**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**January 8, 2015**

1. **Call to Order**

President Sagers called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at Tacoma Fire Department Training Center located at 2124 Marshall Avenue, Tacoma, WA. The following were present:

Bob Vellias, Eatonville FD & SPFR James Elways, JBLM

Jim Sharp, WPFR Mitch Sagers, WPFR

Paul Tinsley, WPFR Lloyd Christianson, WPFR

Karl Roth, WPFR Bill Barber, WPFR

Dan Rankin, WPFR John Burgess, GHFMO

Steve Nixon, GHFMO Todd Meyer, GHFMO

Tom Sutich, GHFMO Brian Caldier, CPFR

Judy Murphy, CPFR Ed Hrivnak, CPFR

Cliff McCollum, PCFD 13 Guy Allen, PCFD 16

Hal Wolverton, PCFD 16 Claudia Jones, PCFD 16

Chris Grant, SPFR Ryan Baskett, GFR

Tony Judd, GFR Steve Richards, GFR

John McDonald, EPFR Ed Goodlet, EPFR

Jim Jaques, EPFR Michael Smith, PCFD 26

Warner Webb, PCFPB Ken Sharp, SS911

Frank Washburn, TPCC Denise Menge, Secretary

1. **Flag Salute**

Chief McElligott led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to Tacoma. Chief Duggan is in a negotiations meeting this morning.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Lloyd Christianson and seconded by Brian Caldier to approve the November 6, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Ryan Baskett reported this is his last Treasurer’s report: Beginning balance of $5,688.84, revenues of $0.09 interest and banquet registrations of $2,683.17, expenses of $2,907.34 for an ending balance of $5,464.76 , EMS total is $5,330.71 . The grand total account balance is $10,795.47. Also included the total year end amounts. Transferring everything over to Bob Vellias and will be working on getting dues invoices out. Need an audit done. It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Correspondence**

No correspondence at this time.

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. Mutual Aid Agreements – Guy Allen reported the Executive Board has approved and will have it sent out via email. Joe added some language to allow reimbursement from Homeland Security, etc. Other thing recommended was including language for opportunity to bill other fire departments for those things that cannot be reciprocated.

John McDonald commented it is our best opportunity to get the mobilization act changed to include other than fire. Hope State Chiefs is working on that as well, behooves County agencies to support this.

1. **New Business**

Nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - Overview:**

1. **Audit Committee**

Steve Nixon stated Ed Goodlet helped last time as well, it would be good to have another person to assist. Hal Wolverton was volunteered and agreed to assist.

1. **Banquet/Awards Committee**

Todd Jensen not present. President Sagers reported the banquet was discussed at the last Executive Board meeting. Talked about sending out a survey to gauge the interest and maybe what had attendance down. Will get this out soon.

1. **Nominations Committee - DORMANT**

John McDonald stated with his pending retirement another person will be needed to replace him to assist Thorson. John Burgess will work on that.

1. **UASI Committee**

Pat McElligott reported Roger Edington will be retiring in March and he will be taking over his duties.

1. **Emergency Management Committee**

Guy Allen stated the plan will be updated again, plan on meeting in early March. Change in Zone 6 – Zane Gibson is coordinator. Any resource changes, please have Ops people contact Zone Coordinators.

1. **Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee**

Bob Vellias reported there are 6 departments moving forward, have asked to get them turned in by end of January. Meeting with PALS mid-February to take plan to lower level and starting there and moving back up to the Council. Want PALS support. CP, Graham, 23, Gig Harbor, Orting and South Pierce.

1. **CISM COMMITTEE**

Chief Caldier reported that he has removed himself from this committee. Chief McIntyre will be taking over, spoke with him this morning and they have not met yet. Frank Washburn reported with McIntyre taking over, they will be seeing who is interested in being involved. An opportunity to be involved, not being forced on anyone.

**DIVISION REPORTS - Overview:**

1. **EMS**

Judy Murphy reported divert numbers were a little high in 2014. Significant improvement at Good Sam, implemented a new EMS intake area. Tacoma General had a slight increase, Allenmore experienced a pretty big increase. 3rd Quarter 2014 was highest PC has ever seen for number of patients seen. November meeting met with a lot of mental health people to see what the plan will be since ED boarding no longer being allowed. Multicare and Franciscan going to do a joint psych facility on Allenmore campus somewhere. Going to push crisis beds.

Ebola is pretty much managed well. Table top exercise was held in December with health department, hospitals, etc. It went well.

Work continues with accountable care through Franciscans. They have been given 5 fall and diabetic patients and assigned case managers, etc.

Still working on protocols. Hospital data exchange work is being done with Multicare to hopefully start a pilot.

Because of retirements in the EMS group they are meeting to look at how best to split up the work to ensure representation at County level as well as regionally to ensure we are covered, and nothing is missed. Meeting next week to discuss.

Flu is really bad right now. Flu vaccine didn’t quite meet H3N2 strain. 8 deaths in WA.

President Sagers stated the PC EMS website, Murph had forwarded a link for PC Fire Chiefs MCI Plan - 2003 is the current one posted on their site. Judy will contact Norma. PC Disaster Response Patient Care Guidelines is dated 2009. Judy will look into it.

**16 A. Metro Training**

No representative present.

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

No representative present.

