**Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 3, 2013**

1. **Call to Order**

President McDonald called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. at Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One located at 10222 Bujacich Rd. NW, Gig Harbor, WA. The following were present:

Pat McElligott TFD Jim Sharp, WPFR

Mitch Sagers, WPFR Paul Tinsley, WPFR

Lloyd Christianson, WPFR Karl Roth, WPFR

Stephen Murphy, WPFR Dan Rankin, WPFR

John Burgess, GHFMO Tom Sutich, GHFMO

Keith Wright, CPFR Pat Donovan, CPFR

Judy Murphy, CPFR Ed Hrivnak, CPFR

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

Claudia Jones, PCFD #16 Bob Vellias, SPFR

Sam Yount, SPFR Eric Skogen, SPFR

Zane Gibson, PCFD #18 Ryan Baskett, GFR

Todd Jensen, GFR John McDonald, EPFR

Russ McCallion, EPFR Ed Goodlet, EPFR

Jeff Moore, EPFR Garry Olson, PCFD #23

Warner Webb, PCFPB Dic Gribbon, PSCAA

Russ Kaleiwahea, West Thurston Mel Low, East Olympia

Bryan Vancamp, Thurston CFD 8 Greg Wright, City of Olympia

John Carpenter, Tumwater Fire

Denise Menge, Recorder

1. **Flag Salute**

John Burgess welcomed everyone to Gig Harbor. They have a 2.4% increase in AV and are in the testing process to replace a couple of Paramedic positions which were lost due to the recession. They are down a total of seven (7) positions. The applications closed yesterday and they hope to have them start on January 1st.

President McDonald welcomed those attending today’s meeting from Thurston County. Hopefully the information they receive today will be helpful.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the September 5, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Ryan Baskett presented the Treasurer’s Report: Beginning Balance of $7,217.55, ending balance of $6,173.25. The EMS account has a balance of $8,257.00. The Pinnacle Conference funding has a balance of $350.18 for a grand total account balance of $14,780.43. John Burgess moved and Pat Donovan seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Correspondence**

None.

The 2014 Meeting Schedule sign-up sheet was distributed.

1. **Guest Speaker**

Judy Murphy reported that seven (7) people attended the EMS Pinnacle Conference in Florida in August thanks to the support of this Association along with the Fire Commissioners Association and PCDEM. They attended and gave a presentation at the last Fire Commissioners Association meeting. She introduced Stephen Murphy who presented a powerpoint presentation over what they learned at the conference. Please see copy of powerpoint presentation attached. Discussion followed the presentation. President McDonald thanked the conference attendees for the presentation and information. He encouraged the Chiefs to engage their people to be involved and stay informed on this on an on-going basis. We need to be prepared for the changes that are coming. He appreciates all the work this group has done and will continue to do on this. Russ McCallion stated as he receives information would it be okay to send it out to the group? President McDonald asked him to forward the information to Denise and she’ll forward it out to the group. The powerpoint presentation will also be posted to the website.

1. **Unfinished Business**

President McDonald reported the Tacoma Pierce County Chaplaincy benefit dinner is this evening and he still has one (1) ticket available. Please let him know if you want to attend.

1. **New Business**

No new business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Todd Jensen reported the price has not been locked down yet for this year. It will most likely be increased by a dollar or two. The banquet will be held at the same location as last year.

1. **Nominations Committee**

John Burgess reported an email was sent out and no nominations have been received as of yet. President McDonald reported there is one (1) vacant position available. The slate of officers will be voted on at next months’ meeting and is currently the following:

President Keith Wright

Vice President Mitch Sagers

Trustee 1 Bob Vellias

Trustee 2 Eric Watson

Secretary <Vacant>

Treasurer Ryan Baskett

1. **UASI Committee**

Jeff Jensen reported they meet next month. There is two million dollars on the table for Fire and EMS equipment. The plan is to review the package from last year to see what remains.

1. **Emergency Management Committee**

No report.

1. **Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee**

No report.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

1. **EMS**

No report.

**16 A. Metro Training**

No representative present.

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

No representative present.

**16 C. Training – TEW Equipment**

Mitch Sagers reported they are re-opening additional funds, the email has been forwarded out.

1. **Fire and Life Safety**

Ed Hrivnak reported they met last week. On October 23rd the Sheriff’s report is filming to promote residential knox boxes. They are also working with Warner Webb regarding common sense test for developments, etc. A burn complaint pilot program is being worked on with Dic Gribbon with PSCAA. Tacoma FD is having a CPR Sunday which is a big annual event they have.

**OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS:**

1. **South Sound 911**

Jim Sharp reported things are moving along, the consultant has completed the facilities report and the Operations Board is reading the conceptual design.

1. **Department of Emergency Management**

No report.

1. **Pierce County EMS**

No representative.

1. **Fire Marshal**

Warner Webb reported Jody Woodcock is in Washington DC. There has been some growth in the Fire Marshal’s Office with building permits being up. A part-time fire protection engineer is being hired. They are meeting with IT next week for better reporting system for data and also working on scanning fire plans, etc.

1. **State Chiefs**

Keith Wright reported they are working on the L&I live fire training requirements to figure out exactly what the requirements are. The EVIP driver program is almost approved. There will be a Train-the-Trainer program. Legislative working on all risk definition. The EMS simple majority passed and they have filed with the Attorney General for an official opinion. The Volunteer Association has concerns with there being no presumptive language for them. The No Secrets Symposium will be held in Issaquah November 12, 13, 14. Mike Brown, Executive Director is retiring the end of the year.

1. **PS Clean Air Agency**

Dic Gribbon reported there has been some miscommunication with regards to smoke reduction zone for wood smoke and the hiring of inspectors. The positions hired are strictly for patrolling wood smoke during burn bans, no inspectors are being hired at this time.

1. **PC Fire Commissioners**

Dan Rankin reported their last meeting was September 26th Orting hosted the meeting at Buckley Fire Station. EMS Pinnacle Conference attendee’s were the program speaker same as today. There is no meeting this month due to the State Commissioners Conference in Pasco.

1. **Dept. of Natural Resources**

No representative.

1. **Good of the Order**

Vice President Wright reminded everyone it’s time to start thinking about nominations for the Annual Dan Packer award nomination.

Reminder to sign up for a meeting next year and return the sign-up sheet to Denise.

A PCSORT Policy meeting will be held in this room following the meeting.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Menge

Recording Secretary

*The next Regular Meeting will be November 7, 2013, hosted by Tacoma Fire Department at 2124 Marshall Ave.*

2014 Meeting Schedule:

**January 2, 2014**

February 6, 2014 Graham Fire & Rescue

**March 6, 2014**

April 3, 2014 East Pierce Fire & Rescue

May 1, 2014 Orting Valley Fire & Rescue

**June 5, 2014**

July 3, 2014 NO MEETING

**August 7, 2014**

September 4, 2014 Central Pierce Fire & Rescue

October 2, 2014 Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

November 6, 2014 West Pierce Fire & Rescue

December 4, 2014 NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET