**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 7, 2012**

1. **Call to Order**

President John McDonald called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One located at 10222 Bujacich Rd. NW., Gig Harbor, WA. The following were present:

Gary McVay, Steilacoom Public Safety Jeff Jensen, TFD

Lloyd Christianson, WPFR Karl Roth, WPFR

Eric Norton, WPFR Dan Rankin, WPFR

Steve Hodge, WPFR John Burgess, GHFMO

Eric Watson, GHFMO Steve Nixon, GHFMO

Tom Sutich, GHFMO Doug Willis, CPFR

Keith Wright, CPFR Bryan Pearson, CPFR

Randy Stephens, CPFR Judy Murphy, CPFR

Baron Banks, CPFR Guy Allen, PCFD #16

Claudia Jones, PCFD #16 Bob Vellias, SPFR

Chris Grant, SPFR Paul Webb, PCFD #18

Ryan Baskett, GFR Todd Jensen, GFR

Steve Richards, GFR Jerry Thorson, EPFR

John McDonald, EPFR Amy Gillespie, PCDEM

Warner Webb, PCFPB Dic Gribbon, PSCAA

Norma Pancake, PCEMS Christina Bosch, PCFD #16

Denise Menge, Recorder

1. **Flag Salute**

John Burgess led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One. The received a federal grant for 2.2 million dollars from the American Recovery Act which they used to remodel two stations – Fox Island and Crest Valley. To offset their financial losses of 2.4 million they ran an EMS levy increasing from 35 cents to 50 cents and recouping 1.1 million dollars. The levy was successful and it is also a permanent levy.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Lloyd Christianson and seconded by Keith Wright to approve the May 3, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

President McDonald reported there is no Treasurer’s Report today as Kathy Hale was in an auto accident yesterday which was not her fault and she is home recovering.

1. **Correspondence**

None.

1. **Guest Speaker**

Vice President Wright introduced Ross Richards with the Tacoma Rainiers. Ross thanked the Association for the opportunity to be here today. He went over the Summit Club, Party Decks, and other options available for groups.

Trustee Gary McVay introduced Scott Engel with the Puyallup Police Department. He and Scott presented a powerpoint presentation giving an update on the Pierce County All Hazards Incident Management Team (PCAHIMT). The Oversight Board has been meeting once a month and updating the Type 3 Incident Management Teams. There has also been quarterly training and changing how the team is deployed. See attached powerpoint presentation.

They are always looking for new members. The team has taken on a broader scope. If they are called, they will respond. The team is activated through the PC DEM Duty Officer by calling 253-798-7470.

1. **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

1. **New Business**

No new business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Audit Committee - DORMANT**
2. **Banquet/Awards Committee - DORMANT**
3. **Nominations Committee - DORMANT**
4. **UASI Committee**

Jeff Jensen stated he had nothing to report.

1. **Regional Communications Committee**

Keith Wright stated he had nothing to report.

1. **Code Committee**

Fire Marshal Warner Webb stated he had nothing to report.

1. **Emergency Management Committee**

No representative present.

1. **Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee**

Scott Casebolt reported the committee is meeting once a month.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

1. **EMS**

Judy Murphy stated she has nothing to report.

**18A. MetroTraining**

Bryan Pearson stated he had nothing to report.

**18B. Training – TEW Training/Exercise**

Gary McVay reported the Blue Card Symposium held in Olympia had 230 people attend with 50 or so being from Pierce County. 20 of them attended on grant money. They are already working on planning next years. They were overwhelmed with the support. There are still funds available for training.

**18C. Training – TEW Equipment**

No report.

1. **Fire and Life Safety**

Randy Stephens stated he had no report.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS:**

1. **South Sound 911**

No representative present.

1. **Department of Emergency Management**

Amy Gillespie thanked everyone that participated in the two day Pine Cone Exercise. Verizon is testing the mobile alert system. There will be a fact sheet coming out regarding this as well as a public education campaign. It is different from the PC Alert system.

1. **Pierce County EMS**

Norma Pancake stated she had no report.

1. **Fire Marshal**

Warner Webb reported we are approaching firework season. They have received 40 applications so far for legal fireworks stands. They are training with the Sheriffs Department to do fact finding on 911 calls, etc. Handouts are being finalized and will be sent out soon. He has been trying to find a copy of the By-Laws for the County Chiefs Association and has been unable to find them. Recording Secretary Denise Menge will email them to him.

1. **State Chiefs**

Keith Wright reported work is being done with regards to the 1% funding raise when AVs do turn around. They are looking into see if the 1% increase is based on the last year of collections or is it 1% of the highest collection year.

The changes to 296-305 will probably be stalled until the new Governor is in office. It has been 12 years since the WAC was changed last. It would be worthwhile to sit down with a working group to address what we can do collectively, etc. Discussion followed. President McDonald will send out an email for those interested in participating in this.

The State Chiefs Training Section and Officers Section has been blended.

Reminded and encouraged everyone to participate in the Political Action Fund.

Distributed a flyer from Lighthouse Uniform going over the Bereavement Uniform Program they have.

1. **King County Fire Chiefs**

No representative present.

1. **PS Clean Air Agency**

Dic Gribbon reported Inspector Kim Cole has been promoted.

1. **PC Fire Commissioners**

Dan Rankin reported the Explorer’s gave a presentation at their last meeting. Their next meeting will be on June 28th at Emergency Management. Picnic fliers have been sent out.

1. **Dept. of Natural Resources**

No representative present.

1. **Good of the Order**

Keith Wright reported the Joint Purchasing Committee will be meeting right after this meeting.

Is there any interest in looking into a County-wide baseball day at the Rainiers?

Doug Willis reported last month he met with the Assessor Treasurer’s Office and he was informed AV information will be provided by the end of the week. Also, at a Rotary meeting this week, a County Park in CPFRs area is looking at forming a Park District and there has also been talk of a Flood Control District being formed. We need to keep an eye on these kinds of things as they would have an effect and impact on us.

Scott Casebolt announced a Kent FF passed away this morning from cancer and is being considered a line of duty death. The funeral is tentatively scheduled for next Thursday.

Tac Ops Committee meeting will be held following this meeting.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Recording Secretary Denise Menge

*The next Regular Meeting will be August 2, 2012 at Brown’s/Dash Point*