**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 6, 2012**

1. **Call to Order**

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

Gary McVay, Steilacoom Public Safety Jeff Jensen, TFD

Ken Sharp, WPFR Mitch Sagers, WPFR

Lloyd Christianson, WPFR Paul Tinsley, WPFR

Karl Roth, WPFR Eric Norton, WPFR

Dan Rankin, WPFR Eric Watson, GHFMO

Bill Jarmon, GHFMO Tom Sutich, GHFMO

Doug Willis, CPFR Keith Wright, CPFR

Baron Banks, CPFR Judy Murphy, CPFR

Randy Stephens, CPFR Dennis Lawson, CPFR

Dan Beckman, CPFR Tom Lique, PCFD #16

Guy Allen, PCFD #16 Chris Grant, SPFR

Paul Webb, PCFD #18 Reggie Romines, GFR

Gary Franz, GFR Ryan Baskett, GFR

Kathy Hale, GFR Todd Jensen, GFR

Tom Mason, GFR Steve Richards, GFR

John McDonald, EPFR Rick Kuss, EPFR

Garry Olson PCFD #23 Jay Wiggins, PCFD #27

Tom Sharp, PCDEM Warner Webb, PCFPB

Paul Spirup, Boeing Kevin Ross, Mt Rainier Nat’l Park

Denise Menge, Recorder

1. **Flag Salute**

Paul Webb led the flag salute. Doug Willis welcomed everyone. Compliments of the Washington State Fair everyone should have received a mug, tickets and a keychain. CPFR will be busy the next few weeks with an additional 100,000 people. CPFRs Finance Director has taken a job at the City of Tukwila. A new Finance Director has been hired and she is from the City of Tacoma. Riverside Fire & Rescue’s Board has signed a contract for services, it will go to CPFR’s Board for signature. The contract will be effective December 17th for four (4) years and then a full merger.

President McDonald thanked the Fair Board for their generosity.

President McDonald introduced and welcomed Kevin Ross, a Park Ranger with Mount Rainier National Park.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Gary Franz and seconded by Paul Webb to approve the August 2, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Kathy Hale reported the account balance is $8,355.33, with $7,757.69 in the EMS account for a grand total of $16,113.02. It was moved by Gary Franz and seconded by Paul Webb to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Correspondence**

None.

1. **Guest Speaker**

Russ McCallion gave a presentation on the healthcare reform review and its potential impacts on fire-based EMS. See handout that was distributed (copy attached). We need to be aware of these changes and decide how we are going to adapt to these changes. Todd Jensen reported the MSO group is meeting regularly and discussing these kinds of issues. President McDonald echoed what Todd said and he encouraged agencies sending their people to these meetings and being involved and informed on these issues. There was a committee last year that worked on data collection and analysis on the fire side, something similar needs to be done on the EMS side. The Association thanked Russ McCallion for his presentation.

Dic Gribbon from Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) introduced Consuela Davis to go over burn ban information. Consuela stated she has been with the agency for seven (7) years now. They have been promoting fire service burn bans on their website and have been challenged with the differences on burn ban on and off dates by different agencies, etc. and keeping the website updated and current. A website has been created to consolidate all of the burn ban announcements at [www.waburnbans.net](http://www.waburnbans.net) A handout was distributed on how to post and update the site. There is a link to this site on their website. Fire Marshal Webb asked if PSCAA put the announcement in TNT regarding no burn ban in effect. Consuela stated that she was pretty sure it was not their agency. F/M Webb stated he is trying to track down who puts that announcement in the paper so he can clarify if it has to do with burning woodstoves, etc.

Doug Willis introduced Frank Washburn the new Executive Director of the Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy. They are hosting a benefit dinner at the Pioneer Park Pavilion on November 1st.

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**

Reggie Romines reported new officers will be elected in October. Nominations are now open for all positions – President, Vice President, 2 Trustees, Secretary, and Treasurer. All of the present elected officials are willing to serve another year in their current positions. If anyone is interested in a position, please contact Reggie, Doug Willis or Bob Vellias. President McDonald asked if there were any nominations from the floor? Hearing none, nominations were closed. Nominations will be opened again at the October meeting and then a vote

1. **UASI Committee**

Jeff Jensen reported the Fire/EMS subdivision of UASI will be meeting on September 18th to look at project requests. If you have any input, please get it to Jeff Jensen.

