration

Chuck Kearns reported that

- Sunstar has developed six special needs shelter supply carts and that ten more carts are being put together for the regular shelters.
- The distribution plans for the Strategic National Stockpile Plan for antibiotics is being finalized. St. Petersburg FR will deal with distribution to the south county agencies and Sunstar will deal with mid and north county agencies. Each agency will need to develop their individual internal distribution plans.
- Seeking to host a 12-lead EKG vendor expo – will work to make the event as user friendly as possible to solicit the greatest amount of system input.
- Mike Cooksey reported on the resignation of Charlie Caruthers from EMS & Fire Administration. The position has been advertised and should be filled by July 1.

Medical Director

Dr. Romig reported that there will be a meeting of the Medical Control Board on June 12, and will mostly be an update meeting. She said the Bayfront neurosurgery situation seems to be resolved.

The Bardmoor ED seems to be working well and they are seeking to no longer be designated to receive Baker Act patients.

SunStar

Mark Postma reported that the EMS conference they are hosting has achieved attendance goals. Sunstar will be assisting the upcoming NENA conference with tours of the Sunstar facilities. Mark provided a briefing on workforce staffing and resource distribution during disasters. He felt adequate staffing existed if all FD paramedics were to be recalled by the agency and be unavailable to Sunstar.

Emergency Management

No report.

Communications/911

Chuck Freeman reported that a new position of 911 Records Specialist has been created and will deal with agency requests for records – the goal is to provide same day service.

Pam Montanari reported that negotiations with Nextel have been completed. They will use the human intervention to undertake station alerting functions during station base radio change over. Pam distributed the approved radio replacement plan for each agency. Please contact Donna regarding swapping mobiles for portables – all swaps must be one for one.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report.

St. Petersburg College Fire

Jim Terry provided an update on the addition of natural gas props to the expanded outdoor mockups. The fire academy students are doing well and invitations to attend the upcoming class graduation are going out soon. Chief Angle and Jim Wimberly reported on the change in structure of the fire advisory councils into one advisory council for all of the public safety degree programs. The new advisory council is heavily weighted with law enforcement representation. The fire science program has lost its Program Director and its advisory council while student enrollments continue to increase. The Association needs to watch and monitor this trend to ensure the fire service is represented adequately.

Red Cross

No report.

Good of the Organization

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Next Meeting is July 10, 2008 at Stacey's Buffet.