

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

March 5, 2009, Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lewis at 1:00 PM, and roll call was taken with 34 members and one guest in attendance.

Chief Fant made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief Malzone, motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of March 5, 2009:

PCFCA Checking	\$8,617.34
PCFCA Extrication	\$143.32
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$7,454.92
SCFSK Checking	\$1,995.68
SCFSK CD	<u>\$5,144.30</u>
Total	\$23,355.56

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

Guests /Presentations

Dr. Morris of Morris & McDaniel Management Consultants provided a presentation on performing a consortium based entry level testing and officer promotional process for Pinellas County fire service organizations. He provided attendees with an information packet and some preliminary price ranges for his company's services.

Ms. Pam Bartley introduced herself as the American Red Cross Pinellas County Manager of Preparedness and Response. She will be managing all of Pinellas County; her contact information is 727-446-2358 ext 222 bartleyp@usa.redcross.org.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

None.

Unfinished Business

President Lewis noted that Chief Malzone had distributed the proposed amendments to the Association by-laws for all members to review. Chief Wallace made a motion to accept the amended by-laws as written. Second by Chief Angle, no further amendments or alterations were discussed, the motion passed by voice vote.

Chief Fant provided the nominating committee's report and a proposed slate of officers for the April election process. Those nominated were:

Doug Lewis, President	Jeff Malzone, Director at Large
Jamie Geer, Vice President	Jay Stout, North County Director
Mike Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer	Derryl O'Neal, Mid-County Director
Past President, Dan Graves	Dayton Saltsman, South County Director

Nominations may be made from the floor during the April 2, regular business meeting. Thank you to Chief Fant for his work to bring forth a slate of officers.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Chief Wimberly, St. Petersburg FR reported that the committee is still working on minor revisions to the 600 Series SOP. He discussed the disparity between the 911 CAD data and the NFIRS data. This disparity is believed to be caused by poor or not properly trained data entry personnel. The Operations committee will work with the Training Officers to determine an improved method for training on data entry.

During the committee meeting Paramedics Plus provided a presentation regarding on-scene assistance that could be provided at long duration incidents. The Committee members decided to wait until October of 2009 for any revision to the 600 Series Rehab SOP.

Fire Marshals

No report.

PALS

Don Sayre, Tarpon Springs FR reported on upcoming meetings and CME schedules for March and April.

Training Officers

Tim Pilson, Palm Harbor FR reported that he had been appointed as the committee's new chairperson. The committee is still working on scheduling a Driver's Liability course during this June's Firefighter Health, Safety and Survival Week. The committee is also working with St. Petersburg Fire Rescue to develop a high-rise training drill later this year.

EMS Advisory Council

No report.

Opticom

No report.

Fire District Contract

Mike Cooksey reported that there could be a recommendation from the county to extend the existing contracts for one year.

Affiliate Reports

Fire & EMS

Mike Cooksey advised members that the county has a brush truck available if an agency would like to have one. Craig Hare provided an overview of the priority dispatch presentation given to the board of county commissioners.

Medical Director

Dr. Romig commented on manual blood pressure checks versus the NIBP method and her reasoning for removing the NIBP from most of the EMS system providers.

SunStar

Mark Postma thanked Chief Wallace and the City of Largo for the recognition of Michele Molendyke, a Paramedics Plus employee who performed a rescue during a mobile home fire that resulted in saving of a life. The City of Largo presented Ms. Molendyke with its Medal of Courage.

Emergency Management

Sally Bishop was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following e-mail report:

1. I'm working to use grant funds to bring a National Grid Training class to the County on March 24th. It looks like it's going to be at the Seminole Campus of SPC from 9am - 11:30 or so. I'm working with the Training Chiefs because I wanted to get this to the place it could do the most good (they can then train other dept staff). It's not a train the trainer course but it should provide the materials they need. I'm going to be asking 911 staff to come down and share what they have done to make the grid available as an overlay in the 911 system. This should provide our folks with a way to 'speak national grid' language to any incoming national teams that we'll hopefully never need. And I'm sure we're not too far away from the grid being used for mutual aid deployments. Anyway, right now the class is full and I'm working with Tim Pilson from Palm Harbor to jockey the numbers to make sure all FDs who want to get someone there will be able to get in.
2. We're very close to kicking off the planning work on a Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan. As soon as the budget work is out of the way we hope to get some of the background work done in preparation to start the Land Use, Housing, Construction, Mitigation & Historic Preservation work group. Our first priority is going to be a Housing Plan. I'll keep all posted on how city representation is going to work.

Communications/911

Pam Montanari reported on an upcoming grant seminar that her division is hosting at the Sunstar facility. She will send a reminder e-mail for those interested in attending. Pam informed members that all of the new radios under the Nextel re-banding project have been received. Her office will be contacting individual agencies to schedule the radio deployments.

St. Petersburg College Fire

Charlie Caruthers reported that the Spring 2009 term has been divided into two eight-week terms.

St. Petersburg College EMS

President Lewis reported on the status of the legislative bill affecting EMT and Paramedic student ride along requirements. The bill as amended provides the State EMS Division the authority to create rules that would allow students to train on an ALS engine or ambulance.

Red Cross

No report.

Good of the Organization

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Next Meeting is April 2, 2009