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. President McDonald reported he received an email from Andy McAfee advising him that he was resigning from the positions he currently sits on. Those positions are EMS Representative for BLS Training Ops and Protocol, Audit Committee, and Emergency Management Committee. He will send out an email informing the body and to see who is interested in any or all of these positions. Vice President Wright suggesting doing the same thing with regards to the positions that Gary Franz holds with the Audit Committee, Code Committee, and Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee since he will be retiring in January.

1. **Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee**

Gary Franz reported they are working on a final draft proposal.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

1. **EMS**

Judy Murphy reminded everyone of the email invitation sent out from PC Health Department for class being held on September 18th from 12:30 to 2:00 at DEM EOC. Handout was distributed. Focusing on first responders and how to access plans, etc. She encouraged agencies to attend. Psych patients and management work is being done with the regional recovery response center. They are trying to get more patients there. Russ had mentioned hospital data exchange – this was started last month with Franciscan and Multicare with regards to electronic reporting in the prehospital setting and giving hospital access to that and vice versus. A work group is being put together to work on this to include IT, legal, etc.

**18A. MetroTraining**

Tom Mason reported there was no meeting held last month.

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

No report.

**18C. Training – TEW Equipment**

No report.

1. **Fire and Life Safety**

Randy Stephens stated they have not met much over the summer. He and Warner Webb will be meeting with the Executive Board to look at By-Laws, etc.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS:**

1. **South Sound 911**

Ken Sharp reported that Jim is not here to give a report because he is at a regional meeting. SS911 has been meeting monthly and ad hoc committees have been formed and are meeting. They are starting work for the Executive Director search.

1. **Department of Emergency Management**

Tom Sharp reported people were sent to the Taylor Bridge Fire to help with communications and donation management. It was a good learning experience There has not been a formal debriefing yet. President McDonald reported that he was there on th IMT. The donations took on a life of its own and it was an interesting event. There were semi trucks and horse trailers full of donations showing up in the middle of the incident which made it difficult to manage. They had never seen anything like this before. With technology such as twitter and also a facebook page set up, etc. the donations were overwhelming.

PCWARN databases are going to be updated. An email should be coming out soon regarding this.

1. **Pierce County EMS**

No representative present.

1. **Fire Marshal**

Warner Webb reported the burn ban is still in effect. There is no anticipated date of it being lifted at this time.

1. **State Chiefs**

Keith Wright reported not a lot happened in August. If anyone has any legislative issues or ideas to let him know and he will pass them along. A process will be coming out for wildland and structural firefighting to apply skills to training with wildland training. They are working through his process. The No Secrets conference is going to be held in Issaquah November 12-14. Pierce and King Counties are co-hosting it. Doug Willis stated that Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties have a little competition going with regards to attendance.

Keith reported the guest speakers for next months’ meeting will be the Pierce County Assessor Treasurer candidates.

1. **King County Fire Chiefs**

No representative present.

1. **PS Clean Air Agency**

Dic Gribbon stated he has no report.

1. **PC Fire Commissioners**

Dan Rankin reported their last meeting was held at Crystal Mountain. They are in need of a lot of equipment. The next meeting will be held at Gig Harbor on the 27th. The County Assessor Treasurer candidates will be their guest speakers and will be speaking individually.

1. **Dept. of Natural Resources**

No representative present.

1. **Good of the Order**

Keith Wright reported CPFR will be supporting Breast Cancer Awareness for the month of October again this year.

Tom Lique reported Key Peninsula had a brush fire that last four (4) days. He’d like to thank everyone that sent help – it was very much appreciated.

Garry Olsen distributed fliers for a fundraiser for BC Tylor (copy attached).

Doug Willis stated he is out of fair mugs, however, he does have more fair tickets if anyone is interested.

Gary McVay stated that Jody Woodcock asked him to remind everyone of the upcoming Hero’s breakfast being held on October 24th at 7:30 am at Murano Hotel. She has spots available at her table if anyone is interested.

President McDonald reported the State Mobilization for the Taylor Bridge fire that Pierce County was represented very well by the personnel and apparatus that were sent over. This is a great asset to the community and IMT. He encouraged agencies to remain involved in the Type 2 Incident Management Teams. These teams need to be infused with younger participants.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Recording Secretary Denise Menge

*The next Regular Meeting will be October 4, 2012 at West Pierce Fire & Rescue*