***Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association***

***Operations Division***

**BYLAWS**

January 2014

Pierce County Fire Chiefs is comprised of representatives of fire and emergency services and is a standing Division of the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association.

***Mission Statement***

"To work effectively to improve interoperability by promoting communication and best practices.”

**Article I: Objectives**

1. Foster opportunities to develop operational strategies and guidelines that will enhance the services we provide to our communities.

2. Gathering and sharing of information on current emergency service issues and trends.

3. Tracking and reviewing industry standards, regulations and best practices that effect services to our communities.

**Article II: Members**

The Association shall have Active Members, designated as follows:

***Active members***

The Chief or their designee of the fire departments, and fire protection districts in good standing with the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association.

**Article III: Rights of Members**

The qualifications and rights of members of each class shall be as follows:

***Members***;

One vote for each entity represented in the Division.

Active members can vote and are eligible to hold office.

**Article IV: Executive Board**

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers appoint.

**Article V: Officers**

The officers of the Executive Board shall be:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Who shall be appointed by and from the members of the Division and shall be appointed at the January meeting for the following terms:

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| Chair | 1 year |
| Vice Chair | 1 year |

**Article VI: Duties of Officers**

**Section I. *Chairperson***

The Chair of the Division shall:

* Preside over all meetings of the Division.
* Appoint committees and representatives as necessary.
* Perform duties and functions of the Division as the official Division representative.
* Represent the Division at meetings as needed, to include but not limited to;
  + Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meetings

(The chair may appoint a designee to represent them at different times as needed)

**Section II. *Vice Chairperson***

Perform the duties of the chair in the absence of that officer.

Other duties as directed by the Chairperson.

**Article VII: Vacancies in Office**

**Section I.** *Chairperson*

A vacancy in the office of Chairperson shall be filled by the Vice Chair.

**Section II.** *Other Officers*

A vacancy in the office of the Vice Chair shall be filled by the Chairperson at the next regular meeting.

**Article IX: Meetings of the Division**

**Section I.** *Regular Meetings*

The regular meetings of the Division shall be held once per quarter or as needed.

The undersigned, Chair and Vice Chair of the Pierce County Operations Division and the President of the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association (PCFCA) certify that the above and foregoing Bylaws of said Association were adopted by the directors as the Bylaws of Pierce County EMS Division and that the same do now constitute the Bylaws of this Association.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2014.

Attest:

Keith Wright, President, PCFCA

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Ed Goodlet, Chair, PCFCA Operations Division

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, Vice Chair, PCFCA Operations Division