

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

May 3, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 12:30 PM. Ken Cramer provided the invocation and roll call was taken with 25 in attendance. Two guests were in attendance, James Dates, Assistant County Administrator and Nancy McKibben, Project Manager with Pinellas County Public Works.

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

Treasurer's Report as of May 3, 2007:

PCFCA Checking	\$7,733.19
PCFCA Extrication	\$813.79
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$3,193.84
SCFSK Checking	\$1,686.88
<u>SCFSK CD</u>	<u>\$5,001.70</u>
Total	\$18,429.40

Chief Angle made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Chief Yaudes, motion passed by voice vote. Chief Lewis made a motion to provide a donation to the Hospice of Florida Suncoast in the amount of \$250 as thanks for letting the Association utilize their meeting facility for the Pride & Ownership seminar. Second by Chief O'Neal, motion passed by voice vote.

Correspondence

The Association received a thank you letter from the Hospice Foundation for our \$250 donation related to the use of their facility in hosting the Chief Lasky Pride & Ownership seminars.

New Business

Nancy McKibben gave a report on the planned closing of McMullen Booth Road at the CSX railroad crossing May 25, to June 14, and the planned closing of Bryan Dairy Road at the CSX crossing in the third week of June. She was seeking fire chief assistance when citizen calls were received regarding the closures effects on emergency response times.

Assistant County Administrator James Dates performed the swearing in of officers for 2007/2008. They were: Dan Graves, President; Doug Lewis, Vice-President; Scott McGuff, Sec./Treasurer; Gordon Yaudes, South County Director; Deryll O'Neal, Mid-County Director; Jay Stout, North County Director; Jeff Malzone, Director at Large; Jim Angle, Past President.

Chief Angle discussed the EMS Advisory Council, Association appointment. Chief Bullock had been appointed as the PCFCA primary representative effective May 1. With Chief Bullock's resignation a new representative will be needed. Chief Lewis agreed to serve as the primary representative and Chief Angle will serve as the secondary representative.

Unfinished Business

Chief Angle provided an update on the John Leahy retirement event scheduled for the evening of Saturday June 2, at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort. The cost per person is \$40 and no early submittal of a deposit is required.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Steve McCarthy, Pinellas Park, provided an overview of the work thus far by the fire report committee and distributed a white paper on perceived problems and possible solutions. Steve was encouraging greater participation by more fire departments. The next meeting will be announced. The finalized report will be presented to President Graves for action and implementation of changes. The committee is working NIMS compliance issues within the 600 Series SOP related to vehicle typing.

Steve also brought up issues related to radio use:

- Verbalization of dispatch information is done twice, 911 would like to do it one time as they are getting backed up with MDT data, paging, etc.
- Units do not need to verbalize “available” just use the available button the MDT. There are issues regarding transport information. The Operations Chiefs is requesting a MDT button with a drop down menu for transport, yes or no, and if yes, destination point options.
- Pre-arrival notes on Code 1 incidents the MDT receives the call notes. The 911 center is requesting that they no longer have to verbalize the pre-arrival information on Code 1 incidents.
- The MDT ability to message between units and dispatch is for low priority, non-urgent communications.

Education Committee

Planning to conduct an assessment center preparation course later in 2007.

Fire Marshals

Steve Strong, Clearwater Fire Rescue reported that the Pinellas Fire Marshals are working with the Operations Chiefs on the fire report update. Steve reported that Steve Rogers, East Lake and Jim Warman, Largo have been appointed to serve on the PCCLB Life Safety Committee. The fire marshals meet on the last Tuesday of each month at the Largo EOC. Chief Fant will serve as the liaison to the fire marshals committee.

PALS

No report.

Training Officers

Randy Kiern, Lealman, reported on work completed by the training officers for the upcoming firefighter safety stand down in June. The committee is planning to host a Pinellas Officer Development course November 5 – 9, 2007. They are also working on conducting a countywide training drill in November as well.

EMS First Responder Contract

President Graves reported that individual departments have been meeting with county EMS & Fire Administration to discuss funding. Chief Angle is working to set a meeting date in the near future to discuss general contract issues.

American Assembly

1. Marine Rescue Capabilities – No report.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS

Chuck Kearns requested that the EMS contractors examine the possible negative effects of the proposed state legislation. President Graves indicated it is difficult to set any exact figures without further study of the possible legislation within each city or district. Chief Angle asked if the county could work with public safety agencies in Pinellas to create a press release regarding the potential negative effects. James Dates, Assistant County Administrator indicated that the county does not at this time wish to pursue this with the focus only on public safety.

Emergency Management

James Dates reported that Sally Bishop will serve as the interim Emergency Management Director throughout the 2007 hurricane season. The county will examine replacement/reorganization opportunities after the hurricane season.

Medical Director

No report.

Communications/911

The 911 center recently hired Rick Cody as a GIS Specialist to work on mapping to a parcel level with address identification.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report.

St. Petersburg College Fire

No report.

Red Cross

No report.

SunStar

Richard Schomp, interim executive director of operations reported that a new record for transports for the month of April was set. He informed the group about the upcoming EMS conference in August at the Don Cesar in St. Petersburg Beach.

Good of the Organization

Ken Cramer brought up the status of group purchasing within Pinellas and sought input from chiefs if anything should be pursued. Chief Stout suggested that ladder testing could be investigated as a group purchase item. Chief Angle felt that there are now many bids available to the fire service throughout Florida available on the internet.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Next Meeting is June 7, 2007 at Stacey's Buffet.