**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 2, 2012**

1. **Call to Order**

Secretary Mitch Sagers called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. at Browns Dash Point Station 77 located at 4815 Wa Tau Ga Ave. NE. The following were present:

Alan Predmore, Buckley FD Gary McVay, Steilacoom Public Safety

Mitch Sagers, WPFR Paul Tinsley, WPFR

Lloyd Christianson, WPFR Dan Rankin, WPFR

John Burgess, GHFMO Steve Nixon, GHFMO

Tom Sutich, GHFMO Doug Willis, CPFR

Cliff McCollum, PCFD #13 Andy McAfee, PCFD #14

Tom Lique, PCFD #16 Guy Allen, PCFD #16

Claudia Jones, PCFD #16 Bob Vellias, SPFR

Chris Grant, SPFR Paul Webb, PCFD #18

Ryan Baskett, GFR Todd Jensen, GFR

Jerry Thorson, EPFR Jim Jaques, EPFR

Garry Olson, PCFD #23 Jody Woodcock, PCDEM

Warner Webb, PCFPB Dic Gribbon, PSCAA

Dave Crossen, KCFCA Diane Makaeli, KCFCA

Denise Menge, Recorder

1. **Flag Salute**

Cliff McCollum led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to Browns Dash Point.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Andy McAfee and seconded by Guy Allen to approve the June 7, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Kathy Hale was unable to attend the meeting today. Recorder Denise Menge read the Treasurer’s report submitted by Treasurer Hale. The Ending balance for the month of July 2012 is $8,267.56 with the EMS Fund ending balance being $7,757.69 for a grand total of $16,025.25.

1. **Correspondence**

None.

1. **Guest Speaker**

Secretary Mitch Sagers reported that our scheduled speaker, State Auditor Mark Rapozo was unable to attend the meeting today.

Jody Woodcock informed everyone of the American Red Cross’s Real Heroes Breakfast that is coming up on October 24th. This event is also to celebrate the Red Cross volunteers. A table does not need to be purchased in order to attend this event. It will be held at the Morano at 7:30 a.m. and usually wraps up around 9:00 a.m. She encouraged everyone to attend. She will send out an email with all of the information.

1. **Unfinished Business**

**Doug Willis – Meeting with the Assessor-Treasurer:** Doug Willis announced Vicky Carlsen is leaving CPFR and has taken a job with the City of Tukwila. They are in the process of hiring and are down to three (3) candidates which will have their second round of interviews next week. An audit was just completed and CPFR received a clean report. One thing that was brought to our attention is that we need to start reviewing our cleared checks. Thought he would share that with everyone in case they weren’t doing that in their jurisdictions to be aware of, etc.

Doug Willis reported that he and several others met with Dale Washam. A handout with the new assessed valuations was distributed. With new construction, if it is not reported within the first year, it is then included in the 1% cap limit which could be potential revenue lost. Discussion followed.

Bob Vellias reported with regards to permits with forestry or agricultural land, they’ve audited and discovered that 46 out of 5 properties were not zone changed because they did their improvements without permits. Discussion followed.

For clarification, the handout with the AV’s is a combination of residential and commercial, the previous numbers were based only on residential.

1. **New Business**

No new business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Audit Committee - DORMANT**
2. **Banquet/Awards Committee – DORMANT**

Todd Jensen reported the Banquet will be held at the Tacoma Country Club.

1. **Nominations Committee**

Mitch Sagers informed everyone a report will be made at the September meeting. Please forward any nominations to Reggie Romines.

1. **UASI Committee**

No representative present.

1. **Regional Communications Committee**

No representative present.

1. **Code Committee**

Fire Marshal Warner Webb stated they are starting the code adoption cycle. Senior Management meeting in PALS reports they are status quo with building permits. It might be a good idea to have Dennis Hamburg, Director of PALS (Planning and Land Services) in to speak with regards to trending, etc.

1. **Emergency Management Committee**

Andy McAfee reported that he met with Chief Dobbs with Fire Com regarding mobilization training.

1. **Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee**

Mitch Sagers reported the committee has met 5 or 6 times now and have broke into sub committees. Templates are being looked at and FM Webb is planning on planning on attending the August 9th meeting. The timeline is for marketing to be done in early 2013.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

1. **EMS**

No representative present.

**18A. MetroTraining**

No representative present.

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

Gary McVay reported there is a pending request from the Chiefs from Lt. Golliet for 10 PCHIT people to attend a Haz Mat Conference in San Diego. There are 5 agencies and this would allow 2 from each agency to attend. They should have a final vote at the next meeting. This would cover travel and registration costs. AC Goodlet has met with for a request for Organizational, Ownership and Leadership class for internal succession programs kick off.

**18C. Training – TEW Equipment**

No report.

1. **Fire and Life Safety**

No representative present.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS:**

1. **South Sound 911**

No representative present.

1. **Department of Emergency Management**

Jody Woodcock reported on the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program. The State Emergency Management has decided to redistribute the funds which equates to a 60% reduction to her department. There is no risk base included in the process of how they decided to redistribute these funds. The State can change the formula be revising the WAC and not the RCW.

1. **Pierce County EMS**

No representative present.

1. **Fire Marshal**

Warner Webb reported all in all we had a fairly quiet 4th of July. He is looking at a burn ban beginning next week. At the Senior Management meeting with PALS it was discussed about GMA non compliance and Sumner rezoning. They are looking at what it means for the County to be in non compliance. This may affect some FEMA grants, etc.

1. **State Chiefs**

No representative present.

1. **King County Fire Chiefs**

Dave Crossen reported they are looking at a County Wide EMS Levy to raise it from $0.32 to $0.35. They are pushing it as a reauthorization and not sure how it will work out. The fees for transport for Medic One were not successful. A consultant has been brought on to look at PSAPS merging dispatch centers, etc. He knows of a good Fire Chief job in King County if anyone is interested in more information, let him know.

1. **PS Clean Air Agency**

Dic Gribbon reported his agency it out training on enforcement and what they can do to help. There has been some discrepancy in residential burning, is there any standard with regards to the size of residential fires allowed in Pierce County with those that have permits? What is the maximum size allowed? Discussion followed.

1. **PC Fire Commissioners**

Dan Rankin reported their picnic was held at Marymount and they were able to tour the facilities. Their next meeting will the 24th at Crystal Mountain at 6:00 pm and dinner will be provided.

1. **Dept. of Natural Resources**

No representative present.

1. **Good of the Order**

Andy McAfee reported there have been talks of Riverside merging with CPFR. They are looking at a four year contract for services and then merge. This will probably happen and they will probably close the Fire Station. Those that have Volunteer Firefighters, they will be looking for agencies to move to.

Garry Olson informed everyone that BC Tylor about three weeks ago fell 8-10 feet while securing hay on a truck and he is now a quadriplegic. He has sent out an email with information. The insurance only pays for 10 days of intense therapy. Any help and support would be greatly appreciated. Fliers were distributed with information.

Gary McVay reported there will be an MDA fundraiser in Steilacoom at Topside Brewery next Wednesday evening. This is being done in lieu of fill the boot and 100% of the proceeds will go to MDA. Fliers distributed. Also, in September there is a golf tournament fundraiser for the Puyallup Pro Rodeo Wranglers.

Gary McVay reported the Regional Water Resource Plan is complete for open salt water. The next phase of the plan is for closed water, swiftwater, lakes, etc. He is happy to finally see this be completed. The PSAPs have been involved in the process. Guy Allen stated that Gary has been a key component in making this whole thing come together. He thanked Gary McVay for a job well done on this.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Recording Secretary Denise Menge

*The next Regular Meeting will be September 6, 2012 at The Puyallup Library*