**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 4, 2013**

1. **Call to Order**

President John McDonald called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at the East Pierce Fire & Rescue, Station 11 located at 18421 Veterans Memorial Drive, Bonney Lake, WA. The following were present:

Jim Sharp, WPFR Mitch Sagers, WPFR

Karl Roth, WPFR Dan Rankin, WPFR

John Burgess, GHFMO Eric Watson, GHFMO

Steve Nixon, GHFMO Bill Jarmin, GHFMO

Scott Casebolt, GHFMO Keith Wright, CPFR

Tim Pierce, CPFR Brian Caldier, CPFR

Judy Murphy, CPFR Tom Lique, PCFD #16

Guy Allen, PCFD #16 Claudia Jones, PCFD #16

Bob Vellias, SPFR Zane Gibson, PCFD #18

Reggie Romines, GFR Ryan Baskett, GFR

Jerry Thorson, EPFR John McDonald, EPFR

Jeff Moore, EPFR Rick Kuss, EPFR

Doug Walker, EPFR Garry Olson PCFD #23

Warner Webb, PCFPB Dic Gribbon, PSCAA

Stephen Finley, ARC Janice Pacific, DNR

Denise Menge, Recorder

1. **Flag Salute**

Jerry Thorson led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to EPFR. They have purchased property nearby. They have an annexation with Milton on the ballot later this month. He introduced BC Walker.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Jim Sharp and seconded by Steve Nixon to approve the March 7, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

President McDonald reported Treasurer Kathy Hale was unable to attend the meeting and had emailed him the Treasurer’s Report (copy distributed and attached for reference). The beginning account balance was $9,838.53 and ending balance of $8,867.56 with $7,757.69 in the EMS account for a grand total of $16,625.25. It was moved by Bob Vellias and seconded by John Burgess to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Correspondence**

None.

1. **Guest Speaker**

Vice President Wright introduced Stephen Finley with the American Red Cross. Stephen has worked for the American Red Cross for the last fifteen (15) years, with the last four (4) years being in the Tacoma area. He would like to increase communications with the Fire Districts. He distributed his business cards as well as Disaster Services cards that can be given out to clients. The Disaster Services card has their 24 hour number on it. They have Disaster Action Teams the respond which are made up of mental health professionals, chaplains, etc. They assist with the immediate needs and are a great help with getting clients/victims in touch with community resources available to assist them with their needs. They are there as a resource and an advocate for the client. This is a service that is free of charge. He would like to have a liaison to open up communications, etc. They can also provide information for newsletters that go out, open houses, etc. Tom Lique asked if there was a list of screening type questions or something that references the kinds of services available that could be used on calls, etc. It was asked what the response time was. Stephen stated it depends as the responders are volunteers. They try to get there within two (2) hours and aim to get there within one (1) hour. Jerry Thorson thanked Stephen for the service they provide. Stephen stated he will pass that along to the volunteers.

1. **Unfinished Business**

President McDonald stated that he has asked Russ McCallion to give an update on the changes in Healthcare nationally and locally and any changes that have happened since he had spoke to the Association last September. He is going to try to have a representative at the Commissioners Association meeting to give an update as well. Russ McCallion reported the MSO’s are meeting and working on this issue. An organization recently opened up and he reached out and called the Chief Executive Officer to set up a meeting to make sure Pierce County Fire Agencies are represented, etc. He was the first one to have made contact with him and he is open and wanting to meet to discuss this. It is an accountable care agency and we would like to see what we can do to work together with them, etc. No private companies had reached out to them yet, so we were the first EMS to contact them. The meeting will probably take place in May as the company is still setting up their offices, etc. Russ will be talking at the Commissioners conference in June in Chelan regarding the implications of the impacts of this healthcare reform in the next decade.

Russ McCallion informed everyone of a conference that is held once a year – Pinnacle 2013 Conference is being held on Amilia Island in Florida in August. In attendance are 500 to 1,000 EMS leaders and it is not a clinical conference. It focuses on how to prepare for the future and the audience is typically 80% non-fire related. He would like to advocate that departments help to support and get some people to this conference this year. Russ will get the link for the conference information to Denise to send out to the email group. MedStar EMS out of Texas has deliberately changed their name to MedStar Mobile Health Services.

President McDonald stated this issue will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting and look at proposing the Association partner with agencies to help with the cost to getting people to the Pinnacle 2013 Conference. He might also reach out to the Commissioners Association to see if they would be willing to help out as well.

Scott Casebolt asked about Faulk Ambulance. Russ stated they are working BLS in Pierce King and Snohomish Counties mostly doing inter-facility work. They are working towards becoming an ALS provider in Pierce County. Judy Murphy stated that it might be possible for them to work in underserved areas in the county and DuPont is currently underserved. They are growing rapidly, however, they have not bought out AMR as has been going around. The former AMR President was hired by Faulk. Russ McCallion stated we need to present a united front on how we position ourselves for the future.

1. **New Business**

Nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Audit Committee**

President McDonald reported that the Audit Committee members have retired and we are actively seeking new committee members. If anyone is interested and willing to serve on this committee, please email him and let him know.

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

No representative present.

