



## General Meeting Minutes January 7, 2021

### 1. Call to Order

President Sharp called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. remotely via Zoom. According to the Zoom meeting attendees, there were a total of 31 people in attendance.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chief Parkinson and seconded by Chief Burgess to approve the November 5, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

### 3. Treasurer's Report – Denise Menge

The Treasurer's Report was presented, see attached copy on the back side of the agenda. Denise reported the 2021 Annual Dues Invoices were mailed out this last weekend. It was moved by Chief Burgess and seconded by Chief Backer to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

### 4. Correspondence

None at this time.

### 5. Guest Speaker – Conny Garcia, Red Cross

President Sharp turned the floor over to Chief Gibson to introduce guest speaker Conny Garcia. Not present, Chief Sharp introduced and welcomed Conny to present and go over their Disaster Action Team (DAT). Powerpoint presentation given, copy attached. Tracy Sheehy and Daniel Wirth present as well. Tracy went through the powerpoint, she has 14 years' experience and also has fire service background. Feel free to reach out and invite to staff meetings if you'd like further information or more in depth. President Sharp thanked them for presenting. Appreciate all the work the Red Cross does, thank you for all that you do! Conny shared Home Fire Campaign, information included in powerpoint presentation.

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Daniel Wirth stated just coming up on one-year anniversary there. Appreciates being invited to today's meeting. New to the area, building a Board of Directors, has someone from Tacoma FD, challenge to get other fire representatives on the Board as well, contact if interested. Would like to have a joint blood drive in the future as well. Schedule for COVID vaccinations.

**6. Unfinished Business**

Nothing at this time.

**7. New Business**

Nothing at this time.

**AFFILIATE AGENCY REPORTS**

**8. South Sound 911 – Debbie Grady**

Reported couple of updates – will have move in schedule developed and to them next week. Working on logistics, potentially starting in February IT staff on site, first phase move-in fire comm staff, etc. March to June phased in approach. Will share the schedule with everyone when received. New EMD product and application using through Priority Dispatch – deployment schedule tomorrow. Universal call taking. Received email this morning from Tacoma Fire regarding outstanding CAD issues from upgrade. Working to resolve issues.

**9. Department of Emergency Management – Jody Ferguson**

Not present.

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

Not present.

**11. Fire Marshal – Warner Webb**

Not present.

**12. State Chiefs – Keith Wright**

Not present.

**13. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency – Rick Hess**

Not present.

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

Reported have our meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via Zoom. All of our meetings will be on Zoom for now.

**15. Department of Natural Resources – Nancy Barker**

Reported she is Fire Ops Manager for the region. Couple things to make note of – fire December 5<sup>th</sup> south of Eatonville – thanks South Pierce and PCFD 23 on response. Key part in getting resources to the fire. Any questions on how things went or on billings, etc. please feel free to contact. 16 acre fire, took by surprise. New face in DNR in Pinnacle unit – Pierce and King County – Lane Peterson, started late in the summer. Helped on fires in September. Charlie Burns was unit manager, retired in May, still have that position unfilled and hope to have filled by end of January. Academy coming up this year – will look different than in past

due to COVID. Reduced classes, 130, 190 and L180. L180 is now stand alone required class for part of red card certification. Crew boss course will also be offered. Virtual or on-line. Required field days. Make sure get registered early when announcements come out due to limitations. Refreshers will come up again, trying to do instructor led. Pack tests or some kind of physical certification will be back this year.

**16. Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy – Ben Harris**

Not present.

**17. Bates Technical College – Tiffany Williams**

Not present.

**NON SCHEDULED DIVISION REPORTS - Overview:**

**18. EMS – Matt Waltrip**

Not present.

**19.**

**A. Metro Training – Woody Juarez**

Not present.

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

Not present.

**C. Training – TEW Equipment – Todd Magliocca**

Not present.

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

Reported COVID vaccination liaison, most everyone has contacted MSO's with weekly Friday calls with Health Department and Norma. IF not, please contact Norma to get involved. Fire Code adoption process for PC continue to moves forward, not feedback regarding update sent out. Based on that continuing to move forward. Chief Olson may be able to provide some specifics, generally see improvements in sprinkler requirements.

**21. Logistics – Steve Richards**

Not present.

**22. Operations –**

Not present.

**23. Volunteer Services – Eric Skogen**

Not present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - Overview:**

**24. UASI Committee – Todd Magliocca**

Not present.

**25. Emergency Management Committee – Eric Watson**

Nothing to report. He is retiring in May, need to start replacement search. President Sharp stated we need to get someone in as soon as we can for mentorship, etc. If interested or someone in your organization, please let him or Eric know so we can get filled as soon as possible. Chief Backer asked if should be minimum Assistant Chief level or could Battalion Chief level. Eric stated only concern with Battalion Chief is there is a lot of night time and weekend involvement. Discussion followed.

**26. Radios User Group Committee – Zane Gibson**

Not present.

**27. Banquet/Awards Committee – Steve Richards**

President Sharp thanked everyone that put that together this last year and all that attended. Congratulated Eric Waters for receiving Dan Packer COY award.

**28. Nominations Committee – DORMANT - Backer / Gibson / Sharp**

President Sharp stated with the past president getting ready to retire, the Executive Board will probably be looking to fill that position with a 4<sup>th</sup> Trustee. Something to think about.

