

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

13:08 meeting was called to order by Chief Lewis.

No minutes or Treasurer's Report this month.

Guests/Presentations

Jean Shoemaker – All Children's Hospital – Safe Kids, Jean discussed "Pool Safety" issues and thanked the chiefs and fire departments for helping to get the word out about pool safety. The Tampa Bay area is the leading area in the country for pool drowning.

One grant just ended but another is still in effect until September 30, 2011. Their focus is on barriers and pool alarms. She also thanked the fire departments for their great participation and issued a challenge by asking the fire departments to continue to help get the word out about pool safety. A discussion on pool safety included using utility bills to help spread the word.

If any department wants the "Train the Trainer" program for pool safety, contact Pat Vines at 742-5486.

There will be an Appreciation Luncheon June 29, 2011 at All Children's Hospital located at 701 4 St. S. in Saint Petersburg.

Correspondence

N/A

New Business

High Rise SOPs were sent out and will be discussed and voted on in March.

Unfinished Business

N/A

Committee Reports

Operations Chiefs

Maps - are available on the web site.

NIFRS - if additional stats are needed or variations, contact Jackie.

SOPs briefly discussed – High Rise, Accountability, and Overhaul.

MDCs – modems are being overhauled by firmware upgrades and GPS changes. Please report any MDC problems to dispatch supervisor via landline.

Bridge Run Cards – let Jackie know of any alternate responses for run cards. County dispatch will utilize pagers for bridge tender notification if the fire department provides the pager. The county will not provide them.

Nonexistent Units – Let Jackie know if you want them pulled from the CAD system.

Marine Typing – has not been completed yet.

Fire Marshals

Open Burning – brief discussion on this issue and they are working on a draft for the fire chiefs.

Chief Polk – discussed issues with picking up plans for review from the county. Believes it is a time burden and could be better streamlined. Further discussion from several chiefs that the PCFCA agreed to this process maybe as far back as 15 years ago.

PALS

Notification to the group that a PALS retreat will take place on February 15, 2011.

ITLS – is running smoothly so far.

Training Officers

Texting class will be held February 15, 2011 but we have not had a good response yet. Chiefs were asked to please pass on information.

Grant Dedication - Fire House Subs – February 9, 2011 at 4394 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park, FL 33781 starting at 15:30.

Sunshine State – discussion about the good response and how the training officers are sharing information.

Stand Down – there will be 5 days of classes set for the week of “Stand Down”. Topic discussed was the cancer network.

Randy Keirn – received the Florida Fire Training Officer of the Year Award.

Target Safety – discussion on fire inspector recertification. Tim Pilson will follow up with Target Safety and see where they are in reference to fire inspector recertification.

EMS Advisory Council

N/A

Affiliate Reports

Public Safety

EMS

IPS Report – Dick Williams reported that members of county staff are fact checking, spell checking and grammar checking the report. All grammar, spelling, facts and statistics should be fixed for the final report.

Fire

Open Burning – Mike Cooksey and Bob Swain are working on the wording and draft. One county commissioner wants it completed quickly but it will take time to properly draft because it is a complex issue.

Communications/911

N/A

Emergency Management

Draft CEMP is on the Share Point web site and an email was sent out in reference to this item.

Medical Director

Information about the Flu has been passed on to the EMS Coordinators. We are still at a “wide spread” condition. Preventative measures were discussed along with Flu related staffing issues.

February 8, 2011 MOD 5 will go online.

Anne Lindberg will be visiting the Medical Director’s Office next week so she can see their operations and what they do.

Paramedics Plus / Sunstar

Open House was moved and will be February 4, 2011.

PTEC

CPAT model on Fox news next week.

Discussed annual fire prevention grant.

Discussion on proposal for 16 firefighter CEUs mandatory for all firefighters in state.

St. Petersburg College Fire

21 students in current fire academy class, including 2 to 3 medics.

New state practical test for firefighters.

Discussed EVOC and a yearly schedule of training that will be sent out to everyone.

St. Petersburg College EMS

N/A

Red Cross

N/A

Good of the Organization

Chief Bessler – discussed the radio grant and a new B.S. degree from SPC.

Tom Malone – thanked the group – has only 13 days left until he retires March 1, 2011.

Chief Fant – discussed RH24V and adding it to run cards for South County if anyone was interested. Contact Jackie to have it added to multi-alarm structure fires if interested.

Next Meeting

March 3, 2011 – Place TBD

Meeting adjourned at 14:26