

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

October 4, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 12:38 PM. Ken Cramer provided the invocation and roll was documented on pad with 33 in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report: Chief McGuff to provide at November's meeting

Introduction of Guests:

Pete Warhurst – PODS, unable to attend meeting

Correspondence

None.

New Business

President Graves discussed working with the County and the Fire Marshal's committee regarding the testing of fire hydrants. Currently ISO is being contacted for their requirements; ISO may accept what we are currently doing.

Unfinished Business

400 Series SOP was discussed and Chief Meyer made a motion to accept, second by Chief Angle, motion passed by voice vote.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Congratulations to Chief Wallace on his appointment as the new Largo Fire Rescue Chief; President Graves will be selecting a new Chair for the Ops Chiefs.

Steve McCarthy, interim Ops Chief Chair reported that the fire reports are improving and all the changes should be in place. A PowerPoint training program for the fire reports should be ready by November 1st.

Steve also stated that the "1 VC" dispatch code had been turned off indefinitely due to some issues with responding units.

As mentioned at the August meeting, Gail from 911 will be out this month updating all MDCs with more status buttons, i.e., on-scene, available and patient disposition; allow for viewing second alarm assignments; and allow units to place themselves out-of-service or delayed. She will work from North County to South County.

The draft SOP dealing with funeral arrangements/ceremonial duties in cases of Line of Duty Deaths and death of retirees is near completion.

Education Committee

No report.

Fire Marshals

Working to upgrade the IR account

PALS

No report

Training Officers

Company Officer Development will be conducted November 5th – 9th at Largo Fire Rescue. Chief Lasky's "Real Leadership With Real People" presentation will be held on the last day of the COD program and is open to all fire service personnel. Cost is \$30. Registration forms are available at www.pcfca.org for the Officer Development course and also for those interested in attending the one-day Lasky seminar. A county-wide night drill is in the planning phase.

EMS Advisory Council

Chief Geer updated us on the September meeting, advising the group that he had been selected as the new Advisory Council Chair along with Bill Ward, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue Division Chief being selected as the Council's secretary/treasurer. The Council is waiting for the Management Committee to meet and give its report at the November Council meeting.

American Assembly

Marine Rescue Capabilities – No report.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS

Chuck Kearns reported that 18 of 19 EMS contracts were in the final stages of being approved by their council or commission. Mike Cooksey reported on the county hazardous materials team contract and it should also be finalized in the short term. Mike also stated that the County Hazardous Materials ordinance is being updated, mainly the language to ensure it meets the cities needs. This should ensure costs are recoverable.

Medical Director

No report

Emergency Management

EM advise there would be a survey coming out to determine the likes/dislikes pertaining to the "Survival Guide."

Communications/911

Pam Montanari stated with the upcoming rebanding, she will be meeting with each department to determine its needs/replacements. There also are Network enhancements taking place which should make for faster transfer of data. An \$8 million Public Safety Interoperability Grant has been applied for by Pinellas/Hills/Polk/Hardee County's for the 700 megahertz overlay.

St. Petersburg College EMS

Nerina reported the college has implemented a one session class for A&P which takes the place of the two separate classes.

St. Petersburg College Fire

No report

Red Cross

No report.

SunStar

Mark Postma reported the installation of the hydraulic power stretchers are now 50% complete on the transport units. Mark also stated the EPCR system is up and running on 100% of the transport units.

Good of the Organization

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Next Meeting is November 1, 2007 at Stacey's Buffet.