

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

September 7, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Angle at 12:55 PM. Ken Cramer provided the invocation and roll call was taken with 23 in attendance. Chief Meyer made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief Naylor, motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of September 7, 2006:

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| PCFCA Checking | \$11,270.03 |
| SCFSK Checking | \$1,686.16 |
| SCFSK CD | \$5,001.70 |
| Total | \$17,957.89 |

Chief Naylor made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Chief Meyer, motion passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Chief Fant to reimburse Mike Wallace, Seminole FR for expenses, \$226.06 related to the Taking Care of Our Own seminar, second by Chief Meyer, motion passed by voice vote.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

Jim Millican, Lealman FR provided a presentation from the Safe Kids Coalition regarding the Safe Kids walk October 4. He was seeking the endorsement of school safety signage for all fire rescue agencies to display on October 3, ahead of the October 4, walk. The Association endorsed the idea, Jim will get the signs made and distributed.

President Angle and Vice President Graves met with our new assistant county administrator James Dates to introduce the Association and invite Mr. Dates to a future meeting.

President Angle reported on a request from Beth Rawlins to create a quote for a flyer regarding the proposed charter amendments. Chief Naylor made a motion to empower the Association executive board to collaborate on language for the flyer, second by Chief Malzone, motion passed by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Tom Crandall, Pinellas County Utilities reported via e-mail that he received 20 complaints in August regarding fire flow water quality issues. President Angle will send a reply explaining the fire service necessity of testing fire hydrants and that we will work to ensure that it is done in a fashion to address the water quality issues. The issue of water usage reporting was also discussed and identified as needing more work on creating an appropriate reporting methodology.

President Angle requested whether or not the Association should create a letter of support for the Penny for Pinellas referendum. Members felt this was a good idea and wanted the inclusion of projects that were important to the fire service, i.e., fire training center expansion, new radio communications center, emergency shelter hardening, etc. president Angle will create a draft and forward for comments.

Leland Greek, PALS reported on the revised draft for emergency shelter staffing. He felt the SOP delivered a provider baseline protocol with opportunity to grow as an incident may grow. Emergency Management has reviewed the SOP. President Angle thanked the PALS sub-committee that worked on this. Mark Postma, SunStar felt that a long-term solution for shelter medical needs must be created to address the greater medical need over and above EMS. Chief Graves made a motion to accept the protocol and place it within the 600 Series SOP as 600-033, second by Chief Meyer, passed by voice vote.

Chief Meyer made a motion to place the approved draft of 600-032 Strike Team/Task Force Deployment into the 600 series SOP, second by Chief Fant, passed by voice vote.

President Angle requested anyone with Pinellas fire history info provide it to him for inclusion into the Association web site.

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Mike Wallace, Seminole FR requested that the Association meet with Progress Energy representatives to discuss their emergency responses and other related issues affecting the fire service. The Operations Chiefs will undertake this meeting with Chief Lewis to attend and report back.

LODD committee is working towards an overhead team concept with predefined rolls, responsibilities and designated calendar dates of commitment.

The Taking Care of Our Own seminars were well attended with 43 students in the Pinellas class and 80 attendees in both courses.

Education Committee

No report.

Purchasing

No report.

Fire Marshals

No report.

PALS

Leland Greek, Seminole reported that the information for the AHA hands-on update in November CME will be out soon. Students must be at the CME site on-time – after 15 minutes students will not be allowed in to the course.

PALS is working with OMD to create a preceptor program for paramedic and EMT students.

Training Officers

Chief Yaudis distributed the Company Officer Development seminar flyer scheduled November 13, through 17. The training officers are working on bringing the Fire Service Ownership course, taught by Chief Rick Laskey to Pinellas County in 2007.

EMS First Responder Contract

Meeting scheduled for September 22, 9:00 AM at station 35.

American Assembly

1. Marine Rescue Capabilities – No report.
2. EMS Transport – Next meeting is September 18.

Affiliate Member Reports

Fire & EMS

Mike Cooksey introduced Charlie Caruthers, formerly of St. Petersburg College as a new employee in EMS & Fire Administration to deal with contract administration.

Emergency Management

Sally Bishop, Pinellas County EM reported that EM will improve conference calling capabilities and seek one representative per agency for inclusion in conference calls. Fire Chiefs provided feedback that there may be times that more than one individual may be needed on the conference call. She reported on the Ready Alert issues and that two messages should be received by users – one text message and one e-mail attachment. EM is

working on SAR protocols for the CEMP. Fire chiefs provided feedback that the protocols need to be worked out with the Operations Chiefs group and include a discussion of the State FOG and USAR procedures. There was discussion regarding the EOC staffing involving fire chiefs during disasters.

Medical Director

No report.

Communications/911

President Angle reported that Jackie Weinreich, Pinellas 911 had some issues with the tactical rescue run cards. He will contact Jackie for an explanation of the issues.

St. Petersburg College EMS

No report.

St. Petersburg College Fire

No report

Red Cross

No report.

SunStar

No report.

Good of the Organization

Palm Harbor FR will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on October 1, during the Taste of Palm Harbor, all are invited. South Pasadena FR will host Patriots Day on September 11, with President Angle as a speaker. Oldsmar FR will host a 9/11 Memorial that morning as well. Largo FR chaplain will conduct brief prayer recognition of 9/11 at 09:58 with fire apparatus sirens sounding for ten seconds at 09:59.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Next Meeting is October 5, 2006