



# PIERCE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION



Established 1985

## Meeting Minutes April 25, 2024

### 1. Call to Order

President Jim Sharp called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. remotely via Zoom and in person at South Sound 911 located at 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma. According to the Zoom attendee list (4) and sign in sheet (8), there were a total of 12 people in attendance.

President Sharp welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chief Thirkield and seconded by Chief Parkinson to approve the March 28, 2024; meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

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

See Treasurer's Report on the back side of the agenda. Chief Thirkield moved and Chief Morrow seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

### 4. Correspondence

A. N/A

### 5. Guest Speakers – N/A

### 6. Executive Board Report

President Sharp reported he was not at the meeting. Vice President Parkinson stated what was discussed at the Executive Board is on today's Agenda and will be covered throughout the meeting.

### 7. Committees and Workgroups

#### A. Audit Committee – Morrow / Parkinson

Chief Parkinson reported he finished his half. Has to get the paperwork to Chief Morrow to review.

#### B. PC Code Revision Workgroup – Morrow

Chief Morrow reported he doesn't have an update yet.

#### C. Radio Replacement System – Sharp / Morrow

Chief Morrow stated meeting today. Chief Parkinson stated where landed at E-Board was discussed. Should the focus be shifted to radio replacements. Chief Doan stated discussion on if its even in the right place at SS – they have no authority. Priorities have changed, technology has changed. Concerns with waffling or changing our position. Single system was top priority – if it can happen, can it happen in a timely fashion? It has already been 2 years and now stalled until new executive. Looking at

2027 or 2028. Meanwhile, technology continues to move forward. Radios are also a top priority – only second in hopes of single system happening. Other priorities coming up as well with PCSOC police side wanting an RMS system to be implemented. Discussion followed.

Chief Medford stated radio changes in King County took almost a decade to implement. Agrees with looking at the technology side versus the radio side might be a better option.

3 completely different conversations: Single System; Radios; Connectivity/LTE.

Radios with SS911 are more about funding.

Chief Morrow stated we should redefine our position statement of moving away from single system focus, radio funding and connectivity.

Priority is still a single system but done in a different way. Position statement on these 3 things. **ACTION:** President Sharp to draft for the Board to look at. Funding deadlines are coming up quickly.

PCFCA altering position around use of SS funds around support of single system due to current timeframe/delay. Discussion followed on switching priority on what the money is being spent on – feel that it should be radios.

Chief Morrow moved to present to SS911 through PSCOC to shift position from allocating funds from single system to allocating funds to radios as top priority. Chief Parkinson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **D. SS911 Call Processing Workgroup – Parkinson / Doan / Morrow**

Chief Parkinson reported met and Chief Morrow offered to write a letter. SS producing the data that is in alignment with what looking at for Echo set. Need to come up with some solutions. Start with awareness. Next step is communications with Director Grady.

Any benchmarking to look at other dispatch centers? How can we verify that its too long? What does it take to get to 90 seconds from 200+?

The first step is to define it, step two is measuring call processing and call answering, step 3 review – if happy done, if not then review and compare to others. What is goal and how do we get there? Need SS board to do that. In lieu of asking for an FTE Data Analyst, ask for the previous steps be done. **ACTION:** Chief Morrow to draft a letter.

#### **E. Ad Hoc Committee for FDSU User Group - Parkinson**

No update.

#### **F. State Chiefs / Western Chiefs – Doan**

Reported conference coming up.

#### **G. Banquet Committee – DORMANT - Tammy Lamb / AC Scott Adams**

## **8. Unfinished Business**

### **A. PC Executive Candidate Meeting**

Vice President Parkinson reported originally had said wait until candidate filing which is in May. Sooner to have discussions the better. Need to figure out what we want to talk to them about.

### **B. Master IL A and Addendums**

Chief Doan reported working on verifying what we have. Master ILA and addendums. Figure out which ones we want to keep and clean it up. Working with Eric Quinn.

### **C. Radio System Priorities Position**

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

## **9. New Business**

### **A. County-wide Burn Ban**

Vice President Parkinson stated Ken Rice had called him. Align with May 15<sup>th</sup> for a county-wide burn ban. PSCA has authority to enforce. Lewis County is handled by law enforcement. Discussion followed. Chief Medford suggested for better validity look at 10-hour fuel levels and have a set measure and once reaches a set level then call for a burn ban. The consensus was not to do an early burn ban.

## **10. Good of the Order**

Chief Wernet's last day in office will be June 28<sup>th</sup>. The board has started process to work with CPFR on administrative contract like doing with OVFR and GFR. In the preliminary process of that.

Chief Gillie apologized for the past few months' lack of attendance. PC Law Enforcement remembrance May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Bethany Baptist in Puyallup. Any knowledge of Fire representation/presence? Chief Morrow stated he thinks CPFR has vehicles attending. Will confirm and let know. Tacoma is attending, no rigs there though.

The May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting is cancelled due to the State Chiefs Conference.

## **11. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Ross  
Recording Secretary

### **2024 Meeting Schedule:**

May 23, 2024 –CANCELLED – State Chiefs Conference

June 27, 2024 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave

July 18, 2024 – 11:30 am Joint Meeting with Police Chiefs at Farm 12

July 25, 2024 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave

August 22, 2024 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave

September 26, 2024 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific

October 24, 2024 – CANCELLED – State Commissioners Conference

November 21, 2024 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday due to 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday being Thanksgiving)– Hybrid  
remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave  
December 5, 2024 – NO MEETING – AWARDS BANQUET