**Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**March 3, 2016**

1. **Call to Order**

President Sagers called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Tacoma Fire Department located at 2124 Marshall Ave, Tacoma, WA. According to the Sign-In Sheet (copy attached) there were a total of 36 in attendance.

1. **Flag Salute**

Chief McElligott led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to Tacoma. New burn tower outside, recruit class going on, can go and see it after the meeting if you’d like.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Keith Wright and seconded Cliff McCollum by to approve the February 4, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Bob Vellias**

Treasurer Bob Vellias presented. See attached copy. Accounting for the Fire Inspection class fees that are coming in, has created a separate line to track that. Also attached to the report is a listing of who have paid their dues to date. Guy Allen moved and Steve Nixon seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Correspondence**

None.

1. **Unfinished Business**

None.

1. **New Business**

None.

**AFFILIATE AGENCY REPORTS**

1. **South Sound 911 – Andrew Neiditz**

Ken Sharp reported Andrew is in a meeting in Gig Harbor this morning. Internally a few months ago did some reorganization in some of the Divisions. Working through some changes internally on reporting, etc. Working with Chief Pappaleus with the CAD, also working on updating phone systems as well as transitioning Fire Comm to South Sound 911. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email anytime.

1. **Department of Emergency Management – Lowell Porter**

Reported on updates with UASI grant funding and Homeland Security funding. Worried about reductions in both, looking like going to be status quo and possibly a little more in Homeland Security monies. Well represented for Region 5. Hopefully more information at the next meeting. Regional Coordinating Council (RCC) restructuring, taking a little longer with. Cascadia Rising working on planning. Robust team participating in that. What are core capabilities want to train and test? Will update monthly on status. Appreciate support from fire community.

President Sagers reported he met yesterday and coming out this week for TEW equipment and training proposals – 4 to 8 week process.

1. **Pierce County EMS – Norma Pancake**

Not present.

1. **Fire Marshal – Warner Webb**

Reported fully staffed and very busy in community. Adopted a few road standards.

1. **State Chiefs – Keith Wright**

Reported right now legislative session is big push. Urban wildland bills are being supported. Fireworks restrictions trying to change, it is dying or dead. One that came up is HB2929 temporary housing in religious – looking at, not sure if it will survive the session. President Sagers states it sets in Senate rules and has until March 10th to be pulled for a vote. Has some concerning elements as far as fire and life safety goes. Annual conference coming up in May in Spokane. March 30th Critical Incident. Lowell Porter stated with regards to sheltering and housing planning policies and procedures, he can work with to ensure concerns are addressed.

1. **Puget Sound Clean Air Agency – Jessica Landkrohn**

Not present, unable to attend to due to training commitments. Please feel free to email if you have any questions, concerns. Her contact information is available on the website.

1. **PC Fire Commissioners Association – Dan Rankin**

Reported they met in Key Peninsula, guest speaker was Joe Quinn and his son Eric. Next meeting is at Edgewood.

1. **Department of Natural Resources – Don Melton**

Not present.

1. **Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy -**

Not present.

**DIVISION REPORTS - Overview:**

1. **EMS – Todd Jensen**

Russ McCallion reported grants received and purchased defibrillators for Law Enforcement in their area. Work group to discuss Medic One issue. Will be approaching Chiefs to participate. Continuing work on protocol updates. Very significant changes in protocols and will require training, probably not until the 4th quarter of this year. Franciscan and Multicare want us to start emailing our charts to them. Ongoing discussion on how to convey our information to them. Also want charts in real time – printed and emailed. Response was no. Electronic data exchanges are being looked at. Want to make sure it is bi-directional, not just one way. Ongoing meetings to discuss how to better exchange information. Continuing to work on mental health issues in Pierce County. More and more resources out there. Trying to get everyone together to identify resources, etc. Ties in to state mandate per 1721 passed last year regarding transporting patients to alternative locations. Restrictive. Working through. Great concept, facilities not necessarily available yet. Working on Divert as well. Mike Newhouse reported Divert committee is meeting every two weeks. Tentative date of April 1st of going to no divert. Franciscans pushed back on that. Going to a smaller group and Dr. Waffle involved as well. Ongoing and challenging. Russ stated we had some record days that pushed the system into crisis and raised awareness on significance of the problem. January 1 is drop dead deadline for new WEMSIS system. Better access to information. State wide key performance indicators. Compass initiative from Feds – measuring EMS performance.

President Sagers stated on the legislative front, he received an email on controlled substance act. Russ stated not mentioned in most DEA, EMS not addressed. Haven’t seen in detail.

**18 A. Metro Training – Doug Walker**

Not present.

**18 B. Training – TEW Training/Exercise – Tom Mason/Gary McVay**

Not present.

**18 C. Training – TEW Equipment – Tony Judd**

No representative present.

1. **Fire and Life Safety – Eric Waters**

Reported Fire Inspector 1 class scheduled – due to lack of registrations, cancelled the class. Only had 8 registrations. Instructor asked for list of those interested as instructor is looking to hold another class and will reach out to them. Meeting on a weekly basis with Fire Marshal’s staff. IFC updates, finished working on worksheets for fire flow and fire flow requirements. Staff now putting together actual language. Committee does meet the last week of this month.

1. **Logistics – Steve Richards**

Not present. Brian Caldier reported EPFR and Graham recently did research and development on SCBA systems. CPFR is testing some new systems. Coordinated and got some training March 17th for Districts installing US digital station alerting system. EPFR put out specifications for outfitting type 6 brush rigs. CPFR most likely jumping on that. Notified by MRSC, they lost their funding from the State and not sure exactly what that means. CPFR uses for small works projects, etc. They maintain small works vendors list.

1. **Operations – Ed Goodlet**

Not present.

1. **Volunteer Services – Eric Skogen**

Not present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - Overview:**

1. **Audit Committee - DORMANT**
2. **Banquet/Awards Committee - DORMANT**
3. **Nominations Committee - DORMANT**
4. **UASI Committee – Pat McElligott**

Reported had a meeting. Had to go thru grading process for top 5 fire projects to move forward. Now goes to the committees to rate them. Had breach and blocking equipment and classes. Meet once a month.

1. **Emergency Management Committee – Guy Allen**

Reported helicopter water bucket got pushed back to next week, meeting with Sheriff in King County on how that could work out of King County. Reminder fire season is quickly approaching, if contract not signed with DNR, if request a helicopter, they cannot send it to you without a contract.

1. **CISM COMMITTEE –**

No representative.

1. **700 mHz User Group Committee – John Burgess**

Reported met and identified few areas of concern regarding radio contract. Put together a letter and sent it to Lowell Porter ED of combined radio. Meeting scheduled this next week to follow up on.

1. **Good of the Order**

Bob Vellias stated wildland issues, he may be called in to testify for South Pierce. 89,000 acres, 11,000 acres are in exempt status. Some due to tribal purchases and pay no taxes at all. Almost doubled in the last 7 years. Almost 3,000 in a reduced status. Concern is, support those programs, however, when assessor comes out strictly look at buildings. Working with reps to see if there is a way to have the County update the properties as well buildings. Mitch thanked him for his work on that.

Russ McCallion announced a training opportunity shift based training bringing Chief Lafave, March 18, 30, 31 for a 3 hour class morning and afternoon at Lake Tapps station 114, free. Will send information to Denise to send out.

John Burgess stated the PCORT Policy Board meeting following this meeting.

Steve Nixon stated he and Keith Wright will be participating in Stair Climb this Sunday – 25th anniversary of it.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 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