



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION



Established 1985

Meeting Minutes January 25, 2024

1. Call to Order

Vice President Jon Parkinson called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. remotely via Zoom and in person at South Sound 911 located at 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma. According to the Zoom attendee list (5) and sign in sheet (9), there were a total of 14 people in attendance.

Vice President Parkinson welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chief Wernet and seconded by Chief Green to approve the November 16, 2023; meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Treasurer's Report – Denise Ross

See Treasurer's Report on the back side of the agenda. Chief Morrow moved and Chief Medford seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Guest Speakers – N/A

6. Executive Board Report

Vice President Parkinson reported they met last week and discussed 700 mghz radios and call processing. Discussion was held regarding the banquet and moving forward as less and less attendance each year.

7. Committees and Workgroups

A. Audit Committee – Morrow / Parkinson

Denise will get information to Chief's Morrow and Parkinson to review.

B. PC Code Revision Workgroup – Morrow

Chief Morrow stated he's not sure where they are at on this and will contact Chief Berdan to find out.

C. Radio Replacement System – Sharp / Morrow

Chief Morrow spoke to single system – rewiring of two systems, acknowledgement of two master sites, redundancy, etc. Daniel did a great job of working through a very political conversation of realities, etc. Some numbers came to the table. Total cost of the system conversation again. SS911 is going to be part of the governance of it. Chief Green bigger concern is the governance, not the system. Chief Doan for 800 system wants to put a tower on Fox Island. Looking at building and owning or letting them

build it and GH still own it. Looking at building their own system in Gig Harbor. Thinking of leaping off and moving to cellular. Connectivity, access fees discussion. Is Single system still our number one priority or shift it to replace existing radios or something else? Valid to ask the questions.

700 system received bills that were considerably higher than last year. Need to contact your county council member on these issues. Need to be unified. Several options: pay the full amount, pay what have been paying, don't pay at all. Would be good to have all 700 users aligned. Agreement for 700 users to pay this year. Letter from the Chiefs Association in support. Vice President Parkinson to draft a letter. Let Police know Chiefs stance on this as well.

Single System needs to go to PSCOC.

D. SS911 Call Processing Workgroup – Parkinson / Doan / Morrow

Vice President Parkinson reported they have been trying to work on this regarding Delta and Echo level calls. Started working on this a year ago and haven't made much progress on it. Better understanding of what the performance out of SS is on priority calls. Around 3 minutes and 30 seconds 90% of the time. Times changed a little when Universal call taking and Priority Dispatch. SS doesn't have a data analyst. Common definitions. Looking at performance, setting goals and looking at how to improve. Defined call answering and call processing and track for 3 months.

E. Ad Hoc Committee for FDSU User Group - Parkinson

Reported no update. Prevention AC has been assigned to operations and doesn't have the bandwidth. Chief Doan asked about using Interra. Parkinson use for pre-fire plans, alerting, etc. Also looking at using for payroll and move away from CrewSense. Gig Harbor is using Interra. Morrow stated have some gross duplication Active 911, FDSU, PulsePoint Pro. Maintain SitSat in Interra, but that is it. Using DarkHorse for analytics, etc.

F. State Chiefs / Western Chiefs – Doan

Reported Western Chiefs attended a meeting and on Finance Committee. Some tension with International Fire Chiefs. Western is larger than IFC. There are a lot of branches and just scratching the surface trying to learn what all they do. The Force conference is popular and changing. Helped in creating it 10 years ago or so. Each State has 4 people to go. How to divvy that out. Looking at taking new leaders to the State Association. In Sisters the end of September. Western is going to create a conference in 2025 – Feb 9-12 in Red Rocks Las Vegas. Only 250 attendees are allowed. Not as prominent in the State as it was in Idaho. Going to put together some information on what Western Chiefs do.

Washington Fire Chiefs on the Board – had a meeting a couple days ago. Went to Olympia for Legislative Day. 3 big – TIFs, Fire Marshals Office moving out from under WSP – goals are 2026. The conference is May 20-23 in Kennewick. Trying to get Metro Chiefs back involved. Encourage involvement.

Formed a committee about mutual aid agreement and addendums to master agreement. Would like to report on that.

G. Banquet Committee – Tammy Lamb / AC Scott Adams

Vice President Parkinson reported any thoughts or ideas to think on. Time to stop or continue on due to low attendance. Do more of a social event at the State Conference, etc. Give some thought and come up with ideas, etc.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Joint Meeting with Police Chiefs Association

President Sharp not present.

B. DEM and PCEMS concerns

Vice President Parkinson reported not sure where at on this. Had met with Dan Grimm a while back and shared the problems having. Was agreed to work on having a single OTEP plan. See how that goes and go from there. Not sure where at on the single OTEP plan.

Chief Doan – had looked into the Master Mutual Aid and have found numbered up to 45 addendums. Of those 45 haven't been able to find all of them. No process to get them or repeal them. Trying to figure out how many have been signed and how many are on. Will distribute the Mutual Aid Agreement to everyone. Has dates, are renewable or not and then list who is a signer on. Chief Morrow – is there a way to do away with and create a new one. What's frustrating is the Quinn's don't have all of them, should have been filed with the County and County doesn't have all of them. Asking Chiefs to look through their files and send any and all agreements they have. Master ILA is a good way to do it and has addendums. Any county-wide agreements please send to him. Add to Agenda.

9. New Business

A. 2024 Radio Fees

Discussed earlier.

10. Good of the Order

N/A

11. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Ross
Recording Secretary

2024 Meeting Schedule:

- January 25, 2024 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave
- January or February, 2024 – Joint Meeting with Police Chiefs
- February 22, 2024 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave
- March 28, 2024 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave
- April 25, 2024 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave
- May 23, 2024 – CANCELLED – State Chiefs Conference
- June 27, 2024 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave
- July 25, 2024 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave

August 22, 2024 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave
September 26, 2024 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific
October 24, 2024 – CANCELLED – State Commissioners Conference
November 21, 2024 (3rd Thursday due to 4th Thursday being Thanksgiving)– Hybrid
remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave
December 5, 2024 – NO MEETING – AWARDS BANQUET