**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 3, 2013**

1. **Call to Order**

Vice President Keith Wright called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. at the Eatonville Community Center located at 305 Center Street West, Eatonville, WA. The following were present:

Bob Hudspeth, Eatonville FD Sheila Dudley, Eatonville FD

Eric Norton, WPFR Dan Rankin, WPFR

Eric Watson, GHFMO Eric Waters, GHFMO

Tom Sutich, GHFMO Doug Willis, CPFR

Keith Wright, CPFR Bryan Pearson, CPFR

Pat Donovan, CPFR Judy Murphy, CPFR

Tom Lique, PCFD #16 Guy Allen, PCFD #16

Claudia Jones, PCFD #16 Bob Vellias, SPFR

Zane Gibson, OVFR Reggie Romines, GFR

Gary Franz, GFR Kathy Hale, GFR

Todd Jensen, GFR Steve Richards, GFR

Garry Olson PCFD #23 Warner Webb, PCFPB

Dic Gribbon, PSCAA Chuck Frame, DNR

Kevin Ross, Mt Rainier National Park Denise Menge, Recorder

1. **Flag Salute**

Bob Hudspeth led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to Eatonville. They will be hiring a Firefighter/Paramedic in March.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Mitch Sagers and seconded by Eric Watson to approve the November 1, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Hale reported the beginning balance in the account was $8,969.91 with an ending balance of $9,753.91. There is $7,257.69 in EMS for a grand total of $17,011.60. She noted that the banquet expenses have not been paid yet.

1. **Correspondence**

VP Wright presented a plaque for Gary McVay to Mitch Sagers to give to him.

VP Wright welcomed Zane Gibson, Orting Valley Fire & Rescue’s new Fire Chief.

1. **Guest Speaker**

VP Wright introduced CPFR Lieutenant Eric Stueve who has been working with King County on joint purchases. Lt. Stueve worked with the Research and Development Committee and they were tasked with PPE. They did a needs assessment that went over what was chosen and why it was chosen. Kent Fire was the lead agency. They then went through a wear test process with two (2) individuals from each participating agency that tested the different manufacturer sets of PPE to determine the best ones. This was approximately a year long process. For more information or if you have any questions on this process, contact Lt. Eric Stueve at 253.777.2948 or email him at estueve@centralpiercefire.org

1. **Unfinished Business**

None.

1. **New Business**
2. **Recognition and Welcome of Zane Gibson, Newly Appointed Chief of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue** – this was done earlier in the meeting.
3. **Appointment of Chief Bob Vellias by the Executive Board** – VP Wright reported Bob Vellias will be filling Gary McVay’s Trustee position on the Executive Board.
4. **Hiring of Gary Franz as a Consultant to finish work as Chair of Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee** – VP Wright reported Gary Franz has been the Chair of the Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee and this is seen as a short term project to see it through to completion. Gary Franz has agreed to remain the Chair of the Committee as a consultant and be paid $40.00 per hour. It is estimated that the total for this project will be approximately $4800.00. President McDonald has contacted the County Commissioners Association to see about splitting the cost of this with them. Reggie Romines moved and Todd Jensen seconded the motion to go ahead with having Attorney Quinn put together an Interlocal Agreement for Gary Franz to work as a consultant on the Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VP Wright stated CPFR will be making some operational changes starting next Thursday/Friday with staffing. Starting next week there will only be 1 Ladder staffed at Station 68 and Station 71 will run Telesqurt. Is anyone else doing things differently? Reggie Romines stated they have been cross staffing the ladder at 91 for about a month now. WPFR will be having their ladder more centrally located.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

VP Wright thanked Todd Jensen for his work on the Banquet, it was very well done and a great venue. Todd commented that it was a great turn out and the Fire Chief’s out-numbered the Commissioners.

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

Jeff Jensen has retired and this spot needs a replacement.

1. **Emergency Management Committee**

Guy Allen is working on filling the Zone Coordinators and the Resource Manual updates are being worked on.

1. **Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee**

Gary Franz thanked the Association for the support to continue working on the committee.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

1. **EMS**

Judy Murphy reported the electronic data reporting process is going slowly. We are getting better information from the hospitals.

Law Enforcement is involved with Active Shooter/Rescue Team training. Tim Pierce, a BC at CPFR, is the contact if interested in refresher training, etc. There has been a tremendous interest with the recent shootings.

**18A. MetroTraining**

No report.

**18B. Training – TEW Training/Exercise**

Tom Mason reported they met December 13th. The Federal Grant money has significantly dropped. There is $48,000 for 2012 for both training and exercise. They meet again next week.

**18C. Training – TEW Equipment**

No report.

1. **Fire and Life Safety**

Eric Waters reported there will be code adoption in 2013.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS:**

1. **South Sound 911**

Mitch Sagers reported Jim Sharp will be distributing monthly updates/information on SS911. The Combined Ops Board will be meeting on January 9th to vote on naming City Manager Andrew Neiditz as the Executive Director.

1. **Department of Emergency Management**

No representative present.

1. **Pierce County EMS**

No representative present.

1. **Fire Marshal**

Warner Webb reported the code says fireworks are banned, does anyone know who put that in the code and then not enforce it? He is looking for help on the history of this issue. Jody is supportive of having Code classes.

1. **State Chiefs**

Keith Wright reported there is a working committee on the 296-305 changes. February 1st should be out and looking at have them give a presentation to this group in March.

The second Wednesday of every month is a legislative session meeting. February 14th is when the session starts and runs for 105 days. Wildland is looking at the Ready Set Go program through the International Fire Chiefs. February 20th is the Legislative Day, an announcement for this should be coming out soon. The Survey and Rating Bureau process is changing and they are coming out with a new graduated schedule.

VP Wright distributed several things – International First Responder Seatbelt Pledge, Firefighter Code of Ethics through the National Society of Executive Officers, and a Political Action Contribution form.

1. **King County Fire Chiefs**

No representative present.

1. **PS Clean Air Agency**

Dic Gribbon reported the air quality burn ban is off for now. Any outdoor burning calls while a burn ban is on, please forward the information to him. The agency is reviewing outdoor burning practices enforcement and they are looking for recommendations. There are not a lot of repeat offenders, however, with that in mind, they are still not seeing any decrease in the number of cases. Why is there not a decrease if there are not a lot of repeat offenders? Is it an enforcement issue or a public education issue? What can they do or work with to reduce outdoor burning? Are there other options besides civil penalties?

1. **PC Fire Commissioners**

Commissioner Dan Rankin reported Secretary Dorcas Gunovich has retired. Their next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24th at West Pierce Fire & Rescue Station 2-1 at 7:00 pm.

1. **Dept. of Natural Resources**

Chuck Frame reported upcoming training is available on their website – [www.dnr.wa.gov](http://www.dnr.wa.gov).

1. **Good of the Order**

The annual dues invoice was distributed with the Agenda. Please take these back to your Departments and process them.

Chris Grant reported he will be sending out a request for assistance with a testing process being held on January 24th.

Reggie Romines stated that Gary Franz is retiring the end of this month. An informal get together is going to be held at Graham’s Headquarters Station on January 25th from 11:00 to 2:00.

Bryan Pearson reported the Executive Steering Committee has been working on the pre-design for the Burn Building at North Bend at a cost around 15 million dollars. The Master Plan has been updated to submit to King County for the permitting process, etc. There will be one more stakeholder meeting.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Recording Secretary Denise Menge

*The next Regular Meeting will be February 7, 2013 at Graham Fire & Rescue.*