

# Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association

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## MINUTES TO MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2001

### Association Regular Meeting at 12:30

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

### Invocation.

Introduction of Guests – Jackie Ihli, Irene Gacek, Janeene Glass

Roll Call – 19 members

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

### Treasurer Report

Pinellas County Fire Chief's Checking Account Balance	\$12,156.25
Save Cans For Safe Kids Checking Balance	\$1,236.79
Save Cans For Safe Kids CD Balance	\$5,153.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,546.43</b>

Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Chief Meyer, second by Chief Leonard. Motion carried.

### Guest Presentation

Irene Gacek, of Clearwater FD presented overview of juvenile fire-setter program in Pinellas. Irene emphasized the need for all Pinellas fire departments to support the program with personnel. She distributed an info packet to all departments in attendance. She will forward packets to departments not in attendance. Inspector Gacek and Inspector Glass, of Largo FD were looking for one contact person from each department to represent that department to the program.

Jackie Ihli reported on the success of the child safety seat program in Pinellas. She thanked all the participating departments. Distributed newsletter.

## **Correspondence**

Discussed letter sent by Dwaine Booth to President Naylor regarding wildland firefighting trucks. Dwaine also discussed letter sent to all chiefs regarding wildfire planning meeting scheduled for March 8.

Letter from Karl Diekman, honorary member, regarding his employment in California.

Letter from Howard Levinson, IAFF Local 2980, requesting financial assistance for Firefighter Olympics hockey team. No action was taken on this request.

Chief Williams distributed Largo FD's benchmark survey and asked that all departments complete this survey and return.

## **Unfinished Business**

None.

## **New Business**

Association elections will be held during the April meeting. Chief's Fant, Brooks, and Leonard will serve as the nominating committee. If you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone for a position please contact a member of the nominating committee. New officers will be installed during the May meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

Operations Chiefs: Chiefs Pidala and McGuff reported on the last meeting.

Education Committee – McGuff reported on assessment center class.

Purchasing Committee: No report.

Communications Committee – No report.

Fire Marshals: Randy Hinder, Clearwater FD reported on requesting possible fireworks ban based on the drought index. Randy also reported that the Governor's proposed budget reduce positions and dollars in the State Fire Marshal's Office. The SFM may be moved to the Department of Agriculture – Consumer Services. This may move formerly state inspectors' duties to local level.

PALS: No report.

## **Affiliate Reports**

Fire & EMS Administration – Dwaine reported on EMS Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements. He will be distributing a computer CD with county utilities shown. Discussed the burn building.

Dwayne will be sending to all departments information regarding the costs to operate the burn building.

Communications/911 – Communications center will be working to develop public education/information regarding the issue if 911 hang-ups.

### **CISM**

Rick Walker, Pinellas Suncoast FD, reported on CISM team recent activity. Rick requested \$800.00 in funding to cover the costs of advanced training for team members. Chief McGuff will provide Chief Angle with the CISM financial report provided by Rick. Chief Angle will report on the CISM budget status in April. Rick also discussed the possibility of creating a chaplains program within Pinellas. If you have a chaplain within your department please contact Rick.

### **Good of the Organization**

Retired chief Terry was recently hospitalized with pneumonia.  
Bruce Biefield reported on the change of the station 53 CME site to the Sheriff's Youth Ranch while station 53 undergoes renovation march through July.  
Chief Graham, Lealman FD, thanked all departments for their support of Lealman in the past week.

Next Meeting: April 5, 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**