

## **PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**

### **September 4, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Graves at 12:30 PM and roll call was taken with 33 in attendance. Chief Fant made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Chief Yaudes, motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report as of September 3, 2008:

PCFCA Checking	\$34,954.40
PCFCA Extrication	\$143.32
PCFCA Training/Ed.	\$9,064.84
SCFSK Checking	\$1,995.68
<u>SCFSK CD</u>	<u>\$5,144.30</u>
Total	\$51,299.54

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

#### **Correspondence**

President Graves received a reply from Dick Williams, EMS & Fire Administration regarding the Association letter detailing past use of EMS grant funds and a lack of funding to the fire service.

#### **New Business**

President Graves had electronically distributed a proposed Association resolution regarding Novelty Lighters and seeking legislation to prohibit their sale. Chief Meyer made the motion to approve the resolution language and send it to the Pinellas County Commission and the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation. Second by Chief Angle, motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Chief McGuff presented the idea of a State Firefighter memorial flag and reported on his letter to Senator Justice seeking the Pinellas legislative delegation support for an Act to create such a program. Chief McGuff asked that Association members please write to their legislative delegation representatives seeking their support for the idea. Chief McGuff will forward electronically the supporting documents for members to review.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Chief Wallace reminded members that if they wanted packets from Sylvan Abbey he needed department counts. He will send a reminder e-mail for members to respond to. Chief Wallace briefed the membership on changes to the Department of Justice LODD benefits program. He will electronically forward the membership the new beneficiary forms and program updates.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Operations Chiefs**

Jim Wimberly, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue reported that the committee was still working on projects previously reported on in August and July. The committee hopes to have several SOP updates for the Association to vote and accept at the October meeting. Chief Wimberly reported on the difficulty that many south county units were experiencing with the high performance mobile data system. He acknowledged that the county was working diligently to address the issues and that hopefully the system would be working normally soon.

Don Sayre, Tarpon Springs FR reported that the Technical Sub-committee was meeting on 9/8 at 09:00 at the 911 center to discuss enhanced mapping for MDC units and the possible need for additional computer memory to effectively run the system. They will also examine the continued efficacy of units verbally advising dispatch that they are switching to a med-control channel. Association members agreed that departments wishing to discontinue the practice could do so, those that wish to continue may do so as well.

- The airport mass casualty incident is scheduled for November 13 – on September 17, there will be a walk-through of the event at the airport. Contact Chief Rauscher if you are interested in participating.

## **Fire Marshals**

Ed Mullins reported that the new version of the CAD Fire Inspection program will not be available until January 2009. Agencies wishing to acquire county fire hydrant flow information should request it from John Beebe at EMS & Fire Administration.

## **PALS**

Don Sayre, Tarpon Springs FR reported that PALS had examined the RAD 57 carbon monoxide detector for use in firefighter rehab assessment. Departments wishing to purchase will need to create policies for addressing the machines use and worker's compensation procedures. The machines are not for EMS system patient treatment. If the monitoring devices are ever entered into the EMS system for patient treatment then OMD will need to create policy for addition to the MOM's manual.

PALS is putting together a sub-committee to examine the use of 12-lead EKG in regards to possible STEMI patients. St. Petersburg College has a traveling EMS training capability that has received good reviews from crews utilizing the training. Contact the college if you are interested in them coming to your agency.

Craig Hare, EMS & Fire Administration reported on the collection and reassignment of Cyano antidote kits to district chief vehicles. November CME will have a training component on the use of the antidote kits. Craig also reported that Bayflight will be putting a new helicopter into service.

## **Training Officers**

Randy Keirn reported that it appears all of the CPAT survey instruments have been completed. He also provided an update on the upcoming training available including the 2008 Officer Development course November 3-7.

Information flyers and registration forms are available at the Association web site <http://www.pcfca.org/>.

