**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Meeting Minutes September 1, 2011**

**Call to Order**

President John McDonald called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. at Puyallup Library located at 324 South Meridian, Puyallup, WA. The following were present:

Dexter Habeck, Eatonville FD Ron Schaub, Steilacoom Public Safety

Jeff Jensen, Tacoma FD Mitch Sagers, WPFR

Lloyd Christianson, WPFR Paul Tinsley, WPFR

Jim Sharp, WPFR Stephen Murphy, WPFR

Dan Rankin, WPFR John Burgess, Gig Harbor FD

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

Steve Nixon, Gig Harbor FD Bill Jarmon, Gig Harbor FD

Scott Casebolt, Gig Harbor FD Tom Sutich, Gig Harbor FD

Doug Willis, CPFR Keith Wright, CPFR

Judy Murphy, CPFR Baron Banks, CPFR

Pat Donovan, CPFR Randy Stephens, CPFR

Tom Lique, Key Peninsula FD Guy Allen, Key Peninsula FD

Bob Vellias, SPFR Chris Grant, SPFR

Paul Webb, PCFD #18 Ryan Baskett, GFR

Todd Jensen, GFR Steve Richards, GFR

Bob Skaggs, GFR Jerry Thorson, EPFR

John McDonald, EPFR Garry Olson, PCFD #23

Jay Wiggins, PCFD #27 Steve Bailey, PCDEM

Dic Gribbon, PSCAA Dave Crossen, KCFCA

Denise Menge, Recorder Gary McVay, PCFD #13

**Flag Salute**

Doug Willis led the flag salute and thanked everyone for attending. Randy distributed fair mugs and tickets. Congratulations to all of the Fire Departments that had issues on the ballot. We are very appreciative of funding being passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the August 2, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer’s Report**

President McDonald read the Treasurer’s report prepared by Kathy Hale. The account has a balance of $7,044.13 with $5,257.69 in EMS for a grand total of $12,301.82.

**Correspondence**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

Nothing at this time.

**New Business**

Nothing at this time.

**Guest Speaker**

Vice President Wright reported the guest speaker, Kevin Phelps, will be a little late.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Program/Speaker Committee**

VP Wright reported the October speaker will be Principals of Performance. They spoke at the King County Fire Chiefs meeting. November will be Wellness and Fitness and December is the Banquet. Joe Quinn will be the speaker for the January meeting to discuss impact fees.

**Audit Committee - DORMANT**

**Banquet/Awards Committee**

Todd Jensen reported the banquet will be held at the same location as last year, The Fircrest Country Club. There were only about twenty (20) seats left last year and so they need to make a decision really soon as to whether or not to reserve the next room. The cost will be $2.00 higher per person for a total of $47.00 per person. President McDonald stated on behalf of Gary McVay, one of the goals of the Executive Board this year it so increase the attendance at the annual banquet. As well as to increase the number of nominations for the Dan Packer Memorial Award. Todd reported they are also looking for a chaplain. Typically the chaplain is from CPFR or Graham and they would like to get participation from other agencies, if interested. The Chaplain will get their dinner paid for by the Associations.

**Nominations Committee- DORMANT**

**UASI Committee**

Jeff Jensen reported that Fire and EMS have submitted their proposals. They are continuing with the current years proposals that have not been funded. There are two (2) more courses for 48 students – HazMat Tech IQ Course and Mass Transit Multi-Discipline training exercise. The money is dwindling and not sure what we will be awarded. Steve Bailey reported that 50% was cut this year in UASI. 32 out of the 64 jurisdictions have been reduced and so we are looking at possibly another 50% reduction. UASI has formed an association so they can lobby congress and they are working throughout the country to prepare information. Sub-committees are doing great work. Jeff Jensen reported the amount of documentation that Pierce County holds for where stuff is at is very good. Much of the credit goes to Steve Bailey and his department for doing this work.

