**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

**April 2, 2015**

1. **Call to Order**

President Sagers called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. at Browns Dash Point, Station 77 located at 4815 Wa Tau Ga Ave NE, Browns Point, WA. See attached sign in sheet for those in attendance.

1. **Flag Salute**

Chief McCollum led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to Browns Dash Point. They have two (2) stations, this is headquarters the other station is at Dash Point. Aid unit and first due engine out of here.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Pat McElligott and seconded by Brian Caldier to approve the March 5, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Bob Vellias presented the Treasurer’s Report for March (copy attached). Beginning balance was $10,110.15, revenues of $1,000.09, expenses of $0.00 for an Ending balance of $11,110.24. EMS Account had a beginning balance of $5,830.71, revenues of $250.00, no expenses and an ending balance of $6,080.71 for a Grand Total Balance of $17,190.95. It was moved by Guy Allen and seconded by Keith Wright to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED. Will recap dues next month, most have already paid. President Sagers asked if the bank has contacted the remaining signers on the account? Bob stated as long as there are three (3) signers on the account we are good, which we are.

1. **Correspondence**

None at this time.

1. **Guest Speaker – Keith Wright on GEMT Legislation**

Vice President Ryan Baskett introduced and welcomed Fire Chief Keith Wright to give us an update and go over the GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transportation) legislation. Powerpoint presentation given. Federally funded program that covers the cost of a Medicaid patient. Entitled program, making it difficult for the Feds to eliminate the program. No impact to the state or the citizens – actually brings in revenue to the state. Hospitals have been doing this program since 1996, now opportunity for the Fire Service to participate. Late last fall the State Chiefs had a meeting with consultants from California (only state that is currently doing this). Program is implemented in California. Working in collaboration with State Council, State Chief’s, lobbyists and the consultants. CPFR is the lead agency taking on the process. Phase One – bills currently in session – HB 2007, SB 5840. Both are in rules right now. Bill is written very well – better than California’s. Learned from their process. Includes language for prehospital stabilization. Phase 2 – AP Triton is the consultant company out of California and they will assist with implementing the program. CPFR could be the host agency and it could take up to one year to implement and is retro back to the day the governor signed the bill. Not new revenue, cost recovery. Phase 3 – educating departments across the state on the program and get them to participate. Medicaid participation in WA has gone up by 43% since the ACA (Affordable Care Act) came into place in 2010. Will continue to go up, costing more costs issues. Last year CPFR ran 22,000 EMS incidents, 10,800 transports, 20% are Medicaid, a conservative estimate is approximately $2 million annually. Across the state- projected at $100 million for departments. State revenue can be at or above $20 million annually. Private ambulance benefits from GEMT. 82% of transports in state are by Fire Service, 18% by private.

Consultant funding – first phase $60,000 and worked with 5 other departments. Will get part of that money back as we work through the process. The more agencies that participate in the phases, the less burden on agencies participating.

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. Mutual Aid Agreements – President Sagers stated Attorney Quinn has been working on this and unfortunately is not here at the meeting today. Guy Allen stated he is going to get it before his Board this month so they are aware of it and hope to get it approved at the May meeting.
3. **New Business**

Nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - Detailed:**

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

President Sagers reminded everyone of the Banquet survey. Please take a few moments to complete that.

1. **Nominations Committee – DORMANT**
2. **UASI Committee**

No report.

1. **Emergency Management Committee**

Guy Allen reported zone coordinator meeting scheduled for Monday – kick off for getting ready for next fire season to update plans, etc. Meeting at DEM at 2:00.

1. **Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee**

Bob Vellias reported he has a meeting scheduled with McCuen next week to see if he will sponsor.

1. **CISM Committee**

No representative present.

**DIVISION REPORTS - Detailed:**

1. **EMS**

Todd Jensen reported all bills EMS is watching are doing really well. Contract with hospitals, MultiCAre training program is stalling again. Developed another process called on boarding and seems to be working well. Also, MultiCare through Good Sam has a couple agencies piloting a program, not started yet – MSOs to get access to EPIC – their information system inside hospital system. Major ground breaking, been working on information transfer for quite some time. Going to try and see. Divert is still an issue in PC. Also in counties adjacent to us. Intake process at Good Sam, trial program on-going right now, seems to be going really well. EMS Office brought up some good points on that to modify the program a little. Either on divert or not. Some of other hospitals are looking at it. Airway courses are still going well. Some are very low attendance and some are high. One held a month. Not a lot of progress on Mental Health issues. Dr. Waffle changed his opinion a little with regards not to do non-medical related transports. Back to his original 2010 – all psychiatric issues are medical patients. He did ask for the data to come in regarding involuntary commit patients. No medical component, not our issue, but a law enforcement issue. Trying to collect data and show that it’s not just fire and/or law enforcement issue.

**16 A. Metro Training**

No representative present.

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

Gary McVay reported they are going through bi annual review along with RCCs new charter. Approved funds for additional response to violence protocol training. Next meeting is scheduled for next week.

**16 C. Training – TEW Equipment**

No report.

Ryan Baskett reported at the last Executive Board Meeting they looked at a County Officer program and reached out to King County Training Officers and they are willing to come to our next meeting to speak. Brings up to see if this is something the Chiefs Training Committee should work on.

1. **Fire and Life Safety**

Eric Waters reported they met last Tuesday. County Fire Marshal’s office, working with for the last two years on code consolidation. Making good progress bringing those codes together. Public Works decided want to be involved in February. EVA, private roads, public roads, etc. Traffic calming devices (speed bumps) – hopefully see some consistent coding for that as well. Experiences in field with radios – experiencing green buildings don’t do well with in building radio communications. Sprinkler code adoption – attended meeting and working with technical committee. Update to staffing in their office – Fire Marshal – actively engaged in replacing two DFM positions. Moved to electronic plan review and acceptance process. Sending out requests for comments to us electronically. Much easier to comment on applications than in the past. UVAs came up (unmanned vehicle aircraft) – not authorized within any controlled airspace. May need to protect air space over your incident. PCDEM E911 office working with King County to change some messaging in the near future for call if you can, text if you can’t. New messaging campaign. DEM launching additional education program on being prepared – Let’s be Frank. Don’t rely on Fire Service, Law Enforcement, to provide you with essential services during a disaster. You need to take care of yourself. SEPA – Gig Harbor has completed Capital Facilities Plan and submitted a SEPA mitigation - $926.00 per single residential. Met with planner this morning. Need to provide SEPA mitigation at the beginning – request during consult phase. Provide with mitigation request. May also want to include your CFP so they have the documents all together.

1. **Logistics**

Brian Caldier reported CPFR is working on the implementation of shop efficiency study – pretty large cache of surplus equipment, etc. Offer it to other public agencies first. Storage 45’ connex box behind 69 of excess shop equipment. Will offer out first and then Craigs List.

1. **Operations**

Ed Goodlet stated Tactical Operations manual – met a couple weeks ago, sent to Training Division for another set of eyes to review it. Will update and then bring back for adoption mid-summer or so.

1. **Volunteer Services**

Erik Skogen not present. Garry Olsen reported they have been meeting over the computer. Last project to look at background checks to see if they can be passed between departments. The answer is no – between employee and employer. Next looking at a joint application. President Sagers stated Erik had sent him an email to see if PCFCA could sponsor part of website for hosting that. Denise will contact David Travis regarding this.

1. **Good of the Order**

President Sagers shared a training opportunity, ten openings available. Free training, $10.00 cost for lunch. Contact Tom Sutich for more information.

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