

**Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association
Regular Meeting Minutes July 7, 2011**

12:30 meeting called to order by Mike Wallace.

Roll call

Minutes for June 5, 2011

Motion to Approve: 1st Saltsman
 2nd Angle
 Passed

Treasurer's Report for July 2011

General Checking \$3,086.66

Extrication \$121.32

Save Cans for Safe Kids \$778.06

Training and Education \$2,417.55

CD \$5,381.14

Total \$11,784.73

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Guests/Presentations

Name Mr. Grimes

Organization Bayflight

No Presentation

Correspondence - N/A

New Business - N/A

Unfinished Business - N/A

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs Jim Wimberly - Discussion of 600-07 – Communications. Please review for next meeting and then we can bring it up again.

High-rise SOP has been given over to the training officers.

SOP Committee going to review all of the SOP's.

Discussion on the chairman for the Operations Group and a new chairman has been selected. Chief Mixon to start as the new chairman in August. Mike Wallace gave Jim Wimberly a “thank you” for his participation with the Ops Chief's.

Fire Marshals Mike Rodde– Discussion on the Arson SOP – new committee will look at it and make sure it reflects NFPA 921 more.

A new committee will be set up to look at new technologies as for fire alarms and sprinkler systems.

Seminar coming up July 14, 2011 changes on 921.

PCLB some contractors have been leaving before permits are closed out.

Steve Strong will be announced for his appointment to the board.

PALS Don Sayre – Discussion on IPS consultant coming in and talking with their group. Nothing earth shattering.

Technology – excited about technologies that are coming out. Dispatch will be able to change the radio channels to reflect the dispatch channel and then change it back remotely after the call is completed.

Command Sheet – to make sure we hit bench marks, a button can be added to the MDC to designate “Water on the Fire”. This will reduce the radio redundancy.

MDC – Needs to get to the dispatch supervisor to make sure it gets added to a log. Not the dispatcher. Pam – Suncoast will not automatically respond to log entries. Rebooting is a main issue that our crews are having. Computers need 4 Gigs of memory. Wireless modems in the stations are helping. When the crew comes back to the station make sure they contact the dispatch supervisor that they are having MDC issues. Discussion on usage logs and they will be brought up at the Ops meetings.

Training Officers Tim Pilson – Discussion on Keith Tyson – 5 days of training.

Motion: To donate \$500.00 to the Florida Professional Firefighters to help with this training.

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EMS Advisory Council N/A

Affiliate Reports

Public Safety

EMS

Dick Williams – Discussed Bayflight protocols and trauma transport protocols. Pedi-immobilizers coming out.

Fire

Mike Cooksey – Discussion on the Open Burning Ord. July 26, 2011 it will come before the BCC and then go to a public hearing. Might have an ordinance within 6 to 8 weeks. Fire Marshals did get a chance to add input to the “Open Burn” ordinance. Discussion on a county wide exercise – a table top program that will simulate a major disaster on a county-wide basis to test emergency management and logistics.

Communications/911

Pam – communications exercise – “thank you” to Lealman Fire District for participating and sending units. A final report will be coming out.

Discussion on some of the new radio channels that are experiencing some interference and they are working on a fix with Nextel. If it does not work out we will get new frequencies.

Discussion on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, Pam will ask Seminole – George Bessler if they are interested on reapplying for the county.

Emergency Management

Mike Wallace – Read an email from Sally;

Chief Wallace,

I wouldn't be at the meeting today but had a few items to share:

1. The training we did for cities was well attended but we are doing another on July 14th from 0930 – 1100 for cities who didn't make the first one. Anyone wanting additional information can contact Bob Homan in my office.
2. I encourage cities to work with E Team to get familiar with the logistics request process and the jurisdictional Sitrep features, as well as how to view the information that will be in the system as part of the 'operating picture'. There should be plenty of material in the 'training' side of E Team. We continue to learn E Team and are working with the new customization features. Our focus remains health care facility information and sheltering information while we learn and implement existing and new features.
3. We are hoping to publish the shelter list by the beginning of next week, as we are waiting to see if a St. Petersburg Community Center can be used for a Tropical Storm shelter in the south end of the county due to the loss of use of Northside Baptist Church.

If that is not possible we most likely will have no S County Tropical Storm shelter this year as we and the Red Cross have been scouring the area for a facility the Red Cross will utilize (nothing in a Category 4 or lower evac level, built in 2002 or later or has 'as built' plans to show it is structurally sound, etc, etc, etc).

If any of the Chief's have suggestions for facilities that might fit the bill for tropical storms, in the south end of the county, please ask them to contact me.

Other than this issue, and Bauder Elementary School having major construction underway until August, the shelter list remains the same as last year.

4. I would encourage all Fire Departments/Districts to coordinate with the municipal EM Coordinators for the areas within their jurisdictions. This is of special interest in those departments/districts where multiple cities fall within the fire jurisdiction. I'm not sure how well the "City EM Coordinators" for some of those small municipalities

understand what the plans are and where EOCs will be operating, etc., or have thought about the fact that if they can't return to their cities to operate 'post storm' they will have to find a place to set up city operations and I can't imagine that will be in the local EOC. We have info from the City of Long Boat Key on their continuity plan – successfully used during Hurricane Charley - if the any of your cities are interested.

Regards to all,

Sally Bishop

Medical Director

Dr. Romig – Biggest thing SMR protocol implementation. Discussion on a quality assurance plan by each department. A plan was handed out to EMS coordinators that they could have used. Less control from the Medical Director's Office means more control from each fire department.

Paramedics Plus / Sunstar

Mark – Brief discussion on the article in the newspaper, he did not know why it was in the paper. Anthony Meyers has retired and about 6 people are in the running for the position.

PTEC - N/A

St. Petersburg College Fire

Jim Terry – Discussed several upgrades of about \$100,000 to air packs and props. They also have installed a lightening detection system that should be working soon. May not get a new building – maybe a portable instead for a gym. A schedule for this year's in-service training was handed out. Some discussion on the online CEU courses for fire instructor and inspector.

St. Petersburg College EMS – N/A

Red Cross – N/A

Good of the Organization – Don Sayre – Some discussion on a weather report button on the MDC for the grid you are dispatched to. Brief discussion on a heat index notification.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:24 p.m.