**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 7, 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 Graham Fire & Rescue located at 23014 70th Ave. E. The following were present:

Bob Hudspeth, Eatonville FD Mitch Sagers, WPFR

Lloyd Christianson, WPFR Paul Tinsley, WPFR

Jim Sharp, WPFR Eric Norton, WPFR

Dan Rankin, WPFR Gary McVay, WPFR

John Burgess, GHFMO Steve Nixon, GHFMO

Eric Waters, GHFMO Bill Jarmon, GHFMO

Scott Casebolt, GHFMO Tom Sutich, GHFMO

Doug Willis, CPFR Keith Wright, CPFR

Bryan Pearson, CPFR Pat Donovan, CPFR

Judy Murphy, CPFR Cliff McCollum, PCFD #13

Guy Allen, PCFD #16 Bob Vellias, SPFR

Zane Gibson, PCFD #18 Reggie Romines, GFR

Ryan Baskett, GFR Kathy Hale, GFR

Todd Jensen, GFR Tom Mason, GFR

Garry Olson PCFD #23 Jay Wiggins, PCFD #27

Jody Woodcock, PCDEM Warner Webb, PCFPB

Denise Menge, Recorder

1. **Flag Salute**

Reggie Romines led the flag salute and turned the floor over to Ryan Baskett who will be the next Fire Chief for Graham Fire & Rescue to welcome everyone.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the January 3, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Kathy Hale presented the Treasurer’s Report. It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Correspondence**

No correspondence.

1. **Guest Speaker**

VP Keith Wright introduced Robert Ferrell from the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau. Mr. Ferrell went through a powerpoint presentation pointing out upcoming changes with the Class Grading Schedule. Handouts were distributed – WSRB Community Protection Class Grading Schedule 2013.

There are four (4) main parts that are evaluated:

What is Evaluated Current New

1. Water Supplies 39% 35%
2. Fire Department 39% 40%
3. Emergency Communications 9% 9%
4. Fire Safety Control 13% 16%

The new schedule is being filed with WA OIC and will start using the new schedule June 1, 2013. Education seminars will be held at the WFC Annual Conference in Yakima on Tuesday May 21st.

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1. **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

1. **New Business**

No new business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Roger Edington will be taking Jeff Jensen’s place on this committee.

1. **Emergency Management Committee**

Guy Allen thanked Bob Hudspeth (Zone 6 Coordinator), Gary McVay (Resource Coordinator Alternate) and Bill Hash (alternate) for filling vacancies. And for Zone 8 – Eric Watson and Faith Miller.

1. **Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee**

Mitch Sagers reported they will be meeting next Thursday and continue to move forward.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

1. **EMS**

Judy Murphy distributed a handout showing the Pierce County Hospitals % Time on ED Medical Divert 2004 – 2012. In 2004 the overall % was 18.33% and in 2012 it was 0.90%. The question was asked if they need to continue to meet and the answer is yes. They can work on mental health issues and frequent utilizers, etc.

Changes in healthcare policy development is being worked on, they meet again in March. There are new HIPAA changes and policies will need to be revised and be in effect by September.

A reminder that the PC EMS Office handles agency relicensing every 2 years and are involved in quality efforts within the community. They meet the last week of every other month, contact Judy if you’d like more information.

16A**. MetroTraining**

Tom Mason reported the last Metro drill was held in Orting coordinated by Lt. Hash and the topic was Firefighter Survival. There will be a big exercise held on May 9th and they are still locating a place to have it. Also, a water rescue exercise will be held on May 16th. Bryan Pearson reported the March Metro drill will be live fire at CPFR. The State Training Officers have a conference in Yakima later this month. L & I will be giving a presentation on the new standard along with a question and answer session. The Training Center master plan is still being worked on. Now is the time to give input. There was an accidental fire in the burn building which completely destroyed the search and rescue prop.

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

Gary McVay reported there is still some 2011 grant monies available.

16C**. Training – TEW Equipment**

Mitch Sagers had no report.

1. **Fire and Life Safety**

Eric Waters reported they will be meeting on February 27th at 10:00 a.m. at WPFR Station 2-1 to kick off their efforts.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS:**

1. **South Sound 911**

Jim Sharp apologized for missing several meetings, he had conflicting meetings. Andrew Neiditz has been hired as the new Executive Director for SS911. Radio systems work is moving forward. The equipment will start rolling out eventually. The radios were just executed in November and are now in design review. They are working with the city of Puyallup regarding collaboration of radio systems, etc. A combined operations meeting is scheduled for the second Friday at Station 2-0. More information is available on the website.

1. **Department of Emergency Management**

Jody Woodcock reported they are still waiting on grant guidance.

1. **Pierce County EMS**

No representative present.

1. **Fire Marshal**

Warner Webb distributed a handout listing the chapters of the International Fire Code and showing which chapters will be left alone (13), ones needing to be rewritten (8) and chapters to be removed (8).

1. **State Chiefs**

Keith Wright reported the legislative is in session now. If you see an email request come out for support, etc. please consider going. Legislative Day is February 20th, he encouraged everyone to sign up and attend. State Chiefs will be putting out talking points. The March Board meeting will be held at Gig Harbor.

1. **King County Fire Chiefs**

Dave Crossen has retired.

1. **PS Clean Air Agency**

No representative present.

1. **PC Fire Commissioners**

Commissioner Jarmon reported all is well. Chairman Scott Casebolt is here. Scott reported at the last Commissioners meeting a letter was presented regarding concern on the make-up of the SS911 Policy Board and he has been asked to petition the SS911 Policy Board for equal representation from Fire Agencies and Law Enforcement.

1. **Dept. of Natural Resources**

No representative present.

1. **Good of the Order**

Garry Olson reported he attend the Lewis County Association meeting and it was reported there that DNR is experiencing staffing cuts. Red card needs to have NFRS 100, 200 and 700 and management spots will need 300 and 400 as well.

Ryan Baskett reported the Tac Ops Manual Update Committee started working this last summer. They are looking at restructuring it all together and reformat it into 4 different sections – Fire Ops/Interoperability, Emergency Ops, Special Ops, and Common Response Guides. The goal is to have policies done to be reviewed by the end of the year.

Keith Wright reported the Executive Board discussed county collaboration efforts. A Fire Chiefs forum is going to be put together to get buy in from everyone for this kind of work.

Doug Willis stated before the election, Billie O’Brien and Mike Lonergan had both agreed on monthly updates. Jim Duggan, TFD FC had stated he was going to wait until the first week or two of February before contacting and requesting this information, to give Mr. Lonergan a chance to get settled, etc.

Mitch Sagers asked Garry Olson how Bill Tylor is doing. Gary reported that Bill is improving. As of July 13th he is a partial quadriplegic. There has not been much improvement from the waist down, however he is able to use a cell phone and put a seat belt on with help. A ramp has been completed at his house and his morale is good.

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 March 7, 2013 at PC EOC.*