**Guest Speaker**

VP Keith Wright introduced Kevin Phelps here to talk about the South Sound 911 initiative. The South Sound 911 initiative will be on the November ballot measure and it is a sales tax of 1/10 of 1%. It started with the narrowbanding issue about a year and a half ago. It is multi-jurisdictional and involves six (6) PSAPs and two (2) secondary PSAPs. The interoperability is currently limited. They are now in the educational and outreach part of the program. The governance of Law Enforcement and Fire Service working together and both having a say in how it operates. The plan is to build and construct two (2) new PSAP systems to have a fail-safe and redundancy. They would be separated geographically. The initiative is being ran through Pierce County to utilize their bonding capacity. It will not be a Pierce County agency, it is owned by the jurisdictions. It is not an all or nothing, the doors will remain open. It is imperative that a regional system be created. Kevin thanked the Association for the opportunity to speak on this subject. He stated his office is fully at the disposal of everyone’s agency for educating groups, etc. President McDonald stated the Association voted at the last meeting to support the South Sound 911 Initiative and a letter of support will be mailed.

**Regional Communications Committee**

Jim Sharp reported it was discussed at the last meeting regarding a rumor that LESA was using a new recording policy. This has been checked into and it is not true. The thinking is that the person that had made that complaint may have accidentally dialed 811 instead of 911.

**Code Committee**

No representative present.

**Emergency Management Committee**

No representative present.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

**EMS**

Judy Murphy reported flu shot time is quickly approaching. The flu vaccine is exactly like last year with the H1N1. She encouraged everyone to get a flu shot. You are contagious the day before you know you have it. The Medical Reserve Corp is available to assist with giving the vaccines to your employees. She has their contact information if you’d like it. They will come out and administer the vaccines for no cost as long as you provide the vaccine.

Active Shooter classes regarding going into warm zones with Law Enforcement to extract patients have been well received. Unified Command is essential. EPFR is hosting a class on September 29th. CPFR had one about a month ago. There is 1 hour of classroom and then a one to one and a half hour tabletop scenario. It’s recommended for BCs and above. DEM will be managing these classes in 2012.

**MetroTraining**

No representative present.

**Training – TEW Training/Exercise**

Gary McVay reported the Tacoma Mall Active Shooter drill was a great exercise. Funds have decreased so they will be granting smaller requests to assist with training.

**TEW Equipment**

Mitch Sagers stated there was nothing to report.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS:**

**American Red Cross**

No representative present.

**Department of Emergency Management**

Steve Bailey reported on some recent gang activity in Puget Sound. There were 34 people convicted and in jail and they have seen a dramatic drop in activity. They are working to put together some information to follow up on this. Also, they will be calling soon to get sand bag counts. They are looking at having another La Nina year for weather.

**EMS**

No representative present.

**Fire Marshal**

No representative present.

**State Chiefs**

Keith Wright reported their next meeting is the middle of September. If anyone has any legislative issues, ballot concerns, etc. please send them to either him or Wayne Senter.

**King County Fire Chiefs**

Dave Crossen stated he had nothing to report.

**PS Clean Air Agency**

Dic Gribbon reported they are seeing an increase in unlawful outdoor burning. There are several positions open at the agency, please see their website for more information.

**PC Fire Commissioners**

Commissioner Jarmin reported they met last Thursday at Edgewood. September 22nd is their next meeting at University Place. Commissioner Casebolt stated Pat McCarthy will be their guest speaker.

**Dept. of Natural Resources**

No representative present.

**Good of the Order**

VP Keith Wright reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. CPFR has sold approximately 200 shirts. Donations will be made to Susan G. Komen association and part of the money goes back to our area. He will send out some more information via email.

President McDonald reported that Steve Bailey had sent him a link to an article which was also in the Washington Chiefs regarding Seattle Fire having some issues with hydrants in a residential area. This is a good reminder if not doing hydrant maintenance, to be talking with the water purveyors regarding this.

President McDonald had received an email regarding the update of the Tac Ops Manual and what the status is. He encouraged people to get involved with the committee to update this document. Eric Watson will be setting up a meeting to work on this.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Recording Secretary Denise Menge

*The next Regular Meeting will be October 6, 2011 at West Pierce Fire & Rescue, Station 21 located at 5000 Steilacoom Blvd. SW.*