

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

November 6, 2008, Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 12:45 PM, and roll call was taken with 30 members in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report as of November 5, 2008:

PCFCA Checking	\$35,906.40	Motion to accept: Chief Golliner
PCFCA Extrication	\$143.32	Second: Chief O'Neal
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$8,782.13	
SCFSK Checking	\$1,995.68	
SCFSK CD	<u>\$5,234.11</u>	
Total	\$51,971.83	

Guests /Presentations

None

Correspondence

None

New Business

The January meeting will be on the second Thursday January 8,

Chief Malzone will undertake a review of the Association by-laws and make any recommendations for changes. If you have suggested changes please send them to Chief Malzone.

Chief Angle made a motion that the Association nominate St. Petersburg College for the state training center awards. He volunteered to perform the necessary writing and filings. Second by Chief Wallace, motion carried by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Chief McGuff will send the membership information on the proposed legislative special act authorizing a Florida Fallen Firefighters Memorial Flag.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Chief Wimberly, St. Petersburg FR discussed the committee's review of the current 600 Series SOP with the motive to create a document that all of the organizations can embrace. The current SOP's are very detailed and he requested that the fire chiefs provide direction on whether they should remain this way or move to a more generic format allowing individual departments to have some leeway. The direction provided by those chiefs in attendance was to move to the more generic format.

The 600-22 update was distributed for review last month and the Ops chiefs were seeking adoption by the Association. Chief Wallace made a motion to approve and replace 600-22 Water Rescue, second by Chief Fant the motion passed by voice vote.

Chief Sayre, Tarpon Springs FR provided an update on the Technology sub-committee work and recommended that the Association agree to the update of the MDC and wireless system to occur on a quarterly basis.

Fire Marshals

No report.

PALS

Don Sayre reported on the Cyano-kit training and CME and the process within the EMS system for CME curriculum additions. The PALS committee will reaffirm how the process should work at their next regular meeting.

PALS and 911 Communications are working to make changes to the incident timer for Code 1 calls.

Training Officers

No report.

EMS Advisory Council

No Report

Opticom

Chief Geer reported that not much new was happening and that County Commissioner Karen Seel had received the Association's resolution pertaining to traffic preemption.

Fire District Contract

The committee has met and is awaiting feedback from Mike Cooksey.

Affiliate Reports

Fire & EMS

Mike Cooksey received a Safety Harbor Fire Rescue monthly report from Chief Stout and suggested that all organizations create an annual report of fire department activity for the county commissioners. Mike is looking for interested chiefs to work on this with him.

The fire department budget information that Mike had requested is now complete and the latest revision is posted to the SharePoint site.

Medical Director

The OMD 2008 annual report executive summary is available and has been sent to EMS Coordinators.

Craig Hare reported that the EMS Advisory Council will be seeing a proposed EMS rule change pertaining to 911 Communications dispatchers not being required to be EMT's or paramedics to perform EMD functions. In December, the EMS Management Committee will push forward with creating priority dispatching protocols to keep that project on track.

SunStar

New ambulances will be delivered in December to replace some recently damaged units. They will be outfitted with a solar panel battery charging system.

Emergency Management

No report.

Communications/911

Pam Montanari, Radio Systems Division informed membership that the ordering of the re-banding project radios is underway and delivery is expected in the end of 2008. The new radios will have a one year warranty; reprogrammed radios will have a 90 day warranty on the reprogramming work. Pam will e-mail each agency their order for review and any final revisions.

Chief Angle inquired if the Association wanted to pursue the programming of portable radios to provide a verbal tactical channel alert when channels were changed. The membership was in favor of this option and requested that Pam include this when the re-banding project reprogramming occurs.

The fire paging system is scheduled to be upgraded but is on hold until the system is confirmed to be narrow band compliant. New pagers will be OK but current or older pagers will not work. Pam will send the new pager purchasing information to affected agencies. The system turnover is scheduled for 2012.

St. Petersburg College Fire

Jim Terry reported that class 31 graduates on 12/11 and that class 24 begins on 1/5/09. A PAT is scheduled for 11/8 at 08:00. Jim informed the membership that the current class did not require the students to be EMT or paramedic certified and they had a higher fallout rate than in previous classes; he believed this to be in relation with a lack of preparation.

Charlie Caruthers reported that the spring schedule is out and it will offer the full fire officer series of courses.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report

Red Cross

Complimented and thanked all of the fire agencies on good communications when dealing with fire victims. Red Cross will be participating in the airport drill. They are still looking for surplus vehicles, regardless of condition.

Good of the Organization

Chief Wallace reported that the hazardous materials and technical rescue teams were desirous of utilizing the PCFCA.org web site in the same manner as the training officers did. Chief Angle will work with the team commanders to accommodate this request.

The membership approved the expenditure for the haz-mat team and tech rescue team holiday luncheons at \$300.00 each and \$150.00 for the 911 Communications dispatchers.

Jim Wimberly thanked all of the organizations that assisted with the ALCS and World Series activities.

Chief Large thanked the 911 Communications and Data personnel for their assistance with St. Petersburg's recent ISO survey. They scored maximum points for the Communications portion of the survey and St. Petersburg remains an ISO Class 2 department.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 PM. Next Meeting is December 4, 2008

**** President Graves cancelled the regular business meeting scheduled for December 4, in order to hold a special meeting on December 1, for Active members to discuss the proposals being studied by the EMS & Fire Reconfiguration Committee and the proposed legislation effecting the Pinellas Suncoast and Seminole fire districts. The Association's position on the legislation was in conflict with that of the City of Seminole and Chief Graves resigned his position as President. Vice-President Doug Lewis will finish the term as the Association president and he appointed Chief Wallace to fill the Vice-President position.*

Next meeting is January 8, 2009 – Happy New Year!