**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 7, 2010**

**Call to Order**

President Reggie Romines called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. at Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One located at 10222 Bujacich Rd. NW, Gig Harbor, WA. The following were present:

Ken Sharp, Lakewood FD Paul Tinsley, Lakewood FD

Jim Sharp, Lakewood FD Karl Roth, Lakewood FD

Eric Norton, Lakewood FD Mitch Sagers, UPFD

Lloyd Christianson, UPFD Dan Rankin, University Place FD

Eric Watson, Gig Harbor FD Mike Miller, Gig Harbor FD

Bill Jarmon, Gig Harbor FD Scott Casebolt, Gig Harbor FD

Tom Sutich, Gig Harbor FD Randy Stephens, Gig Harbor FD

Doug Willis, CPFR Andy McAfee, PCFD #14

Guy Allen, Key Peninsula FD Chuck West, Key Peninsula FD

Claudin Jones, Key Peninsula FD Chris Grant, SPFR

Reggie Romines, GFR Todd Jensen, GFR

Bob Skaggs, GFR Jerry Thorson, EPFR

Micheal Smith, PCFD #26 Norma Pancake, PCEMS

Joe Quinn, Attorney Denise Menge, Recorder

Wayne Wienholz, PCFPB

**Flag Salute**

Eric Watson led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One. The primary work lately has been the budget and they are in the same boat as everyone else. They’re AV is down about 9%. Other than that, everything is going well.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the September 2, 2010 minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Kathy Hale was unable to attend the meeting. Recorder Menge read the submitted Treasurer’s report: The account balance for the month of September is $8,768.19 with $7.687.83 for EMS with a grand total balance of $16,456.02.

**Correspondence**

Nothing at this time.

**Guest Speaker**

**Moved to later in the meeting following Outside Agency Reports.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Program/Speaker Committee**

No representative present.

**Audit Committee - DORMANT**

**Banquet/Awards Committee**

Todd Jensen stated he has fliers for the banquet with him, please feel free to take one.

**Nominations Committee**

President Romines stated per the by-laws, nominations are to be held in September and elections in October. He asked the body if they would like to vote this month or extend it to next month? Doug Willis gave the proposed slate of officers:

President John McDonald

Vice President Keith Wright

Secretary Mitch Sagers

Treasurer Kathy Hale

Trustee 1 Gary McVay

Trustee 2 Eric Watson

Doug stated this will be an end of an era for the Secretary position, as for the past 15 plus years, Wayne Wienholz has held this position. He thanked him for his years of service in this capacity.

President Romines asked again if the nominations should be extended for a month or not. Andy McAfee moved and Chuck West seconded to approve the nominations as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**.

**UASI Committee**

No representative present.

**Regional Communications Committee**

Jim Sharp reported that LESA is reorganizing their organization and a Joint Operating Board Committee is being formed. It was formally adopted at the last Executive Board meeting. There will be 3 representatives from law enforcement, 2 representatives from fire service (himself and Jon Lendosky), and the Assistant Director of LESA – so it will be a 6 member board. This is a positive step in getting the fire service involved.

Doug Willis asked about something he saw in the paper regarding a 20 cent tax – how will this affect us and when? Jim stated he’s not sure as there is no definitive answer on this yet. He will be lobbying to get as much as we can back to the PSAPs.

**Code Committee**

Wayne Wienholz reported they have not met yet.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

**EMS**

No representative present.

**MetroTraining**

No representative present.

**Training – TEW Training/Exercise**

No representative present.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS:**

**American Red Cross**

No representative present.

**Department of Emergency Management**

No representative present.

**EMS**

Norma Pancake reported the State underwent an upgrade for the EMS on-line applications and the system dumped. If anyone has had any problems with this, please ask them to retry it today and/or if they still have questions, please call. February 2011 the EMS Conference will have a leadership tract.

President Romines on behalf of DEM, reminded everyone of the Office of Secure Transportation training e-mail that was send out from DEM.

**Fire Marshal**

Wayne Wienholz reported that he, Gary Franz and Barry Barquest will be scheduling a meeting regarding water services and the locking of fire hydrants, etc. Water companies now have to account for all of their water. The State and Federal regulations/requirements are making it harder for them and we would like to be ahead of the curve on this issue.

**State Chiefs/Western Chiefs**

President Romines reported at the Executive Board meeting last month Mike McGovern attended and spoke on an issue regarding pension language that was changed that defines a Firefighter, and the impact of that change to some people in LEOFF 2 may be forced to change to PERS retirement. A letter was drafted and sent out. He will have that letter e-mailed out to the body so they can read it and be aware of this issue as well.

The 305 standards are up for review and a task force has been put together. He had contacted Mike Brown to see if they needed any more help on this issue. He stated they should be fine, however, if there is someone that is interested in this to please contact him.

**PS Clean Air Agency**

No representative present.

**PC Fire Commissioners**

Bill Jarmon reported there is no meeting this month as they will have their State Conference in Pasco the 27th thru 30th. He thanked CPFR for their efforts at the fair this year.

Bob Skaggs stated he will contact Roger Farris and Mike Brown on the pension wording issue. He was not aware of this.

**Dept. of Natural Resources**

No representative present.

**Unfinished Business**

President Romines reported that Gary McVay met with the new medical examiner, Dr. Clark, regarding the length of time on scene, etc. He understands the impacts and they will continue to work on this.

Wayne Wienholz stated with regards to the burning ban that was from July 15th to September 30th this year. There were quite a few calls to take the ban off sooner, and he talked to Chuck Frame and was told not to lift it sooner and then the next thing he knows, that changed and we stopped the burn ban earlier since it was so wet out. Sorry for any confusion to anyone that this caused.

**New Business**

Bob Skaggs reported he’d like to ask for support from the Chiefs regarding moving the Firefighter Memorial from North Bend to Olympia. Chris Grant stated that the memorial at North Bend is a plaque that is on a rock which is a foundation for North Bend. It is his recommendation that a second memorial be placed at Olympia and not move the one from North Bend.

**Good of the Order**

Wayne Wienholz reported we are anticipating a very snowy/wet season this year and they are already gearing up the EOC. It looks like it will be similar to past years where we have had a lot of flooding. Please be ready to get people to the EOC when needed.

**Guest Speaker – Tom Miner – Type 3 Incident Management Teams:**

Tom Miner asked all Chiefs to go back to their BCs, Captains, and Lieutenants and remind them about the Type 3 IMT. These are for when events go beyond an operational period. It is often asked, what can a Type 3 IMT do for me? One example is the Mason County flooding incident. An IMT is going to ask what you would like for them to do for you, they are not going to take over your operations.

Tom suggested that everyone look at flooding differently this year, not just flooding, but water rescue, damage assessment and clean up. You continue to operation the field operations, but consider a management team to manage throughout the flood area. It would help to cut down on duplication of work both during and after the incident. A draft action plan template is being worked on. Discussion followed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

*The next Regular Meeting will be November 4th, 2010 Meeting beginning at 11:30 at Lakewood Fire Department located at 10928 Pacific Highway SW.*

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