

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

November 1, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 12:55 PM. Ken Cramer provided the invocation and roll call was taken with 18 in attendance.

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

Representatives from 3M Opticom provided a brief presentation on the Opticom GPS system benefits over the existing Opticom infrared priority control system.

Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2007:

PCFCA Checking	\$8,158.39
PCFCA Extrication	\$237.37
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$10,266.68
SCFSK Checking	\$1,995.68
SCFSK CD	\$5,000.00
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$25,906.12

Chief Angle made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Chief Wallace, motion passed by voice vote. Chief Angle made a motion to support the holiday haz-mat team luncheon with \$300; the holiday tech rescue luncheon with \$300 and the 911 dispatcher's holiday food with \$100. Second by Chief Yaudes, motion passed by voice vote.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

President Graves expressed the desire to begin discussions and negotiations on the fire district contract. Mike Cooksey provided a brief overview of his expectations for the negotiations. An electronic copy of the contract will be sent to all contractors in the near future.

Chief Angle suggested forming an Opticom committee to examine the possibilities of migrating from the current infrared system to the 3M GPS system. Chief Angle, Chief Geer and Mike Cooksey will serve on this committee.

Unfinished Business

The proposed countywide hazardous materials ordinance has been reviewed by the county attorney's office and will be distributed electronically by Mike Cooksey.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

The committee meets next week. Jim Wimberly, St. Petersburg FR reported on the Officer Development Course. The LODD SOP is being formatted and posted into in the 600 Series.

President Graves reported some operating glitches with existing GPS software and the new county data modem system; complimented the County data folks for the new User's manual and suggested that future plans be made for an easier way to perform updates to the data software system.

Education Committee

No report.

Fire Marshals

The committee is seeking greater attendance at their meetings – asked fire chiefs to encourage their fire marshals to attend. Work is continuing on the hydrant testing responsibility issues.

PALS

Working to establish a sub-committee to work on the EMS contract incentives and data, Chief Meyer will participate with this sub-committee.

Training Officers

The committee is still working on developing a countywide drill.

Clearwater is hosting an Engine Company Operations course – contact their training division for additional information.

The Worcester Experience is being hosted in St. Petersburg, registration is \$10.00. The Salvation Army will be providing meals during this seminar to demonstrate their canteen capabilities. They are interested in partnering with the Association to utilize this capability as a countywide rehab service. They will be invited to a future Ops Chiefs meeting to further explore this opportunity.

Lealman is hosting a high rise command and control course in December.

The committee is working with St. Petersburg College on the CPAT project and they hope to have a presentation/report at the December meeting.

There was general discussion regarding the SPC Foundation and use of Association funds to offset live burning costs.

EMS Advisory Council

No report.

American Assembly

Marine Rescue Capabilities – Meeting November 7, at station 53, Chief Stout will chair the committee.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS

Mike Cooksey reported that the SCBA mask fit tester is on the commission agenda for declaration as surplus. This unit will go to Seminole FR for future use. Mike also reported that the Fire Act grant for a countywide command training trailer is still in the process.

Medical Director

No report.

Emergency Management

No report. Sally Bishop e-mail report was distributed.

Communications/911

Chuck Freeman reported that the mobile data software glitches may lay with individual departments and their IT support – the system is working well. The division is working on a wireless method for future updates.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report.

St. Petersburg College Fire

No report.

Red Cross

No report.

SunStar

Hosting an ICS 300 course – contact Cathy Sterling.

Good of the Organization

Palm Harbor Fire Rescue will host its grand opening ceremony at station 65 beginning at 11:30 on November 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Next Meeting is December 6, 2007 at Stacey's Buffet.