

**Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association  
Regular Meeting Minutes March 3, 2011**

13:05 meeting called to order by Chief Lewis.

Roll Call completed by Chief Graham.

Minutes for February 2011

Motion to Approve: 1<sup>st</sup> Chief McGuff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Accetta

Passed

**Treasurer's Report**

General Checking	\$3,139.66
Extrication	\$129.32
Save Cans for Safe Kids	\$981.68
Training and Education	\$1320.95
CD	\$5,381.14
Total	<u>\$10,952.75</u>

Motion to Approve: 1<sup>st</sup> Chief McGuff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Angle

Passed

Chief McGuff will send a W-9 form to Chief Graham. We have had requests for the forms.

**Guests/Presentations**

N/A

**Correspondence**

N/A

## **New Business**

Checking Accounts - Chief Graham – Discussed the need for at least two signers on the PCFCA accounts. Now Chief Graham and Mike Wallace are on the account. Chief Angle said that we used to have two officers who could sign and Chief McGuff stated the same. Chief Lewis asked if we needed a vote for the second signer and the membership agreed that we did not. Chief Graham and Chief Wallace will be left on the account.

PCFCA Officer Elections – Chief Fant stated that all nominees have been contacted and have agreed to accept their nomination for consideration. The nominations are as follows: President Mike Wallace, Vice-President Bert Polk, Secretary / Treasurer (2 yr. term) – Richard Graham, Director at Large – Jim Angle, North County Director – Jeff Malzone, Mid County Director – George Bessler, South County Director – Dayton Saltsman, and Past President – Doug Lewis.

Pinellas Suncoast – Their Chairman passed away yesterday.

## **Unfinished Business**

By-Laws – Chief Malzone – Still being worked on – Chief Lewis will get them out to the members for review. Some departments were moved.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Operations Chiefs**

Pagers for Bridges – Discussion that the bridge tenders do not want the pager. Tim Pilson added that Ruthie is still working on the issue and following up with higher up supervisors. Chief Bessler added that Motorola is looking at a box that the bridge tenders could use to notify them directly county dispatch.

Boat Ramps – Brief discussion.

Marine Typing – Brief discussion and is close to being done.

High Rise SOP – Needs to go back to the Operations Chiefs with a few minor issues to be worked out. Chief Bessler will take it back to the ops group to review the changes.

Maps – Discussion on the county merging the district maps where they come together.

MDC's – Reminder to have your personnel shut down the MDC each morning. To align the computer you must reboot the computer and not just restart the computer.

## **Fire Marshals**

N/A

## **PALS**

N/A

## **Training Officers**

Social Media Class – Recommended SOP's to prevent problems. Pictures can be bad for the organization if they place them on a social media site. Be careful and educate your people.

Fire House Subs – Discussion on the grant ceremony, went well.

Stand Down – Cancer person is coming for training.

Target Safety – Tim Pilson did ask them and they said they are working on the Fire Safety Inspector recertification. They do not have the full 40 hours yet but they are working on the program.

Radio – Free channel for Bayflight landing zones. Discussion on “no dispatcher” on channels for landing zones; reason is to reduce radio traffic. Chief McGuff discussed why we would move to a channel without a dispatcher? Chief Bessler discussed that users should be using the buttons on the computers. Chuck discussed that EMD has increased the number of dispatchers / staffing needed. He also discussed the amount of radio traffic on the channels, structure fires, Bayflights, number of EMS calls. Chief McGuff emphasized that we need balance in the dispatch center. Group discussed the radio etiquette and how it must be stressed.

## **EMS Advisory Council**

N/A

## **Affiliate Reports**

### **Public Safety**

## **EMS**

N/A

## **Fire**

Mike Cooksey – Discussed the notification process for road closures. The group discussed that the Ops Chiefs suggested emails be sent out on full road closures to chiefs, ops chiefs, and district chiefs. Chief Meyer asked if the county could send out the notifications on the county computer system. Chief Angle stated that he has an issue with email notifications, he thinks the county computer system is better. The group discussed the issue and Mike Cooksey will send out the road closures using the county 911 system.

Open Burning Ordinance – A draft of an unincorporated open burning ordinance was presented to the group. Discussion on the fire ring. Mike Cooksey asked that all comments go to him – this will be presented to the BCC by March 15, 2011. Chief Angle asked if the new ordinance would supersede the local AHJ ordinance. Mike will find out.

## **Communications/911**

N/A

## **Emergency Management**

Sally via email – Discussion on the RNC convention. EM will participate and committees will be coming soon. Discussion on the procedures.

Hurricane Guides – If you need more or less than you received last year please notify Sally.

CEMP – Is on the county sharepoint.

Chief Fant – Went to the Tampa Bay Fire Chief's meeting and they were discussing that they are gearing up for possible disturbances. They are expecting problems and you can view some of the past issues on YouTube.com.

## **Medical Director**

Discussion on the results of a study on moving or combining state functions. Chief Lewis will send out a link.

Discussion on an issue with the Philips monitors having to do with capnography. A clarification on the procedure will be sent out today or tomorrow.

Chief Lewis – Discussed STEMI alerts and how some people do not realize what paramedics do.

### **Paramedics Plus / Sunstar**

We are in the busy season and breaking records. March 1 through March 14, 2011. Sunstar transported 474 on last Friday.

Discussion on fractional millage - caused a computer outage last week. National issue.

### **PTEC**

N/A

### **St. Petersburg College Fire**

N/A

### **St. Petersburg College EMS**

CME – Steering committee needs nominations for a North County paramedic. Please send nominations to Chief Marencovic or Glenn Davis.

### **Red Cross**

N/A

### **Good of the Organization**

Chief Bessler – discussed the radio grant – still in hunt – have not received any notifications yet.

Discussion on Fire Ops 101 – Will be held on May 21, 2011. Chief Accetta and Chief Lewis will both email Winnie. Work needs to start now.

ISO – Seminole has received the preliminary notice – no one else has received any notification.

Mike Cooksey – Fire District budget forms are going out next week. The EMS forms will go out at the same time. We should have at least 30 days to complete.

### **Next Meeting**

April 7, 2011 – Place TBA

Meeting Adjourned at 14:15