**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 5, 2012**

**Call to Order**

President John McDonald called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. Buckley Fire Department located at 611 South Division Street, Buckley, WA. The following were present:

Alan Predmore, Buckley FD Bob Hudspeth, Eatonville FD

Jeff Jensen, Tacoma FD Ken Sharp, WPFR

Mitch Sagers, WPFR Paul Tinsley, WPFR

Lloyd Christianson, WPFR Jim Sharp, WPFR

Dan Rankin, WPFR John Burgess, GHFMO

Eric Watson, GHFMO Bill Jarmon, GHFMO

Tom Sutich, GHFMO Doug Willis, CPFR

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

Andy McAfee, PCFD #14 Tom Lique, PCFD #16

Guy Allen, PCFD #16 Claudia Jones, PCFD #16

Chris Grant, SPFR Reggie Romines, GFR

Todd Jensen, GFR Steve Richards, GFR

Jerry Thorson, EPFR John McDonald, EPFR

Russ McCallion, EPFR Garry Olson, PCFD #23

Michael Smith, PCFD #26 Ken Parrish, PCDEM

Dic Griggon, PSCAA M. Zaluida, PSCAA

Norma Pancake, PCEMS Dave Crossen, KCFCA

Denise Menge, Recorder

**Flag Salute**

Alan Predmore led the flag salute. He welcomed everyone to Buckley’s new Fire Station. Tomorrow will mark three (3) weeks this facility has been operational. It is nearly complete with some minor things still being done. Everyone is welcome to stay after the meeting to tour the facilities and hear details on the project.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the March 1, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer’s Report**

President McDonald read the Treasurer’s Report. The Association account balance is $8,994.85, the EMS balance is $7,257.69 with a grand total of $16,252.54. It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**Correspondence**

None.

**Guest Speaker**

Secretary Sagers introduced the Guest Speaker, Grant Blinn. He has had the privilege and opportunity to work with the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office reviewing the protocols for the PC Child Sexual and Physical Abuse Investigation protocol. Grant Blinn thanked the association for the opportunity to be here today. He is also a Commissioner for West Pierce Fire & Rescue. Pierce County has a child advocacy center. Mr. Blinn introduced members of his team who are here with him today. The protocol is required to be updated every two (2) years. The statute states the Prosecutor is to put the protocol together. This has been done collectively and so it is everyone’s protocol. Fire and EMS have been involved as well. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas for improvement on the protocol, please feel free to email him at gblinn@co.pierce.wa.us

June 27th from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Child Advocacy Center a Protocol Signing Ceremony will be held and everyone is welcome to attend this event.

Mitch Sagers stated he has great respect and appreciates the difficult job they do. Is there a lot of abuse in Pierce County? 2008 was a pivotal year with 6 homicides under the age of 3 by caretakers. Across the nation there has been a 55% increase due to depression and the economy, etc. Pierce County has remained at a steady rate with little to no increase.

Doug Willis stated he echoes what Mitch said. His agency worked with Teresa and all involved and truly appreciates all that they do. Can she give an idea of the call volume they receive? They receive close to 100 CPS referrals every week and patrol 8 to 9 cases. There are currently 6 detectives and herself.

President McDonald asked if the center is staffed 24/7? The Child Advocacy Center is staffed 8 to 5 and anything after hours would be taken to the ER at Mary Bridge. A child is defined as under 18.

**Unfinished Business**

1. **Website Hosting.** President McDonald stated we are still waiting for a contract that Attorney Quinn is working on.
2. President McDonald reported the Association has been asked to co-sponsor with the State Chiefs and Snohomish County Fire Chiefs, the No Secrets Conference being held in Issaquah. A planning committee is being put together. The first meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 10:00 at Issaquah. Please let him know if you are interested in participating on this. He will send out an email as well.
3. Joint Purchasing Committee to look at bulk purchasing – VP Wright has volunteered to chair this committee. He is still soliciting participation, if interested in participating, please contact VP Keith Wright.
4. Daffodil Association participation with the calendar – President McDonald stated appreciation to everyone that helped with this. We voted at the last meeting to give our portion of the proceeds to the Pierce County Chaplaincy Program. The calendars are being sold for $20.00 each and $15.00 of that goes to the Chaplaincy Program. Calendars will be available for purchase after the meeting. You can also contact VP Keith Wright if you are interested in purchasing additional calendars.

**New Business**

 Nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Program/Speaker Committee**

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please forward them to VP Keith Wright.

**Audit Committee - DORMANT**

**Banquet/Awards Committee - DORMANT**

**Nominations Committee - DORMANT**

**UASI Committee**

Jeff Jensen stated there is nothing to report.

**Regional Communications Committee/SS911**

Jim Sharp reported the SS911 project is moving forward. The Policy Board held a meeting last week and will be meeting the 4th Wednesday of every month. The Combined Board will be meeting the 2nd Friday of each month. The PSAP committee will be starting work on the 9th. There are a lot of things in motion right now to get the organization up and running. The radio systems group has been meeting for a few months now. They are working on a design and implementation strategy for a single system for Police and Fire. It is a very large project.

**Code Committee**

No report.

**Emergency Management Committee**

Andy McAfee reported the South Puget Sound Plan is being updated. The Annual Wildland meeting is scheduled for May 17th at 0900 at Station 18 (the old Edgewood Station off of 24th and Meridian). DNR and NOAA will be at the meeting as well.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

**EMS**

Russ McCallion stated there are some cyanide treatment items being purchased that have been approved by Dr. Waffle. The kits run around $700.00 per kit with a two year shelf life. EPFR is purchasing two kits to have on their BC units. There will be some training on the use of the kits as well as briefing the hospitals.

Todd Jensen stated the County EMS Council will be requesting letters be resubmitted for the individuals sitting on committees as PCFCA representatives.

**MetroTraining**

No representative present.

**Training – TEW Training/Exercise**

Gary McVay reported PXT 201/202 class still has a couple of spots available under grant funds. The class is no longer being held at the Lakewood location, it has been moved to Cal Bag metals at the Port of Tacoma. RCC meets again next Thursday, the 2012 grant funds have been drastically cut.

**TEW Equipment**

Nothing to report.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS:**

**American Red Cross**

No representative present.

**Department of Emergency Management**

Ken Parrish reported the RCC met yesterday – 50% was cut last year and another 50% cut this year. The average had been 2.2 million, it is now down to $524,000. Handout distributed. A Threat and Risk Assessment by Jurisdiction process has been used. The process will be changing to a national competitive basis. Part of the new process will require the identification and typing of every piece of equipment received through the grant from 2002 to the present as well as staff trained, etc. This will be a huge effort to complete. The Feds are giving two (2) years to get this accomplished. Any funds remaining in a grant process will be returned to the RCC to make determinations on priorities. Discussion followed.

**EMS**

Norma Pancake reported that child protection services is in the current protocol book. If you have any changes that you’d like to recommend to the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, please cc her so she is aware of them, etc.

**Fire Marshal**

No representative present. Doug Willis stated they are in the process of interviewing the top two (2) candidates.

**State Chiefs**

President McDonald reported that VP Wright is on vacation and asked him to give a brief report. An email was sent out earlier regarding the State Chiefs Meeting with the County Presidents. Included in that email was a legislative update report. The Strategic Plan update will be presented at the conference in Yakima in May for approval. There was a major overhaul of the members due structures as well as for vendors.

**King County Fire Chiefs**

Dave Crossen reported they are in the middle of their EMS Levy and they are looking at elections in the fall of 2013. They are meeting regularly with elected officials. It is more challenging now that it has ever been.

**PS Clean Air Agency**

Dic Gribbon stated he has nothing to report. He introduced his co-worker with him who is auditing him today.

**PC Fire Commissioners**

Dan Rankin reported their next meeting will be on the 26th at the Edgewood Fire Station. They are still working on organizing their picnic that will be held in July at the LeMay Museum.

**Dept. of Natural Resources**

No representative present. Garry Olson reported the DNR Phase I is open for half off gear. Phase 2 is in the fall.

**Good of the Order**

Jeff Jensen reported that Chief Stephens has retired. Duggan is the Interim Chief. Also, D/C’s Lendosky and Crotty will be leaving at the end of this month.

Mitch Sagers reported the Impact Fees Committee has met and will begin working.

The Tacoma Pierce County Chaplaincy Golf Tournament announcement was sent out via email.

Alan Predmore reminded everyone of tours of the facility following the meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Recording Secretary Denise Menge

*The next Regular Meeting will be May 3, 2012 at Graham Fire & Rescue – 23014 70th Avenue East.*