

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

May 1, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 12:50 PM and roll call was taken with 31 in attendance. Chief Meyer made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief Yaudes, motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2008:

PCFCA Checking	\$21,966.44
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	\$38,921.20

- A new PCFCA business checking account has been established replacing the old Personal account with all funds transferred and the old account closed.
- The SCFSK CD has been rolled over into a new CD maturing in October.
- The Association annual report has been filed with the Division of Corporations.
- We have complied with the newly required IRS 990-N (e-postcard) filing for tax exempt organizations.

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

Correspondence

None.

New Business

President Graves discussed the Association's proposed resolution regarding Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Priority Dispatch. Chief Meyer made a motion to pass the resolution and send it to the EMS Advisory Council for their review and action, second by Chief Yaudes. Association Active members, Chiefs Angle, Geer and Lewis announced their abstention from the voting due to their affiliation or positions on the EMS Advisory Council or EMS Management Committee. The motion passed by voice vote.

President Graves appointed Chief Angle to lead a new committee to research and create a proposal for the creation of a Fire and Rescue Advisory Council patterned from the long standing Police Standards Council.

Pam Montanari presented two issues that have come from negotiations with Nextel and the re-banding project. First, Pam has negotiated that replacement portables should be the Motorola XT5000 and Nextel wishes to use a lower priced model. Pam feels this will be worked out with lower priced units going to other county agencies and the 5000 units available for emergency services. Second, fire station Maxtrac base radios are now over 18 years old, all of them will need to be retuned and this could lead to issues of reliability. The new Motorola base radio units do not provide the resource to enable connections for turning on lights, fans or opening doors. Pam has been negotiating for the base radio replacement and the equipment necessary to connect to those radios to perform the functions we have today. She requested a letter from the Association supporting her negotiating position and consensus was reached that the Association should do this. President Graves will work with Pam to create the letter.

Unfinished Business

CPAT invoices were sent in early April and the following departments have yet to pay: St. Petersburg, St. Pete Beach, Safety Harbor, Pinellas Suncoast, Maderia Beach, Lealman and Gulfport.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

No Report.

Fire Marshals

No report.

PALS

No report.

Training Officers

Randy Keirn reported on recent course offerings by the training officers committee – the Courage to be Safe train-the-trainer and the Honor Guard Academy. Randy presented receipts for refreshment breaks and expenses totaling \$253.94 for both events and requested the Association reimburse the expense outlay to Lealman Fire Rescue and to the National Honor Guard Academy. Chief Angle made a motion to provide the reimbursement, second by Chief O’Neal, motion passed by voice vote.

Randy reported the committee is still working on the water rescue training package and that a Fire-Dex is hosting a free NFPA 1851 Selection, Care and Maintenance of PPE review seminar on May 13, 12:00 – 16:00 at the Holiday Inn Select on Ulmerton Road, contact Allen Rom at allen@firedex.com for information and registration.

EMS Advisory Council

No report.

Opticom Preemption

Chief Angle reported that the committee has received a statement of work from the vendor covering all of the signalized intersections within the county. The project has a price tag of over five million dollars and the committee with the assistance of Dick Williams will seek to get the project on the MPO unfunded project list which may open up potential grant funding opportunities.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS Administration

Chuck Kearns announced that St. Petersburg Fire Rescue Paramedic David Kadau has received the Paramedic of the Year award and that SunStar EMT and Treasure Island volunteer firefighter Brandon Walters has received the EMT of the Year award. Congratulations to these well deserving winners and to their organizations.

Chuck reported that the EMS First Responder contracts have been included in their budget submittal with full funding including the Municipal Price Index adjustment calculated at 4.31%. The budget must still go through its regular review process for adoption in September.

EMS & Fire Administration had submitted alternative revenue source income opportunities with their budget submittal. Pinellas County OMB and county attorneys have pared down the list and the ideas are still under review. Chuck provided a brief overview of his budget challenges and restraints in this remaining fiscal year as well as the upcoming fiscal year.

Medical Director

No report.

SunStar

Mark Postma reported that transports in March and April were over 11,000 with March being a record number. The new stair chairs will be placed into service after the May CME which will provide training on the units. Mark reported that the Bardmoor ED facility seems to be working OK seeing about 60 patients per day and resulting in an average of five transports out of the facility per day.

Emergency Management

Sally Bishop provided an update on the National Grid System and her efforts working with Jackie Weinreich to develop an overlay on the Pinellas 911 grid system and providing map CD’s to agencies for use with mutual aid responses.

All emergency management training is now being posted to the RDSTF web calendar. Sally will provide the web link to Chief Angle for inclusion on the Association web page.

Sally has had meetings with the Pinellas Medical Examiner's Office to explore and define their capabilities for disaster response and recovery.

Scott Steiner, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office is retiring at the end of May. Major Steiner has worked for many years as the sheriff's representative for emergency management activities. A retirement party is planned to be held at the Belleview Biltmore, contact Sally if you want more information.

The quarterly Emergency management Coordinators meeting will be held Wednesday May 7, at 13:00 at the St. Petersburg College Epicenter 14025 58th St. N. Clearwater.

Communications/911

No report.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report.

St. Petersburg College Fire

No report.

Red Cross

No report.

Good of the Organization

Chief McGuff asked fire departments with any old bunker gear that is being retired to contact him for use of the gear in an overseas fire brigade project.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Next Meeting is June 5, 2008 at Stacey's Buffet.