**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 3, 2010**

**Call to Order**

President Reggie Romines called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at Brown’s Point / Dash Point located at 5125 Tok-A-Lou Ave. NE. The following were present:

Dexter Habeck, Eatonville FD John Harris, McChord AFB

Ron Glickman, McChord AFB Jeff Jensen, Tacoma FD

Jim Sharp, Lakewood FD Paul Tinsley, Lakewood FD

Mitch Sagers, UPFD Dave Dupille, UPFD

Lloyd Christianson, UPFD Dan Rankin, University Place FD

Eric Watson, Gig Harbor FD John Burgess, Gig Harbor FD

Mike Miller, Gig Harbor FD Bill Jarmon, Gig Harbor FD

Tom Sutich, Gig Harbor FD Matt Holm, CPFR

Judy Murphy, CPFR Ed Goodlet, EPFR

Gary McVay, PCFD #13 Cliff McCollum, PCFD #13

Jim Zuluaga, PCFD #13 Dick Collins, PCFD #13

Andy McAfee, Riverside FD Guy Allen, PCFD#16

Bob Vellias, PCFD #17 Chris Grant, PCFD #17

Reggie Romines, GFR Todd Jensen, GFR

Steve Richards, GFR Jerry Thorson, EPFR

John McDonald, EPFR Dale Mitchell, EPFR

Garry Olson, PCFD #23 Michael Smith, PCFD #26

Jim Bixler, PCFD #27 Jay Wiggins, PCFD #27

Wayne Wienholz, PCFPB Chuck Frame, DNR

Denise Menge, Recorder

**Flag Salute**

Gary McVay welcomed everyone to Brown’s / Dash Point. He will be hosting the Water Rescue Conference being held next Thursday. Almost every agency represented today will be attending.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the May 6, 2010 minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer not present, President Romines reported there is a balance of $9,29.02 on the regular budget and $4,187.83 in the EMS for a grand total of $13,579.85.

**Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**Guest Speaker**

Gary McVay introduced the first speaker today, Ginger Passarelli, from The Soup Ladies. They are a great resource, non-profit agency, and they are having a major fundraiser in September. He wasn’t sure if everyone was aware of them and the wonderful service they provide. Ginger stated they generally charge around $5.00 per person for meals for lunch or dinner for training events. They have a mobile kitchen trailer and serve in communities. They are based out of her restaurant in Black Diamond. She left cards for anyone interested. They received a grant from King County as well as money from the Rotary. They are having a fundraiser in September to purchase kitchen equipment that is needed. The fundraiser is on September 10th at the Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent. They will be having a silent and live auction. They run on donations and love serving in the community. They go where they are called. They are usually out the door within one hour of receiving a call and can feed up to 100 or more people. Website is: [www.soupladies.org](http://www.soupladies.org) and the main number to call is 206-459-8477.

John McDonald introduced Mark Rapozo from the State Auditor’s Office. He is also a volunteer with PCFD #13. Mark presented a powerpoint presentation. He will e-mail it to Chief McCollum to send out.

They have a subscription service available on their website: [www.sao.wa.gov](http://www.sao.wa.gov) There is also a help desk, local contact information and program manager contact information. Mark’s phone number is 360-870-4157. President Romines stated Mark is a great resource. The Association thanked him for his presentation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Program/Speaker Committee**

John McDonald reported there is no meeting in July. The speaker for the August meeting will be Tom Miner regarding DEM Type III IMT and Bill Lokey on the Regional Structural Collapse Plan. September’s meeting will be Lt. Casey Hill who is a paramedic at Graham Fire & Rescue regarding his Haiti response. If anyone has any ideas and/or suggestions for guest speakers, please feel free to contact him.

**Audit Committee - DORMANT**

**Banquet/Awards Committee**

Nothing to report.

**Nominations Committee- DORMANT**

**UASI Committee**

Nothing to report.

**Regional Communications Committee**

Nothing to report.

