**Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2016**

1. **Call to Order**

President Sagers called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at East Pierce Fire & Rescue located at 18421 Veterans Memorial Drive, Bonney Lake, WA. According to the Sign-In Sheet (copy attached) there were a total of 32 in attendance.

1. **Flag Salute**

Chief Backer led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to East Pierce.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Eric Watson and seconded by Lloyd Christianson to approve the November 5, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Bob Vellias presented the December 2015 Treasurer’s Report (copy attached). Beginning balance was $ 9,126.56, revenues of $ 3,087.51, expenses of $ 3,747.25 for an Ending balance of $ 8,457.82. EMS Account had a beginning balance of $ 7,330.71, no revenues or expenses for an ending balance of $ 7,330.71 and a Grand Total Account Balance of $ 15,788.53. It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED. About $3,000.00 ahead of where were last year. Dues notices have been sent out. He will have Denise resend them out.

1. **Correspondence**

None.

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. **Mutual Aid Agreements** –President Sagers just reminded those that haven’t gotten theirs done yet, to please get those agreements signed and returned. President Sagers stated Eatonville, JBLM, Rushton, Tacoma and Riverside have not turned theirs in.
3. **New Business**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - Overview:**

1. **Audit Committee**

President Sagers stated committee needs to meet and report at the February meeting per the By Laws. Alan Predmore will coordinate this.

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

President Sagers stated a survey was sent out. Please take a few minutes to complete and provide feedback.

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

Pat McElligott reported there was a meeting held with Seattle and working on.

1. **Emergency Management Committee**

Guy Allen reported a meeting is being scheduled next week. Not sure about specifics as of yet. Publicly funded asset – details need to be worked out.

1. **Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee**

Bob Vellias stated there is no report.

1. **CISM COMMITTEE**

Pat McElligott stated Chris Galbraith from Tacoma was working on this. Frank Washburn has stepped down. Not sure where we are at on this. Will find out and report next month.

**DIVISION REPORTS - Overview:**

1. **EMS**

Todd Jensen reported new draft language from Dr. Waffle on mental health disorders transports. For the most part support what has come out of the group effort. Working on some grant funding for education for all of our folks. Reaching out to a number of groups to partner with us in this endeavor. Intent of that meeting to find out where everyone is at on this and what they can provide. STEMI program in a grant process to find out if things we can improve in our STEMI process. Protocols are still underway. Another meeting next Thursday. EPFR/Interagency EMS bid has been awarded to Life Assist. Boundtree is no longer the contract holder for EMS supplies. Cardinal Health got the bid for pharmaceuticals. Diversion at hospitals big spike end of the year typically. 10% previously when started, had been down to under 1%, just reached 6%. Hospital participation on committee has been declining. There are a lot of people going to the hospital. There is also an increase in people leaving the hospital without being seen. Diversion continues to be a problem. PAM Calendar will be published today – advanced airway program for paramedics. Continue to meet together on developing goals and abilities to continue to work together.

**16 A. Metro Training**

Doug Walker not present. Ryan Baskett reported Chief Mason asked him to share the Company Officer manual they’ve been working on is prepared to bring to their next meeting. Also stated the coordinator for King County Officer Development program is willing to coordinate ours. They have a meeting scheduled with them to further discuss this.

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

No representative present.

**16 C. Training – TEW Equipment**

No representative present. President Sagers reported at RCC meeting yesterday, grant cycle is on hold until at least March.

1. **Fire and Life Safety**

Eric Waters reported they had a quarterly meeting in December. County Council code changes 17 B and C for EVA passed. Starting February 1st set of ordinances are effective and applicable. 24 to 20 feet on existing road widths, will be some sprinkler requirements. Additional sprinkler options for town homes and commercial buildings. Some give and take. Able to gain in some areas. On site existing roadways. Fairly small window of properties this will effect. Existing in building radio communication needs we don’t have anything. Michael Dobbs and he researching if BRs or Bas might be a good bridge for them to achieve radio communications in those buildings. Also, Warner talked about 2015 code adoption process, looking at the County level. Looking at what fire flow looks like in the county. Division at last meeting approved the budget and have scheduled a Fire Inspector 1 course. Announcement coming out today or tomorrow. March 1st and 2nd. Flat fee for instructor for 2 days. $125.00 per student at 18 students break even or we can take the total number of students divided by total cost. Gig Harbor is coordinating the registrations.

1. **Logistics**

No representative present.

1. **Operations**

No representative present.

1. **Volunteer Services**

Eric Skogen stated they haven’t met in a while. Did look at the mission at their last meeting. Would like to help bring to the County either hosting some seminars or training on volunteer recruitment and retention and spurring the generational gap. Personally approached by Tiger Schmittendorf (sp?) in Oregon last week regarding presenting some training. Looking at possibly the end of March first of April in presenting From the Xbox to the Box Fire call. Will put together a proposal to present to the Executive Board to possibly make this happen.

**AFFILIATE AGENCY REPORTS**

1. **South Sound 911**

Andrew Neiditz reported with start of New Year on track for service agreements with all agencies. Not aware of any problems with them. Transition process underway. CAD cut over for all 19 law enforcement agencies took place 2 months ago. Still working out issues. Cut over for Fire in March. Radio side are working with radio system owners and operators. City of Tacoma for 800 and Puyallup subsystem and CCN – partnership between PC and Pierce Transit. Working on what happens beyond 2016. Needs support from Fire Chiefs. Goal isn’t just about cost, also to define what SS911 role is. System operator vs. system owner. Role of managing system, setting budgets and costs for radio system(s). A lot more to come, wheels are in motion. Ryan Baskett – on 700 system – 2 agreements received, one from SS911 and one from CCN. Great concern over the agreement from CCN. Not negotiated. Asking the group, met with Chief Burgess and Chief Packer to talk about how to deal with this and how to get to the table on this. Proposing if not signed the contracts, asking not to sign until we can come with a plan on how to address some issues. Postpone signing the contracts and put together an ad hoc committee to – Chief Burgess is willing to Chair, Chief Baskett is willing to sit on – to deal with contract issue. President Sagers stated he talked with Chief Burgess on this topic yesterday. He has no reservation appointing an ad hoc committee for 700 Communications with Chief Burgess as Chair. Andrew asked that he and/or Ken be included as well. Pleased to hear what is proposed and look forward to keep lines of communication open. Completely supportive of Chiefs involvement. Ryan stated Sheriffs Department would be an advocate as well, as it sounds like their agreements is double. Work on looking on a fair and equitable way to manage. Larry Saunders who was a speaker at one of our meetings, died last evening. Alan Predmore stated several agencies not signing the CCN agreement. Important that we just not sign and set aside, but that we talk to our elected officials and send a stronger message if not accepted based on our legislative actions in each jurisdiction to reject them.

1. **Department of Emergency Management**

Lowell Porter not present.

1. **Pierce County EMS**

Norma Pancake not present.

1. **Fire Marshal**

Warner Webb not present.

1. **State Chiefs**

Keith Wright not present.

1. **Puget Sound Clean Air Agency**

Jessica Landkrohn not present.

1. **PC Fire Commissioners Association**

Dan Rankin reported their next meeting is scheduled for January 28th at Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One. Would like more information on the CCN agreement. Andrew Neiditz stated he will send information to Denise to send out to both the Fire Chiefs and Commissioners Associations.

1. **Department of Natural Resources**

Sean Kibbe not present.

1. **Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy**

No representative present.

1. **Good of the Order**

Bob Vellias reported he has tendered his notice of retirement for the end of March.

Baron Banks stated Chief Caldier asked him to address some issues – along with District 21 paying Tacoma Fire Electric, which is the only authorized installer. Hiring US Digital , about $4,000 cost to train our employee and a Graham employee to install them. Brand new 2015 engine was in an accident that was substantially damaged. In need of a fire engine to borrow/loan from someone. Insurance company will pay $15,000.00 to rent for 90 days. Need for our upcoming Recruit Academy. Please let either himself or Chief Caldier know.

1. **Adjournment**

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

Submitted by:

Denise Menge

Recording Secretary

**2016 Meeting Schedule:**

Jan. 7, 2016 – General – East Pierce Fire & Rescue – 18421 Veterans Memorial Dr.

**Feb. 4, 2016 – Business - Graham Fire & Rescue – 23014 70th Ave E**

March 3, 2016 – General – Tacoma FD – 2124 Marshall Ave.

April 7, 2016 – Business – Browns Point / Dash Point –

May 5, 2016 – General –Buckley Fire Department – 611 So. Division

June 2, 2016 – Business – Gig Harbor – 10222 Bujacich Rd NW

July 7, 2016 – NO MEETING

Aug. 4, 2016 – NO MEETING

Sept. 1, 2016 – Business - CPFR hosting @ Puyallup Library 324 So Meridian

Oct. 6, 2016 – General – East Pierce Fire & Rescue – 18421 Veterans Memorial Dr.

Nov. 3, 2016 – Business – WPFR – 5000 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood

Dec. 1, 2016 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET