



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATIONS



Established 1985

Meeting Minutes August 22, 2024

1. Call to Order

President Jim Sharp called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. at SS911 located at 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma. According to the sign in sheet there were a total of 7 people in attendance.

President Sharp welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chief Gillie and seconded by Chief Medford to approve the July 25, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Treasurer's Report – Denise Ross

It was moved by Chief Gillie and seconded by Chief Doan to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Correspondence

Nothing at this time.

5. Guest Speakers – N/A

6. Executive Board Report

A. Annual Banquet Changes - President Sharp stated he has not heard anything. Denise reported that the PC Fire Commissioners Association at their last meeting had decided to move the Banquet to Saturday, January 11, 2025, location to be determined. President Sharp stated he had heard concern about the pricing for the Commissioners, etc. Let them figure out what will work for them.

7. Committees and Workgroups

A. Audit Committee – Morrow / Parkinson

Not present.

B. Radio Replacement/Single System Workgroup – Sharp / Morrow

President Sharp reported the executives of different systems are still talking and looking at. Heard a lot of words like explore, vet out and analyze. Don't see much happening anytime soon on this.

C. Radio Replacement Subcommittee – Medford / Thirkield / Sharp

President Sharp stated they are looking at different radios. Chief Medford stated they also talked about the Bravo roaming. Discussion followed. Tacoma is going out for radios and hoping others will go in with and receive the discount. Chief Doan asked if SS911 was buying the radios? President Sharp stated it has been a mixed message for years. If can't get single system done then use those funds to buy radios. Right

now there is no plan for SS to buy the radios. Discussion followed. SS bought radios initially and did not promise that radios would be purchased again. Money was set aside once Single System was made a priority and called radio replacement which is misleading. Sionna stated that Chief Wilsie is in charge of radio replacements. 2 different ages of radios and replacing them in stages.

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

Chief Doan stated in yesterday's SS Board Meeting handed out a document call answering performance at 15 seconds , x y axis, NFPA under 90 seconds. Information we are getting back is 3 minutes. Approving the data analyst position so letting this go at this time and work with the data analyst once they are hired. President Sharp stated the budget was approved yesterday and added a data analyst, funded by fire so it will be for fire. Will be nice to have someone to directly work with and able to produce information that is understandable and helpful. Hopefully the committee could talk to and/or have a say in the recruitment process. Chief Doan will reach out to Debbie Grady.

E. Ad Hoc Committee for FDSU User Group - Parkinson

Not present.

F. State Chiefs / Western Chiefs – Doan

Attended conference in Dallas. Board meeting and strategic planning. Jeff Johnson is stepping back. Bob Roper is taking over as interim. Western has more employees, contracts, etc. than the State Chiefs. A little bit of rebuilding and figuring out what we have and where we are going, and how we are going to do it. Annual Conference called Ignite at Red Rock Las Vegas. A lot going on.

State Chiefs he sits on the Board and elected as Western Chiefs representative. A lot of discussion on homeowners' insurance. Skyrocketing all over the nation. Some use ISO or WSRB, some use general area, zip code, - all use different metrics. 200-300% nationally. WSRB rerated Fox Island to a 9 from a 5 which is equivalent to not having a fire department. Washington State interoperability committee meeting on Monday. Meeting with Steve Wright today.

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

8. Unfinished Business

A. PC Executive Candidate Meeting

President Sharp reported the first meeting with Ryan Mellow is 2 weeks from today and then on the 10th meeting with Kelly Chambers. The last Executive Board was cancelled so don't have talking points put together yet. Will try to get the E-Board together virtually to discuss prior to the meeting with Ryan Mellow. Any topics or issues would like to see addressed, please email and let know. Areas and concerns with DEM and EMS Office, radios, lack of collaboration with Executives Office and SS911 – impacts us in a lot of ways. Any other issues to be on the radar to discuss and how to make better. Chief Doan stated we can tell war stories, etc. but at the end of the day what we really need is a partner at PCDEM to work with. Chief Sharp stated will pull the Executive Board together to refine what will be said and get talking points put together.

B. Master ILA and Addendums - Doan

Reported have a master list has been put together. When went to dissolve PCSORT/PCHIT found the county agreements for that and found the master ILA with 40-some addendums. Eric Quinn didn't have any, however, his dad did have them in a file. What is the legal process to dissolve or sunset them? Waiting for a response from Eric Quinn. Want to take all 42 to either re-affirm them and re-sign them, who is on what, consolidate, etc. Then look at the Mutual Aid Agreement.

C. Radio System Priorities Position

Chief Medford received a letter stating back dues owing. There are several agencies that have never paid it.

Chief Doan reported the McNeil Island tower is being moved to Fox Island. Have to go through rezoning process to move that tower.

D. County-wide Burn Ban

President Sharp stated there are still a couple departments he has not received information back from. Doesn't feel we are that far apart. Shouldn't be too hard to come up with a start and end date for when can burn. From there each local agency keeps their rules as they are on issuing permits, etc. Those that can burn, many defer to the PC Fire Marshal's for burn bans. President Sharp to reach out to the districts that have not responded yet. Needs input from those that have burning in their District – what steps need to be taken at each agency?

9. New Business

Nothing at this time.

10. Good of the Order

President Sharp welcomed Sionna. She is the Interim Fire Chief for Tacoma FD. She will be an internal candidate along with one of the Directors. Will probably be first quarter next year. City Manager and Mayor terms out next year as well. There is a lot going on.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Ross
Recording Secretary

2024 Meeting Schedule:

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

October 24, 2024 – CANCELLED – State Commissioners Conference

November 21, 2024 (3rd Thursday due to 4th Thursday being Thanksgiving)– Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave

December 5, 2024 – NO MEETING – AWARDS BANQUET – MOVED TO SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025 location TBD.