

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
June 3, 2010 - Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lewis at 12:40 PM, no roll call was taken due to the Secretary/Treasurer's absence – there were 23 in attendance. The May meeting minutes will be on the July meeting agenda for acceptance. No Treasurer's report was provided due to the absence of the Secretary/treasurer.

Guests /Presentations

None.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

The swearing in of the Association's officers was performed by Pinellas Park City Clerk Diane Coma. They are:

President	Doug Lewis
Vice-President	Jamie Geer
Secretary/Treasurer	Mike Wallace
South County Director	Dayton Saltsman
Mid-County Director	Rick Graham
North County Director	James Angle
Director at-Large	Jeff Malzone
Past President	Dan Graves

Unfinished Business

Chief Graham discussed proposed revisions to the 600-35 Apparatus Placement SOP. Chief Malzone made a motion to accept and approve the 600-35 SOP as amended. Chief Meyer seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote. Training on the new SOP will be accomplished through the Target Safety system.

Chief Accetta reported on the Fire Ops 101 program held on May 15. There were approximately 50 attendees and the program was well received. The planning committee will conduct a review of the event and will develop a mentoring process for replacement committee members.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Chief Bessler reported on the SCBA operations sub-committee efforts to standardize the SCBA utilized throughout the county. For now the sub-committee has abandoned this idea and will instead try to develop a standard list of features that SCBA would meet no matter the manufacturer. St. Petersburg and Largo are evaluating MSA SCBA at this time as the MSA equipment is available on the City of Tampa bid at a very low price. That contract expires June 30, 2010 and it is unknown if Tampa will be extending the bid. The City of Seminole has submitted an AFG Fire Act grant application for the countywide project of replacing radio equipment. Pam Montanori, Jackie Weinreich and Mike Cooksey were all instrumental in the grant application development. Should the grant be awarded there is a 20% local match that each agency will be responsible for paying.

The Operations Chiefs and Training committees are conducting a hot wash of the high-rise drill. They will compare outcomes and review the three existing high-rise SOPs in practice in the county. The goal is to develop one SOP that all can use together. Two preliminary findings were the personnel assignments made to the ICS Division position. In many instances the company officers assigned to the Division position were not sufficiently prepared or experienced to fulfill this role. The use of chief level officers with command experience is the recommended practice. Air management was a concern during the drill

so a new sub-committee has been formed to develop an Air Management SOP for the 600 series SOPs meeting NFPA 1404 requirements.

Fire Marshals

No report.

PALS

Chief Sayre reported that the new Phillips defibrillator units were being delivered and a soft start-up of the units will be undertaken as departments complete the training required.

Training Officers

Chief Bruni, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue reported that the committee plans to hold the high-rise drill every five years with the caveat that acquiring a structure for the training is a limiting factor in scheduling specific dates. During the high-rise drill there was a large quantity of smoke fluid utilized which was purchased by Palm Harbor Fire Rescue. Chief Bruni requested that each organization pay \$1.00 per attendee to reimburse Palm Harbor. Chief Meyer made a motion that the Association invoice the individual departments, receive the payments and reimburse Palm Harbor. The motion was seconded by Chief Graham and passed by voice vote.

The planned November Officer Development program planning is going well.

Lealman has applied for a grant to purchase audio-visual equipment for the purposes of creating training materials that may be utilized through the Target Safety program.

EMS Advisory Council

Craig Hare reported that the next meeting of the council is scheduled for June 23. The council is looking for recommendations to fill the Citizen at-large position which is now vacant.

Opticom

No report.

Fire District Contract

No report.

Affiliate Reports

Pinellas County Public Safety Services

EMS: Craig Hare reported on the county budget process and that they are waiting to see if the county commission requires any further EMS budget conversations.

EMS is currently working to extend the Medical Director's contract and Craig noted that St. Petersburg College CME Coordinator Dave Sullivan has accepted a position in Broward County.

Communications/911: No report

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Radio Systems: Pam Montanori distributed a document detailing the radios identified for replacement in the submitted AFG Fire Act grant application. She reported that Motorola has some radio equipment available at a reduced price as a result of the rebanding project. The equipment is available first come first serve. Radio Systems will be requesting radio equipment from the four vendors providing 800MHz P25 compliant components. They will be field tested by FD's and PD's. Pam stressed that although several different manufacturers will be able to supply mobile and portable radios each requires its own programming software and cables. Radio Systems cannot maintain every possible radio so individual agencies will be required to purchase and maintain the necessary programming software and cables for radios purchased in small quantities. October 2013 is the target conversion date to move to the P25 compliant system.

Fire: Mike Cooksey reported that the current county budget includes funding for all of the specialty teams.

Medical Director

Dr. Romig reported that due to Dave Sullivan's departure from the college that the August CME will likely be cancelled. OMD will work with the college to get September programming in place with the new college personnel.

The new MOMs updates will be distributed on disc at the June PALS meeting and will be available at the OMD web site. Dr. Romig gave a brief report on the highlights of the protocol changes.

SunStar

New E-PCR laptops will be in the field in June. The old units will be lightly upgraded and used to replace the older vehicle mounted computers. This will provide access to a better mapping software program for ambulance crews and enhance the battery charging capabilities for the E-PCR hardware.

Emergency Management

No report.

St. Petersburg College Fire

Charlie Caruthers reported that the Fall curriculum has been approved by the state and the schedule will be coming out soon.

President Lewis reported on the efforts to include some capital money in the college budget for the construction of classrooms to replace the modular units in use now.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report.

Red Cross

No report.

PTEC

Greg Lanning reported that several new Pinellas agencies have been added to the NTN system.

Hillsborough County FR has received their CPAT licensing and will join the NTN network and utilize the CPAT testing. The City of Tampa is also close to joining as well.

Good of the Organization

Chief Fant reported that Treasure Island FR has put RH24V in service and it is built in the CAD system. South county departments may add the unit as a prompt to their working fire file – contact Jackie Weinreich if you would like to do this.

Chief Graham reported that SR21, a 4x4 Suburban is being used on a trial basis in Tierra Verde. It allows better access to many properties and the beaches. E21 will follow SR21 during the trial.

Greg Lanning reported that he received a call from the Hillsborough County FR training chief inquiring about attending the Pinellas Training Chiefs committee meetings. They are impressed with what the Pinellas committee has achieved and would like to try and duplicate the success in Hillsborough.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Next Meeting is July 1, 2010.