

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

November 6, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Angle at 12:45 PM. Ken Cramer provided the invocation and roll call was taken with 23 in attendance. Paul Hill, Seminole FR retired was a guest today for lunch. Paul distributed invitation flyers for a turnout gear care & maintenance seminar hosted by Bennett Fire Equipment and Globe Manufacturing on Wednesday November 8, beginning at 08:30 at the Double Tree Beach Resort with a continental breakfast.

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

Treasurer's Report as of November 2, 2006:

PCFCA Checking	\$10,866.64
SCFSK Checking	\$1,686.45
SCFSK CD	\$5,001.70
Total	\$17,554.79

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

Correspondence

None.

New Business

President Angle presented the idea of creating a new Association banking account for education courses and seminars. The upcoming Officer Development course income and expenses will be deposited and expended from this account. The residual income would be available for seed funds for future seminars. Chief Naylor made a motion to authorize the creation of the banking account, second by Chief Meyer, motion passed by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

President Angle thanked PALS for their contribution of information for the PCFCA web site.

President Angle reported that Chief's Bullock, Livernois and Stout are working on dinner plans for retired chief Leahy at the Belleview Biltmore on April 7, 2007.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Chief Graves reported that the disaster shelter SOP has been formatted for the 600 Series SOP and distributed. County 911 CAD requested that field units using modem to report responding please do so after the apparatus has been started to avoid any power interruptions.

Education Committee

Ken Cramer provided a report on the registrations for the upcoming Pinellas Officer Development course with 47 registered so far.

Purchasing

No report.

Fire Marshals

No report.

PALS

Leland Greek, Seminole discussed the NAK kit replacement – MMRS will not be funding the countywide first responder replacement. The NAK kit replacement will be left to the individual employers. Craig Hare reported that Sunstar is holding two kits per first responder state licensed vehicle and will distribute these in the near future. Dr. Romig reported she is ready to assist agencies wishing to purchase kits and that the existing kits have now all expired drugs and she will be recalling them from the field. New style NAK kits will become available after January 1, 2007. OMD and Sunstar are willing to coordinate a mass order from multiple agencies.

Training Officers

No report.

EMS First Responder Contract

Next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 09:00 at station 35. The agenda has been distributed via e-mail.

American Assembly

1. Marine Rescue Capabilities – A draft report will be distributed to committee members.
2. EMS Transport – This committee is winding down and a final report is forthcoming with recommendations including a request to the EMS Advisory Council to designate this committee as the EMS Management Committee as established within their bylaws or as an adhoc working technical committee.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS

Mike Cooksey asked that Chief Graves, Seminole FR report on the opportunity to submit a Fire Act grant application for vehicle ruggedized laptops and data modems. Mike Cooksey and Chief Graves will research this further.

Mike Cooksey reported that the Prevention grant program may cover the key box system if all agencies were willing to go to a single county-wide key for buildings and gated communities. Mike was willing to undertake the grant writing. There was discussion about such a program and the impacts of Sunstar and law enforcement with a single key program.

Craig Hare will be sending out seminar information on Africanized honey bees at the county extension services facility in the near future; Craig will send the seminar info via e-mail.

Emergency Management

No report.

Medical Director

Dr. Romig provided an update on the AHA CME updates – to date she is happy with the progress, make-ups will be in December and the new guidelines will be implemented January 1, 2007. She also reported that the Lifepak upgrades from mono-phasic to bi-phasic are beginning. Dr. Romig said the CME steering committee will meet on November 17, and she will be presenting a complete 2007 calendar – January is programmed to be an on-line class and February will be an off month for CME to provide a cool weather month for fire training. ACLS will be on the calendar for August through November.

Communications/911

Pam Montonari reported of a software glitch within the new Motorola modems – Motorola is fixing the problem and shipments should begin again in late November. Pam reminded attendees of the demonstration of the 911/CAD/Data/Wireless capabilities December 7, at the county annex building first floor, room 38 at 1:00 PM. No lunch will be provided. If departments are having issues with 911 CAD/Admin programs please contact Pam, Jackie or Chuck for assistance. Pam discussed the communications plan for the upcoming Iron Man event in Clearwater.

St. Petersburg College EMS

Still gearing up for paramedic course in April 2007 – need 30 students in the course to allow for a two-shift class offering. Registration packets are available now. Course prerequisites will be offered in an accelerated express format in January 2007.

St. Petersburg College Fire

Jim Terry reported on the training center sub-committee meeting – a card swipe system for site access will be implemented; the fee schedule will be reviewed against historical data to see if adjustments are necessary; the committee will continue to meet and examine the possibility of registering open training for FTE's.

Live fire training instructor courses have been offered and will be offered again in the coming months.

SPC will follow-up on the opportunities for organizations to contribute training funds to the foundation and increase the dollars available for training.

Roger Melchoir reported that spring term registrations are underway this month – a pump course is being offered.

The college received its FSAC accreditation and the BA degree program is now available completely on-line.

Red Cross

No report.

SunStar

No report.

Good of the Organization

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Next Meeting is December 6, 2006 beginning at 13:00 at the county annex building first floor, room 38. No lunch will be provided.