

**Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association  
Regular Meeting Minutes February 2nd, 2012**

**Attending Members:**

Robert Polk	George Bessler
Tom Jamison	Richard Graham
Dan Graves	Joe Accetta
Dean O'Nale	Bud Meyer
Dayton Saltsman	Bill Mallory
Rick Butcher	Michael Wallace
James Marenkovic	James Angle
Doug Lewis	

1245 – Meeting called to order by Chief Polk

Roll Call (Jamison)

Approval of minutes from February 5th, 2011 Meeting.

Motion to approve: Butcher. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bessler. Approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report for January (Chief Jamison)

General Checking        7,711.45

Extrication                113.32

Save Cans for Safe Kids   770.06

Training and Education   2,482.15

CD                            5,383.78

Total                        16,460.76

Motion to approve: O'Nale. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Meyer

Approved unanimously

**Guests and Presentations**

None

**Correspondence:**

None

**New Business:**

Confer life memberships in the PCFCA to retired Chiefs Fant and McGuff:

Motion to approve: Accetta. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Graham

Appoint nominating committee: Rick Butcher, O'Nale

### Unfinished Business:

- a. SOP 600-11 (Graham – is anyone using the soft passports? Clearwaterj apparently the only one. Wants to add in hard to soft primary to give the option of using either), motion (O’Nale) as amended. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bessler. Passed.
- b. 600-14 Motion to approve: Graves 2<sup>nd</sup>: O’Nale. Passed.
- c. 600-24 Motion to approve: Butcher. 2<sup>nd</sup>: O’Nale. Passed.
- d. 600-32 (Polk: Policy is good, but when feds get involved it my go out the window) motion to approve: Graves. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bessler. Approved.
- e. 600-7 (graham size up change to ‘may’ from ‘will not’) Size up will be at the responding unit’s discretion. Motion to approve: Angle. 2<sup>nd</sup>: O’Nale. Passed, 1 opposed (Accetta).
- f. FSA 4000 Decoder test: (Bessler) Technology committee tackling some of the questions regarding the programming of the decoders. Can have up to 15 channels. Looking to standardize the tones among agencies.
- g. Opticon Traffic Preemption – Bessler and Polk met with County traffic personnel to discuss their concerns and our operational issues. Revisions to their policy suggested that clarify some ambiguities, and some maintenance and installation issues. Got list of agency assigned emitters. Bessler to forward to each agency. Clarified definition of ‘emergency’.

### Committee Reports:

Operations: Chief Mixson - SOP subcommittee met and will be bringing out of date SOP’s forward. Chuck Freeman wants input on fire priority dispatch implementation, and asked to speak to fire chiefs on the issue. Hydrant data for ISO will be put into CAD system per Jackie W.

Fire Marshals: Fire investigation SOP 400-1: Points of clarification – ‘every’ fire incident? Could redefine to structure and vehicle fires. Shall be investigated using “scientific method” better definition (NFPA 921 verbiage per M. Rodde). Suggestion to go back to fire marshals for further refinement. No further report.

PALS: No report.

Training Officers: Pilson: When does PCFC want the training on the new SOP’s to take place?

Target Safety’s format is changing, training to follow

EMS Advisory Council: Discussed phase III of priority dispatch. Next Meeting Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 10a.m. – 12 p.m., 12490 Ulmerton Rd rm. 130. Regular meeting preceded by EMSAC nominating committee meeting at 9 a.m. March is the annual meeting where new officers are appointed.

## **Affiliate Reports:**

Public Safety: Donna Beim: Double check pagers to make sure they have been narrow banded. The model number is A04DTS5963AA. 5000 model portables have no discontinue deadline yet. There are 5 years of support past that point.

Emergency Management: No report

Medical Director: Dr. Romig – Old community NPR is closing down shortly, and Trinity is opening. STEMI / BA52 /Primary stroke care center. New Trauma center since Nov 18th: Bayonet Point. Air transport preferred but ground to Bayonet requires consult. Drug shortages seem to be easing, but Etomidate is in very short supply.

PTEC: N/A

SPC Fire: Jim Terry - Graduated 30 in December, high pass rates. Have 15 students finishing March. In service programs: Numerous programs upcoming, handout provided.

SPC EMS: Nerina: Jeff Lindsay hired. Variance granted so 80% can be ALS engine ride time. 99% pass rate medic, 86% EMT. Paramedic refresher this fall. Call Cathy for other offerings at 341 3651.

Non credit: N/A

SPC CME: Davis: December CME closes in 3 days. Jan open, Feb open.

Red Cross: Nancy Fallis – Is there a response time to call out Red Cross? Dispatch still prompts on working fires... Meyer: sometimes the request from victims for Red Cross services comes late because people change their minds.

## **Good of the Organization:**

Polk: Asheville fire captain died in fire. Rescuer wrote a narrative of the event. Will forward to the Chiefs. Does contain some profanity.

Angle: email list being edited to add retired members. Notify Angle of any additions.

Bessler: Sent out flyer re. their former chief Vicki Murphy having a retirement party.

Polk: Chiefs@PCFCA is not a secure site, so act accordingly.

Graham to chair the next meeting for Polk.

**Next Meeting:**

March 1st

St. Petersburg College Epi Center  
Room 2-304 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, room 304)  
13805 – 58<sup>th</sup> Street N  
Largo, Fl

PCFCA Workshop 1130

Regular Meeting 1230

Adjourned at 1415 hours