

# Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association

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## MINUTES TO MEETING OF August 2, 2001

**Vice President Williams called the meeting to order at 12:45**

**Introduction of Guests** – County Commissioner Karen Seel.

**Roll Call** – 18 members

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting, motion to accept by Chief Fant, second by Chief Cramer. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer Report**

No treasurer's report.

### **Correspondence**

Chief McGuff had received a nomination form from the TBRPC LEPC representative Bill Lofgren for the State Emergency Response Commission Award. He suggested the Association nominate the haz-mat team for one of these awards. Motion by chief Cramer to proceed with the nomination, second by chief Callahan. Motion carried. Chief McGuff will coordinate the paperwork

### **Unfinished Business**

Need to appoint mid-county executive board member.

August 13, between 11:00 and 13:00 the county commission will hold a workshop to discuss the Penny for Pinellas projects in next year's budget. The fire training center will be discussed. Fire chiefs should attend to show support.

### **New Business**

Discussed NFPA 1710. Members desired to hold a special workshop meeting with county officials. Seek to set a date at the September regular meeting. Many chiefs are attending the ICHIEFS conference in August and will attend 1710 workshops there.

## **Committee Reports**

Operations Chiefs: No report.

Education Committee – Committee has met to create a tentative schedule for 2002. Committee will complete schedule and report at a future meeting.

Purchasing Committee: Discussed AED purchasing. St. Petersburg and Clearwater recently bid AED's. Craig Hare will check with Physio regarding group purchasing.

Communications Committee – Meetings have been held between fire and police agencies. Fire and police operations level personnel have a meeting scheduled this month. Progress is being made to create a satisfactory communication operations plan for multi-agency incidents. This committee may be discontinued at the president's prerogative.

Fire Marshals: No report.

PALS: No report.

Haz-Mat: Hazardous materials team commander Steve McCarthy reported on recent grants received. The grant money has provided decon/splash suit kits for each engine company within the county. The splash suit kits will be distributed in the next 45 days. The grant also allowed the purchase of gowns for victims that must be decontaminated. Law enforcement officers will receive respiratory masks. The 600 series SOP will be updated to discuss the new equipment. The team has also received new monitoring equipment and is training on it now. Craig Hare reported on recent haz-mat medical training and protocols.

## **Affiliate Reports**

Fire & EMS Administration – Craig Hare reported on new medical dispatch protocols. Discussed FD transport issue. The units providing the initial patient care will ride into the hospital and be responsible for completing the EMS run report and forwarding the report to the county. Craig reported on new medical equipment compatible with the Lifepak 12 that will be provided by the county.

Working with St. Petersburg College lease agreement for new live fire training facility. Chief Callahan reported on future of St. Petersburg FD's training facility.

Communications/911 – Dick Williams reported on new Motorola technology. Fire chiefs should get an invitation to attend Motorola's announcement of this new technology. Chuck Freeman reported on the status of the frame relay project. Also reported that CAD Internet access should be available in August.

Medical Director – The new medical director has come on board and is transitioning from Brevard County to Pinellas. Reported on system ID cards.

**Good of the Organization**

Chief Callahan reported on St. Petersburg fire captain Greg Bush.  
Discussed Orlando FD and employee physical exam results.  
Discussed Association meeting schedule date and time.

Next Meeting: September 6, 2001  
Homer's Buffet  
1451 N. Missouri Ave.

**Chief's workshop at 11:15 / Lunch at 12:00 / Regular meeting at 12:30**

**Meeting Adjourned**