

PIERCE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION  
TREASURER'S REPORT

For the month of: **Mar-08**

PCFCA Beginning Balance		<u><u>\$9,529.78</u></u>
Revenues:		
Interest Income	\$0.38	
Annual Dues	\$750.00	
Annual Banquet Regist.		
Monthly Meeting Lunches	\$260.00	
Fire Forum/Educ. Registrations		
Golf Sponsors/Registrations		
Misc. Reimbursements		
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sub-total revenues		\$1,010.38
Expenses:		
Annual Banquet		
Donations		
Forums/Educational expenses		
Fundraiser : Golf		
Monthly Meeting Lunches	\$736.14	
Gifts Given / Recognitions		
President's Expense	\$71.84	
Secretarial Services		
Secretary of State		
State Chiefs-Insurance		
Bank charge-microfilm, stop pay, etc		
Misc. printing, postage, etc		
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sub-total expenses		-\$807.98
PCFCA Ending Balance		<u><u>\$9,732.18</u></u>

## **Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association**

### **Proposed Schedule and Dues Change**

#### Current Schedule and Dues

Under 50 million -	\$35.00
50 to 100 million -	\$50.00
100 to 200 million -	\$75.00
200 to 500 million -	\$110.00
Over 500 million -	\$150.00
Other -	\$50.00

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#### Proposed Change in Schedule and Dues

<b>Under 200 million -</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>200 to 500 million -</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>500 to 1 billion -</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Over 1 billion -</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Other -</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

**Estimated increase in annual dues - \$2,100**

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DATE: March 17, 2008

TO: **Doug Willis, Chair**  
Pierce County Fire Chiefs

FROM: **Diane Cecchetti, RN** *Diane Cecchetti*  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
MultiCare Health System

**Joseph Wilczek** *Joe Wilczek*  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Franciscan Health System

SUBJECT: Divert Management Plan

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Thank you so much for your endorsement of the current limited divert management plan, with added provisions for EMS override and performance accountability, as the permanent approach for managing adult medical divert. The support of the Pierce County Fire Chiefs is a critical factor as we take this forward for EMS Council approval next month.

As you know, after almost 4 years of working together, the Divert Committee has come to realize that divert is not a problem we can solve. Rather, it is an issue for us to manage together over time and in response to changing community conditions. Having the ability to exercise limited divert provides us with a much needed mechanism to protect patient safety while we concurrently work on improving throughput in our Emergency Departments and building additional capacity.

Thank you again for your support of this important collaborative effort. We look forward to continued cooperation between the hospitals and the EMS providers of this community to ensure that patients get to the closest, most appropriate facility in a timely manner without compromising EMS hand off times.

cc: Pierce County Divert Committee



17 March 2008

TO; Deputy Chief Doug Willis  
President, Pierce County Fire Chief Association  
Central Pierce Fire and Rescue  
17520 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave East  
Spanaway, WA 98387

FROM; Verne M Pierson  
President   
Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association

SUBJECT; Unintended Consequences of  
Pierce County's Critical Areas Development  
Regulations Title 18E.40

Dear *Doug*

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association regarding the unforeseen conflict of our county's Critical Areas Development Regulations, Title 18E.40 and the nationally recognized fire prevention program called Firewise. The State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources, South Puget Sound Region (DNR) wildland fire prevention employees brought this dilemma to our attention at the last Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association meeting.

For you and your staff to better evaluate our concerns I will briefly discuss the concepts of Fire wise as a fire prevention and wildlife mitigation tool.

The national Firewise Communities Program is a multi-agency effort designed to reach beyond the fire service by involving home owners, community leaders, planners, developers and others in an effort to protect people, property, and natural resources from the risk of wildfires before a fire starts. The Firewise Community approach emphasizes community responsibility for planning, emergency response, with individual responsibility for safer homes and landscaping and maintenance of their property in a way that is compatible with our natural surroundings and wildlife. The National Wildfire Coordinating Group, a consortium of national fire organizations, sponsors the program and local, state and federal agencies responsible for wildland fire management across the United States. In-depth information about Firewise is available at [WWW.firewise.org](http://WWW.firewise.org)

The dilemma that DNR and some property owners are facing in our County appears to be focused on a 30-foot radius area centered on a property owner's home and major outbuildings in areas susceptible to wildfires. This 30-foot space is referred to as defensible/ survivable space. Studies have shown that this 30 foot area around a home will allow for survivability of the structure and will allow firefighters less exposure to hazards of entrapment and injury that may be caused by an approaching wildfire. This defensible space also greatly reduces the chances of a

structure fire spreading into the habitat surrounding the structure. The 30-foot area IS-NOT clear-cut but trimmed, pruned, and planted in a way that does not support fire. Title 18 E.40 does not have any allowance for firewise mitigation to be incorporated into the review process for critical fish and wildlife conservation areas for single-family housing and major outbuildings. However, the ordinance does have allowances for view corridors and hazard tree removals around structures.

The WA State DNR has approached the Pierce County Planning Department Biologists requesting an opportunity to explore options for those Pierce County property owners, who live in areas susceptible to wildfires, to mitigate wildland fire hazards around their homes while still addressing the needs of wildlife. The response to the DNR has been neither timely nor positive, hence this letter.

We as the Elected Fire Officials of Pierce County are asking for your help to encourage our Planning Department to meet with DNR and facilitate a solution to this concern. The Firewise program will help provide protection for homeowners and firefighters in wildfire prone areas. A solution to this unforeseen conflict may also reduce the county's liability should homes or lives be lost in the upcoming fire season. All county officials should certainly encourage a proven program of this quality and national acceptance.

Thank you for your consideration of this problem. If you have questions please feel free to contact me at 253-875-5477.

My major contact at DNR has been Mr. Chuck Frame, who is the expert on this program.  
360-802-7011 or cell 253-350-0019

Cc. Pierce County Fire Chief Association  
The County Executive  
County Council members

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**CHILD SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE  
INVESTIGATION PROTOCOLS FOR  
PIERCE COUNTY WASHINGTON**



## 2. Child Protective Services

CPS intake answers calls from both mandated and non-mandated reporters alleging abuse or neglect of children. Using a screening tool, they determine whether referrals are accepted for investigation or not, and the response time required by CPS investigators.

Emergent referrals require that CPS investigators have face to face contact with identified child victims within 24 hours. Emergent referrals involve situations where children are believed to be at imminent risk of harm, and/or children are placed into protective custody.

Non-emergent referrals require that CPS have face to face contact with identified child victims within 72 hours, including weekends and holidays.

The purpose of the initial contact with the child is to gather sufficient information to assess immediate safety threats, and to initiate safety planning when indicated.

Madigan Social Work staff start investigations within 3 working days, and cases involving persons presenting at Madigan emergency room for examination, treatment and evaluation will be handled on an immediate basis by on-call personnel. If the allegations are criminal in nature, coordination with other agencies will occur, and a forensic interview may be sought. If the allegations are not criminal in nature, CPS and MAMC Social Work staff will jointly handle the interviews of family members, including a protective interview of the child.

CPS for the Puyallup Indian Tribe will handle cases arising on reservation lands, and the procedures followed will be consistent with those followed by State CPS workers.

## 3. Emergency Medical Services

Insure safety and provide medical aid as needed to save or assist the child. If child is clearly dead, do not move the body. Be careful not to destroy potential evidence as outlines in Pierce County Patient Care Protocols Administrative Policy Crime Scene Preservation

A. Forensic guidelines emphasizing crime scene preservation is important, however the most important role of EMS providers is to ensure the preservation of life.

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1. EMS is in charge of the patient.
2. Law Enforcement (LE) is in charge of the crime scene.

B. While an emotional cause of death, such as apparent SIDS, may cause a scene to be difficult; it is not an acceptable reason to move or transport a deceased person. If the patient is obviously deceased, do not disturb or move the body unless there is a clear potential the body will be lost or further damaged. Document why and what actions were taken.

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C. For an infant that has died, complete EMS portion of SUIDI Reporting Form. Make sure Law Enforcement has been notified. Provide your contact information to Law Enforcement.

D. Communicate with LE, assure the scene is safe. Document all adults and children present, including who has left. Note what they did, said and their appearance. Note their reaction to the child's death.

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Be aware of signs of possible neglect and abuse

Physical Abuse: Unexplained broken bones, bruises, black eyes, cuts, burns, welts, pattern injuries, bite marks, reports of injury received from adult caretaker, etc.

Sexual abuse: Difficult walking or sitting, inappropriate interest or knowledge of sexual acts, reports of inappropriate touching, etc.

Neglect: Obvious lack of hygiene, back of head flat, severe diaper rash, hungry, underweight, lack of food, formula or care, parents or child using drugs or alcohol, etc.

E. Observe the area and try to make mental notes of the scene surroundings.

F. Limit access and egress to a single path/route. This may be identified by LE; or if EMS arrives first, notify LE of your route.

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G. Limit the number of personnel entering a potential crime scene to only those essential to safely and efficiently care for the patient. Provide LE with a list of responders' names, and when they arrived/departed.

H. EMS providers should not move anything, they should leave items alone unless absolutely necessary to perform life saving patient care.

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I. Do not cut through bullet/stab holes on patient's clothing or binding knots, etc. as this may destroy critical evidence.

J. Do not use phones, sinks, toilets, garbage containers, or anything at a crime scene. Only utilize equipment that was brought to the scene and only remove equipment brought in if absolutely necessary.

K. Do not take anything from a crime scene that can be left. Give clothes, blankets, sheets to LE. If they want them packaged, put them in a paper bag and label it.

L. Document everything you observed (lighting, weather, temperature, odors, bystanders' behavior, position of patient), moved, and performed as patient care. Include statements made by the patient. Be as specific and exact as you can.

Consider all statements and demeanor (emotional state) of speakers. Explain your job is to provide medical care. Ask for caretaker's explanation with specific details. Record observations of both words and actions.

Consider all your observations of the environment as soon as possible. Focus all your senses on the surroundings. Describe the scene accurately and completely. Determine possibility of mechanism of injury.

Consider and record child's developmental level. Compare reasonableness of history given regarding mechanism of injury to child's age and developmental abilities and scene observations.

M. Participate in Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meetings to review child abuse cases.

O. EMS shall notify Law Enforcement and/or CPS to report any suspicion of abuse or neglect of any child present at the scene.

CPS 24 hour Central Intake: 800-562-5624 or 1-866-END HARM  
MedCon expert consultation: 800-326-5300

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Monthly Totals for March 2008							
Pierce County Fire Prevention Bureau Inspections							
FD#	CIP	Reinspect	License	FC Permit	System	Complaint	Total
1	3	1	0	1	0	0	5
2	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
5	4	2	1	3	15	0	25
6	61	130	6	1	63	8	269
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
13	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
14	1	10	0	1	0	0	12
15	0	0	1	0	9	1	11
16	5	6	0	0	8	0	19
17	21	2	0	0	13	0	36
18	8	0	0	0	2	0	10
20	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
21	2	0	1	0	16	0	19
22	5	0	0	0	4	0	9
23	2	0	1	0	1	0	4
24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
26	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>441</b>
<b>ytd total</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1601</b>