The training officers committee requested that the Association permit the purchasing of gift cards for training officers to utilize when supplies are purchased for the seminars. Currently Lealman FR and Pinellas Suncoast Volunteer Firefighter Association have purchased the supplies and the Association reimburses them after the fact. Chief Angle made a motion to approve the purchase and use of \$500.00 gift cards by the training officers. Second by Chief Malzone, motion passed by voice vote.

## **EMS Advisory Council**

Chief Wallace reported that the scheduled meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. The meeting will be rescheduled.

## **Opticom Preemption**

Chief Angle discussed work with the MPO signalization sub-committee to obtain listing of the proposed project as an unfunded project for the purposes of obtaining federal grant funds. Chief Geer provided a map of the county with the phased project locations beginning with existing preemption installations and major/intermediate intersections. Other intersections will follow in a later phase. The MPO seems now poised to approve the project after their consultant provided a favorable report. Chief Angle will call a committee meeting soon.

## **Fire District Contract**

Chief Stout reported that the committee will be meeting with Mike Cooksey, EMS & Fire Administration on October 9, at 09:00 at the Largo EOC facility.

## **Affiliate Member Reports**

### **Fire & EMS Administration**

Dick Williams thanked the fire chiefs he had met with in one-on-one meetings; thus far he has met with 17 chiefs and had three to go. He has sent letters to those that will serve on the EMS/Fire Improvement committee setting the first date of October 10, at 1:00 PM at the SunStar conference room.

Craig Hare reported on recent Clearwater FR EMS unit changes. He also reported on the ZOLL examination of technical aspects of the electronic PCR for first responder integration. He will be working to create a roll-out plan for training and implementation. Additional space has been constructed at the SunStar facility for enlarging the medical supplies inventory capability. Bid specs for new heart monitor/defibrillators are still being worked on.

## **Medical Director**

Dr. Romig reported on recent QAR activity regarding 12-lead EKG and STEMI patient identification. She reported on the following CME plans:

- September will be hands-on advanced airway support and treatments
- October is an off month
- November be Cyano antidote kit use and WMD information
- December will be on-line and consist of cardiac and stroke review and MOM's updates.
- Planning for some pediatric specific training in 2009 CME program

## **SunStar**

No report.

## **Emergency Management**

Sally Bishop e-mailed a report that the Emergency Management Coordinators meeting will be September 10, at the St. Petersburg College Epicenter from 09:30 to 12:00. There will be a discussion of the tropical storm Fay response. Sally asked that jurisdictions complete their review of special needs registrants that:

1. are electrically dependant and may need to be assigned for Level A evacuation
2. estimated time it will take jurisdictions to complete special needs evacuations for each evacuation level

County EM is working to adjust the shelter list for mandatory mobile home park and low lying areas as well as special needs shelters for recommended evacuations. Sally and her staff will be meeting with the TBRPC staff and consultants to receive a status report on the Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study currently underway.

## **Communications/911**

Pam Montonari reported on the work thus far by Motorola to fix the problems being experienced with the high performance MDC system. She requested that when departments have connectivity problems with the system that they report it to the 911 center as they occur for timely repairs to be undertaken. Pam provided an overview of the new Motorola portable radio and that Maderia Beach will be testing some of them in the fall.

## **St. Petersburg College EMS**

No report.

## **St. Petersburg College Fire**

Charlie Crowther, Director of Fire Science Academic programs reported that the fire academy recruit class was graduating this night. The credit courses are doing well.

## **Red Cross**

Mark Hendrickson reported on the recent emergency relief work done by the Red Cross in response to tropical storm Fay and hurricane Gustav. If agencies have any surplus vehicles that could be donated to the Red Cross they have a need.

## **Good of the Organization**

The City of Oldsmar FR will be hosting their annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Thursday September 11, at 10:00 AM at fire station 54, 225 Pine Av N, Oldsmar. All are invited to attend.

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.**

**Next Meeting is October 2, 2008 at Stacey's Buffet.**