**29. Audit Committee – DORMANT - P. Stueve**

**30. CISM COMMITTEE – - DORMANT**

**31. Technology Committee – Dustin Morrow**

Reported got a little consumed with CAD change over, etc. Do have a couple of items to get to the Ops Chiefs regarding Interra and Julota.

**32. Administrative Committee – Dan Bjurstrom**

Reported this committee is still in development, nothing to report.

**33. Good of the Order**

President Sharp thanked John Burgess for being the past president in 2020. A strange year and he did a great job of figuring out how to keep the organization moving. He and the entire Board appreciate all of his work. Also thanked those who stepped up to be on the Board in 2021.

**34. Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Menge, Recording Secretary

**2021 Meeting Schedule:**

Jan 7, 2021 – General – via Zoom

Feb 4, 2021 – Business – via Zoom

Mar 4, 2021 – General –

Apr 1, 2021 – Business –

May 6, 2021 – General –

Jun 3, 2021 – Business –  
Jul 1, 2021 – NO MEETING  
Aug 5, 2021 – NO MEETING  
Aug ?, 2021 – Joint Meeting with Police Chiefs - TBD  
Sep 2, 2021 – Business –  
Oct 7, 2021 – General –  
Nov 4, 2021 – Business -  
Dec 2, 2021 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET



**American Red Cross  
NW Region**

**South Puget Sound and  
Olympics Chapter**

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# Presenters

- **Tracy Sheehy - Disaster Action Team Manager**
  
- **Daniel Wirth – SPSO Chapter Executive Director**
- **Conny Garcia – Disaster Program Manager**
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# **DISASTER ACTION TEAM (DAT)**

**American Red Cross**



# South Puget Sound and Olympics DAT Coverage Area

**Total Chapter Coverage : 12,991 Sq Miles**

## **8 Counties:**

Thurston, Lewis, Grays, Mason, Kitsap, Jefferson, Clallam and  
**Pierce –**

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- Red Cross Responses with cases opened: 190
- Total Clients Assisted: 425

# What is a DAT Team?

A Disaster Action Team is the Red Cross local disaster response unit made up of volunteers who provide immediate disaster relief services 24 hrs. a day.

Serves as the on scene Red Cross contact at the site of the disaster.

Assess the disaster victim's immediate individual needs.

Provides emergency food, clothing and shelter assistance and connects them to other Red Cross and Community provided services.

Assists the disaster victims in planning their immediate and long-term recovery.

## **Sheltering:**

- Congregate Sheltering
- Non-Congregate (Hotel)

## **Personal Care:**

- Personal Comfort Kits
- Blankets

## **Financial Assistance:**

- Food
- Lodging
- Clothing

## **Follow-up Casework:**

- Community Recovery

## **Individual Client Care:**

- Disaster Mental Health (DMS)
- Disaster Health Services (DHS)
- Spiritual Care
- Services to the Armed Forces (SAF)
- Fatality Assistance (ICCT)

## **External Relations:**

- Community/Government Engagement and Partnerships
- Public Affairs

## **Canteen Services:**

# Typical DAT Responses:

- Single Family House Fires
- Multi-Family/High Life Hazard Structure Fires such as Apartments, Hotel/Motel, etc.
- Alternative Living Fires: (RV, Car)
- Natural Disaster Related Events
- Evacuations
- Vehicle into a single-family residence

## Events We Typically Do Not Respond To:

- **Assistance may still be provided in the form of community resources to assist clients in their recovery.**
- Community-wide / single family power outages or utility shut offs (not disaster related)
- Frozen/burst or backed up pipes (water/sewer) and fire sprinklers (unless activated by a fire in structure).
- Car accidents
- Evictions
- Bug infestation
- Broken furnace/heater/air conditioning
- Condemned house
- Mold/Mildew
- Other maintenance related issues, code enforcement or deferred maintenance by landlord.
- Red Cross is unable to transport.

## When to Call Us:

- Likelihood of occupants not returning.
- Power is being pulled – add as part of the utility package.

Call us even if clients have a place to stay –

- They still may qualify for Financial and/or other assistance.
- Clients lodging plans change and may be left homeless or out in the weather.

## IF In Doubt Call Us Out

# DAT RESPONSE

Our preferred method of response is to be on scene, face to face with clients, however, due to COVID, most initial client contact will be done virtually.

There are situations that may still require us to respond on scene.

Once COVID restrictions are lifted we will return to in person response for almost all calls.

New Red Cross Client Assistance System allows for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) making virtual response during COVID easier for both clients and Red Cross responders.

Revised Red Cross Damage Assessment Categories:

- **Destroyed**
- **Major**
- **Uninhabitable**
- **Minor**



**National Emergency  
Dispatch Phone Number**

**800-295-3717**

**For Emergency  
Responder Use Only**

**Please Do Not Give Out To Clients**

**American Red Cross**





**Local Direct  
24HR Emergency  
Phone Number  
253-474-0300 Opt. 2**

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**Our DAT teams assure that families do not have to face tough times alone**

**It may be as simple as a hug that can turn tragedy into hope after a disaster**



## Home Fire Campaign Program

- All avenues of the free smoke alarm program on hold since Mid-March 2020 due to COVID.
- January 2021: National ARC has given green to restart partnerships installations with Fire District/Department.
  - Can provide smoke alarms for partners to install.
  - Working with current partners to update paperwork
  - Open to starting new partnerships

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