**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 11, 2010**

**Call to Order**

President Reggie Romines called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at DuPont Fire Department located at 1780 Civic Drive. The following were present:

Dexter Habeck, Eatonville FD Greg Miller, McNeil Island FD

James Jaques, Milton FD Robert Drozynski, Steilacoom PS

Jeff Jensen, Tacoma FD Ken Sharp, Lakewood FD

Mike McGovern, Lakewood FD Paul Tinsley, Lakewood FD

Dave Dupille, UPFD Lloyd Christianson, UPFD

Dan Rankin, University Place FD Eric Watson, Gig Harbor FD

Bill Jarmon, Gig Harbor FD Doug Willis, CPFR

Ruth Obadal, CPFR Matt Holm, CPFR

Bryan Pearson, CPFR Keith Wright, CPFR

Judy Murphy, CPFR Pat Donovan, CPFR

Gary McVay, PCFD #13 Andy McAfee, Riverside FD

Chris Grant, PCFD #17 Guy Allen, Key Peninsula FD

Chuck West, Key Peninsula FD Paul Webb, PCFD #18

Reggie Romines, GFR Tony Judd, GFR

Kathy Hale, GFR Tom Mason, GFR

Jerry Thorson, EPFR John McDonald, EPFR

Dave Wakefield, EPFR Garry Olson, PCFD #23

Micheal Smith, PCFD #26 Jay Wiggins, PCFD #27

Ken Parrish, PCDEM Denise Menge, Recorder

**Flag Salute**

Greg Cooper led the flag salute.

Greg Hull welcomed everyone to DuPont. Everyone is welcome to stay after the meeting and tour the facilities. Also, the meeting room is available for use for training, meetings, etc.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the February 4, 2010 minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Kathy Hale reported the account balance is $9,059.23 with $2,500.00 for EMS for a grand total of $11,559.23.

**Correspondence**

President Romines reported everyone should have received an e-mail regarding Greg Miller taking a temporary position for 6 months. Mike Sanders will be the temporary Chief at McNeil Island FD.

**Guest Speaker**

John McDonald reported that Al Church will be our guest speaker next month to give us a Legislative update. Mays meeting speaker will be County Executive Pat McCarthy to give us a report on the state of the County. He is looking into having Mark Rapozo from the State Auditor’s Office as a speaker as well as Firefighters that have recently been to Haiti to help with the relief efforts. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please contact him.

Today, our guest speaker is Dr. Arun Raha, Executive Director, Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast. He spoke at the State Chiefs conference in October. He is responsible for preparing and presenting quarterly economic and revenue forecasts. A powerpoint presentation was given (see attached). The Association thanked Dr. Raha for his presentation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Program/Speaker Committee**

See Guest Speaker.

**Audit Committee**

Nothing to report.

**Banquet/Awards Committee**

Nothing to report.

**Nominations Committee- DORMANT**

**UASI Committee**

Nothing to report.

**Regional Communications Committee**

Jim Sharp reported Pierce County has gone to bid for a consultant for narrowbanding compliance. The scope of work is to start soon and will take about four (4) months to complete.

Jim Sharp reported the FCC and Fire Comm consolidation piece that was discussed at last month’s meeting is starting to make some progress. He thanked the association for their endorsement and also appreciates the endorsements from the Commissioners Association and Tacoma’s Union. They are beginning to get some political action behind them to continue to move this issue forward.

President Romines stated on a side note that with Mike McGovern already retired and Jack Andren retiring in May, that leaves only two (2) people on this committee. Keith Wright will be Jack Andren’s replacement on this committee.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

**EMS**

Judy Murphy reported June 1st is the go live date with the protocol updates. TG’s new Emergency Room is scheduled to open on April 15th. Tours will be given in early April. Good Samaritan has a tentative completion date at the beginning of the year with a go live date in March. Also, they will be putting in round abouts up 15th Street.

A document was recently received regarding FEMA having chosen AMR to manage transport services during a disaster. There is a lot of unclear information in the document and they are working on finding out more information on this.

A Senate Bill is being looked at regarding the State charging fees for EMT, PM and 1st Responder certifications. Discussion followed. This is something to be aware of and to keep an eye on.

June 4th and 5th will be a Medical-Legal Workshop. It is a full day class being offered twice. No location yet, more information to follow.

**MetroTraining**

Bryan Pearson reported the April 15th Metro Training will be held at Gig Harbor and the topic will be extrication. The May 12th Metro Training will be at Graham and will be an all day class – Street Smart Fire Officer by Skip Coleman.

**Training – TEW Training/Exercise**

Gary McVay reported there will be a Medics and EMT WMD training through Texas Engineering May 11-13 at the PC EOC. A flyer will be coming out soon. There has been $20,000 approved for backfill and overtime reimbursement. Class is free.

Exercise for Tacoma Fire, Police and PC Regional Haz Mat will be held April 1st at the Tide Flats. They have found a way to still put on the South Sound Water Rescue without having to do an environmental study. It is tentatively scheduled for June 10th at Brown’s Point. Federal grant money will be used for the tabletop and classroom in the morning and then everyone is on their own dime for the afternoon session. Everyone is invited to attend. They had 18 agencies last year and 12 the year before. Contact Gary McVay for more information.

Most of the requests for training funds are coming from Law Enforcement.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS:**

**American Red Cross**

No representative present.

**Department of Emergency Management**

Ken Parrish reported they are making excellent progress on the databases for the new Reverse 911 system. They are still working with Qwest on the 911 database. Ken distributed copies of the Fire Marshal’s reports for Wayne Wienholz.

Ken announced they have a new Deputy Director, Jody Woodcock. They also have another new position which is a special hire to work on environmental reviews, etc.

**EMS**

No representative present.

**Fire Marshal**

No representative present.

**State Chiefs/Western Chiefs**

Jeff Jensen reported legislatively there have been some success and some failures. The EMS 60% levies issue is dead. There’s still some hope for the sprinkler ordinance as well as the E911 bill. Conference is coming up.

John McDonald and Gary McVay attended the Chief’s meeting in Yakima. John reported that it was a good meeting with good discussions. The Impact Fees for Fire Districts is on the Governor’s desk waiting to be signed. He went over other things discussed at the meeting.

**PS Clean Air Agency**

No representative present.

**PC Fire Commissioners**

Next meeting is on March 25th at 7:00 pm at Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, Station 61.

**Dept. of Natural Resources**

No representative present.

**Unfinished Business**

Nothing at this time.

**New Business**

James Elways reported with the new Joint Base Lewis McChord, he is working on updating the Mutual Aid Agreements. He spoke to Attorney Quinn and it was his suggestion to update these agreements. Signature pages will be sent out, please have your agency sign and return it.

Doug Willis reported in the process of re-rating they requested Mutual Aid Agreements. Last fall these were revised and updated and he realized that they’d never gotten them signed. He will have Attorney Quinn send out the revised agreement to everyone again.

**Good of the Order**

Ruth Obadal announced that with Jack Andren retiring the end of May, the CPFR Board of Commissioners have selected Doug Willis to be the new Fire Chief.

Reggie Romines stated that an icon in Pierce County is retiring – Dave Wakefield. His retirement celebration is being held Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. at the Swiss Sportsmans in Bonney Lake. Dave thanked everyone for their support and friendship.

Andy McAfee announced Riversides Association 2nd Annual Ball will be held at the Temple Theater in Tacoma. Contact him for more information.

Jerry Thorson thanked Dave Wakefield for all of his service. Three weeks from today, District 8, Edgewood, will officially be part of East Pierce Fire & Rescue. They received an 81% yes vote.

John McDonald announced the PC FF Pipes and Drums will be visiting several establishments and performing next week on St. Patty’s Day. They’ll begin at 3:00 at O’Henry’s. A schedule will be sent out via e-mail.

Jeff Jensen stated Tacoma is supposed to be hosting the April 1st meeting, could they switch with CPFR? CPFR to host the April meeting and Tacoma will host the May 6th meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 13:30 p.m.

*PLEASE NOTE: The next Meeting location has changed. The April 1, 2010 Meeting beginning at 11:30 will be at CPFR – exact location to be determined. An e-mail will be sent out.*