1. **Emergency Management Committee**

Guy Allen reported they are meeting monthly and working on changes and updating the resource document. They are hoping to have the changes and updates done by June. Also, in looking over the overhead teams they noticed several of the individuals listed have retired. Please email Guy Allen if you are interested in serving on an Overhead team.

1. **Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee**

Gary Franz reported they are meeting regularly to put together the process for Pierce County Fire Districts to receive impact fees. Copies of the Joint Resolution and Level of Service Standards were distributed (copies attached). The standard of cover and levels of service does not identify for any one fire department what their level of service standards will be, instead, it is a single standard to present and is based on CPSC which is a nationally adopted standard and includes a benchmark and baseline. Growth management only recognizes and accepts particular terms urban and rural and that is why they have used Rural 1 and Rural 2. Rural 1 refers to suburban areas, whereas Rural 2 refers to rural areas. Discussion followed. The committee meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at WPFR Station 31 from 9:00 to around 12:00. This months’ meeting has been moved to the 25th. President McDonald stated it is being looked at to see how this fits with the policy that was adopted for the annual 5233 reporting to make sure they are not conflicting. This will be taken to the Executive Board meeting on the 16th and discussed to make a recommendation at the May meeting.

Gary Franz stated the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) is the most critical element for Fire Districts to be a part of. All must have a completed CFP or order to be able to participate and get impact fees. The committee is currently working with OVFR to put their plan together and come up with a template for other departments to use. See attachment – this has the elements needed for the CFP. The highlighted areas are agency specific information – you will need to remove this information and replace it with your agency specific information in the same format. This will need to be done by the end of this year. Warner Webb stated that this is a living document that has to be updated from time to time. Gary Franz stated the next body of work will be building the matrix for the actual billing.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

1. **EMS**

Judy Murphy reported there will be an exercise on May 9th at the fairgrounds on Response to Violence and working with Law Enforcement. They will be emphasizing a couple of things – there will be a focus on command staff as well as learning how to go in and extract patients. Registration is limited, contact Michelle Grecco at Graham Fire & Rescue to register. They were able to get $35,000.00 through DEM grant money for the training and the Joint Task Force met with Congressman Dave Reichert regarding grant opportunities available for Law Enforcement specific training, etc.

At the last EMS meetings the MSO from JBLM talked about Federal furloughs at the Joint Base that will be starting in early May. Madigan has been backed up to July for furloughs to begin. They may be browning out up to two (2) engines per day as well as all response to I-5 and drop DuPont coverage. The furlough consists of fourteen (14) days per non uniformed employee at the Base this summer, July through September.

Judy Murphy reported there is a desperate need to update the plans with the Health Department regarding medication distribution, mass immunizations, vaccinations, etc. Also the list of contacts needs to be updated, as like with the resource manual, many individuals have retired.

**16 A. MetroTraining**

No representative present.

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

No representative present.

**16 C. Training – TEW Equipment**

Mitch Sagers stated he had nothing to report.

1. **Fire and Life Safety**

No report.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS:**

1. **South Sound 911**

Jim Sharp reported a lot of things have been happening and things are moving forward. Andrew Neiditz is the Executive Director. The 700 Radio project is moving forward and three brand new sites are getting ready to break ground. The PSAP consultant is working on a needs assessment and facilities study. April 18th Motorola is hosting a Bring the Noise event that will be held at Tacoma FDs Training Center. This will give everyone a chance to see the radios and have some hands on with them, etc. He will send the flier to Denise to forward out to everyone via email. You do not need to register for this event.

1. **Department of Emergency Management**

No representative present.

1. **Pierce County EMS**

No representative present.

1. **Fire Marshal**

Warner Webb stated code adoptions are being discussed. The State Fire Marshals have formed a committee to look at SCBA requirements vertical standards.

1. **State Chiefs**

Keith Wright reported the all risk mobilization is still moving forward. The EMS cap increase is now dead, as well as the wildland ready set go. Public Records is being watched. A Joint Oregon/Washington Expo is being looked into. Conference is May 20-24.

1. **King County Fire Chiefs**

No representative present.

1. **PS Clean Air Agency**

Dic Gribbon asked if anyone needed any assistance with maps. Let him know if you need any help and they will get what you need. Also, does anyone have any ideas for violations or civil penalties?

1. **PC Fire Commissioners**

Dan Rankin reported their last meeting was held at the PC EOC last Thursday evening and Ken Parrish gave a presentation on the EOC. They are interviewing for Steve Bailey’s replacement. The next meeting will be held at CPFR, Station 61 on April 25th. Scott Casebolt reported he will be starting as Fire Chief in Tangent, OR on June 1st.

1. **Dept. of Natural Resources**

Janice Pacific reminded everyone to get their red card information turned in.

1. **Good of the Order**

Garry Olson reported BC Tylor after an accident last summer was declared a quadriplegic. He continues to make improvements.

Keith Wright asked if anyone has any ideas for speakers for meetings, please let him know. Also, he will send out an email once he receives preliminary AV information from Lonergan. Please remember that these are very preliminary numbers and will most likely change for either the better or worse. There are 18 appraisal counties and they are only done with three of them so far.

Keith Wright introduced the latest addition to his management staff, Brian Caldier, Assistant Chief of Logistics.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Denise Menge

Recording Secretary

*The next Regular Meeting will be May 2, 2013 at Buckley Fire Department.*