**Code Committee**

Wayne Wienholz distributed a document titled White Paper on Residential Sprinkler Systems in Pierce County for the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting June 3rd, 2010, see attached copy. In evaluating efforts to make these changes, he wanted to bring this issue back before the body to reconsider and see if we would be more successful by going in a little different direction. He and Gary Franz have talked about this and what would be best for the citizens, etc. It wasn’t stated what form of support should be taken, should the letter of support stated moving ahead 100% or support not stating how to move ahead, just that we move in that direction. Discussion followed. If we want this to be successful, we have to start educating the public as well as the officials. Wayne stated an ordinance will be going before the council soon and there’s not much time to present a 100% sprinkler ordinance right now. That could end up doing more harm than good and doesn’t feel that it would pass. Andy McAfee stated he made a motion last month that was dealing with 2 issues – he recommends that the Chiefs recommend adopting Sprinkler Code Compliance. More discussion followed. Chris Grant stated that we know sprinkler systems save lives nation-wide. We also understand the political side and concern for those that are at-will employees. Where do we start and where do we draw the line? It’s a tough one, but if we don’t ask for sprinklers in all residential buildings, he thinks we are remiss and doing a disservice to our citizens. We shouldn’t go in with it already watered down. We understand that we most likely won’t get everything we ask for, but we should go in with everything and work from there. Discussion followed.

John McDonald made a motion that the Fire Chiefs Association maintain their previous stated position, to adopt the sprinkler code, and toward that end to work with the Fire Marshal, County Council, County Builders, etc. to get as much as we can adopted. MOTION CARRIED.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

**EMS**

Judy Murphy reported June 1st the new patient care protocols went into effect. Different this year in that we can receive electronically now. In 2011, Dr. Waffle will be rolling out a policy regarding parameters, legal issues, etc. of what this will look like.

Medical Legal Workshop is tomorrow and Saturday at Station 94 in Graham. There are still about 10 spots available in each of the classes.

**Training - MetroTraining**

No representative present.

**Training – TEW Training/Exercise**

Gary McVay reported next Thursday is the all day Water Rescue exercise.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS:**

**American Red Cross**

No representative present.

**Department of Emergency Management**

Wayne Wienholz reported the Everbridge system testing is going on to figure out all of the nuances, etc. This will be a fantastic resource.

**EMS**

No representative present.

**Fire Marshal**

Wayne Wienholz reported there are a couple of water companies that have contacted him regarding locks on fire hydrants. Tacoma is one and they are looking primarily at industrial areas. He was asked to bring this forward to get an opinion from the body on this issue. Discussion followed. Jeff Jensen stated we are going to have to deal with this eventually as the water companies are having to account for the water, etc. Tom Lique stated that Key Peninsula is already doing this. The Code Committee will do some more work on this and come back with a report.

**State Chiefs/Western Chiefs**

Jeff Jensen reported the conference was well attended. New Officers were elected, as well as new committee members.

**PS Clean Air Agency**

Nothing to report.

**PC Fire Commissioners**

Thanked District 13 for hosting their last meeting. Next meeting is on June 24th at 7:00 pm at PCFD #16.

**Dept. of Natural Resources**

Chuck Frame reported he is working on a State-Wide burn ban initiative where the state consistently puts on a burn ban at the same time of the year each year, i.e. July 1st through October 1st. He would like to see the counties all work together on this.

There have been a lot of fires in Alaska, we have 55 people there now in the Yukon Territory.

**Unfinished Business**

Nothing at this time.

**New Business**

Mitch Sagers made a motion to support the Soup Ladies in the amount of $500.00. Motion was seconded. Gary McVay stated that a table for ten people at their fundraiser in September is $750.00 if we wanted to increase the amount of support. Mitch amended his motion to $750.00 to purchase a table at their fundraiser. The amended motion was seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

**Good of the Order**

John McDonald reported they have experienced issues with the Medical Examiners Officer responding to a scene in a timely manner – he is curious if others have had similar issues / concerns with this. There is a new Medical Examiner and he was wondering if there is any interest in meeting with them to make aware of this issue. It was asked if it might be a dispatch problem? Discussion followed. President Romines will secure a position from Attorney Quinn and send out via e-mail. Gary, John and Judy will work on finding out what other resources there are.

Gary reported that Chief John Harris from Joint McChord/Fort Lewis Base left copies of a letter that was e-mailed out regarding the upcoming air show.

President Romines reported that we have another retiring Chief to announce. Judy Murphy stated there are a lot of changes going on at Central Pierce Fire & Rescue. Matt Holm, after 39 ½ years of service, will be retiring at the end of this month. He started as a cadet at the age of 14. His retirement party will be held on June 25th at the Liberty Theater. RSVPs need to be in by the 18th.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 13:35 p.m.

*There is no meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 5, 2010 beginning at 11:30 to be held at PC DEM located at 2501 South 35th Street, Tacoma.*