**16 C. Training – TEW Equipment**

President Sagers reported multiple requests were received. $140,000 initially for grant cycle this year, State kicked in an additional $75,000. $640,000 received in requests. Prioritized – out of 32 total requests, 13 funded projects totaling about $214,000. Fire side did relatively well, $135,000, 63% of total amount.

1. **Fire and Life Safety**

Eric Waters reported a quarterly meeting was held in December. PC Code consolidation in and around emergency vehicle access. Reconcile differences between building standard and fire code. Seeing some progress. As prepare for SS911 radio switch over, want to as a group, work to prepare constituents of change. Warner’s office working to prepare a template letter for DFMs when do annual inspections, etc. Requirement for in building radio transmission. Anticipate some push back. Continue to work on residential sprinkler codes. He and Warner are working together and meeting with water purveyors. When went before TAG, purveyors had some valid concerns. Partner with and work together on needs and concerns.

1. **Logistics**

Brian Caldier reported radio transition with TFD is starting on Monday. TFD and CPFR already on 800, software reprogramming done over the air, etc. In theory, simple. Radio technician has to physically touch every radio. TFD will transition on Monday and Tuesday next week, CPFR on Wednesday. Not sure when other agencies are getting started on this. SCBAs, Graham just did theirs recently. Met with one of the manufacturer’s reps. 2016 bottles expire. Working through the process. CPFR is looking at financing apparatus, a lot of commercially available programs out there that allow financing of vehicles and equipment. Something that he is looking into. SCBA, turn outs, vehicles, extrication tools, etc. Will share as he gets more information on. CPFR in November had an efficiency study on maintenance facility, hope to have results today or tomorrow. Feedback from layout of facility up to fleet replacement. Meeting after this meeting.

1. **Operations**

Ed Goodlet reported Tac Ops manual is complete. He will send it to Denise early next week to post on the website. Look to vote on it at next meeting.

1. **Volunteer Services**

No representative present. Bob Vellias reported Erik Skogen has accepted a position at Buckley Fire Department.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS**

1. **South Sound 911**

Ken Sharp reported he was happily retired, and received a call from Andrew Neiditz. Offered job to fill role of Deputy Director for SS911. Fire representative. Started December 1. There is a timeline for all of the technical pieces. Andrew was hoping to be here today, but had another meeting to attend on single system ID. Other piece he is working on is property acquisition – two preferred sites – one is in Fircrest and is a 9 acre site. Continued negotiations on that. 2nd site is over off of 67th and Adams? Development teams already talking. Goal is to build in next 2 years. Principle role is to operational work group, chaired by Faith Mueller. Supporting that group. Pat Donovan, CPFR and Ed Goodlet representing this group sit on that committee. Continue to try to keep communications open. Ryan Baskett stated most agencies, fire comm user groups, received letter to change from Fire Comm to SS911. Ken stated – assignment agreements – several changes – Fife employees have become SS employees. WP user group have received assignment agreements – nothing has changed except for who they write the check to for services. Transitional step, transferring payments, will eventually be user agreements directly with SS911. Working on developing those.

1. **Department of Emergency Management**

No representative present.

1. **Pierce County EMS**

No representative present.

1. **Fire Marshal**

Warner Webb reported 175 fires investigated and additional 100 did consults on. PALS permitting system will have report on activity.

1. **State Chiefs**

No representative present.

1. **Puget Sound Clean Air Agency**

No representative. Dic Gribbon has retired. Ed Hrivnak will forward new contact information to Denise.

1. **PC Fire Commissioners Association**

Dan Rankin reported not met yet in January. They have already performed an audit. Working on updating By-Laws. Their next meeting is in Gig Harbor on January 23rd at 7:00 pm

1. **Department of Natural Resources**

No representative present.

1. **Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy**

Frank Washburn reported completing 43rd year. Numbers are up for calls, 2000 death related calls. Number of suicides are up. Privilege to do what we do and thank for allowing to partner with. Challenges are similar as with safety, radios and communication. Identifiable on scene of who is on the scene. Not always able to uniform all 45 chaplains. Budgets are a big challenge, they receive no state funding, only donations and grants. Everything do is fundraised. Doing a Dine Out to remember our fallen on February 3rd – flyers distributed, please take one and share.

1. **Good of the Order**

Guy Allen reported Chuck Frame is retiring, something on January 30th.

President Sagers reported for those not at the annual banquet – Chief McCollum received the Dan Packer Chief of the Year Award.

Pat McElligott reported assisted living and nursing homes, you call and we’ll show up, going to start charging if just an assist up, etc. Not private residences, just facilities.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Menge

Recording Secretary

**2015 Meeting Schedule:**

Jan. 8, 2015 (1st is a Holiday) – General – Tacoma FD – 2124 Marshall Ave.

**Feb. 5, 2015 – Business - Graham Fire & Rescue – 23014 70th Ave E**

March 5, 2015 – General –Buckley Fire Department – 611 So. Division

April 2, 2015 – Business – Browns Point / Dash Point –

May 7, 2015 – General – Orting Valley Fire & Rescue – 401 Washington Ave SE

June 4, 2015 – Business – East Pierce Fire & Rescue -

July 2, 2015 – NO MEETING

Aug. 6, 2015 – NO MEETING

Sept. 3, 2015 – Business - CPFR hosting @ Puyallup Library 324 So Meridian

Oct. 1, 2015 – General – Gig Harbor – 10222 Bujacich Rd NW

Nov. 5, 2015 – Business – WPFR -

Dec. 3, 2015 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET