

**Pierce County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2015**

1. Call to Order

President Sagers called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs' Association meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One located at 10222 Bujacich Rd NW. According to the Sign-In Sheet (copy attached) there were a total of 28 in attendance.

2. Flag Salute

Chief Burgess led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to Gig Harbor. Things are going well here, may have noticed some guys and gals in suits out in the foyer as you came in, in the process of hiring some folks thanks to receiving a SAFR Grant. Also busy rewriting strategic plan, things are going well.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Cliff McCollum and seconded by Paul Tinsley to approve the September 3, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Vellias reported there has only been \$1,204.00 expended this year primarily due to not having the cost of lunches. Taken in about \$10,000.00 more than spent this year. Budget was distributed with the minutes. President Sagers stated according to the By Laws the budget has to be approved at the next meeting.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Unfinished Business

A. **Mutual Aid Agreements** – President Sagers just reminded those that haven't gotten theirs done yet, to please get those agreements signed and returned.

7. New Business

A. **2016 Meeting Sign Up** – Sheet is being passed around.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Overview:

8. Audit Committee - DORMANT

9. Banquet/Awards Committee

No representative present. December 3rd at Tacoma Golf and Country Club. Nomination Award Form will be sent out for the Dan Packer Memorial Chief of the Year Award. Also, please forward any retirements this last year to Denise so they can be recognized.

10. Nominations Committee

Keith Wright reported all of the current officers are interested in remaining in their positions. If anyone is interested in running for any of the positions, please let him know.

11. UASI Committee

No representative present. Jeff Jensen reported they have not met yet, will be meeting next Wednesday.

12. Emergency Management Committee

Guy Allen reported November 16th at 1:30 in the afternoon meeting to go over in region and in state experiences, etc.

13. Impact/Mitigation Fee Committee

Bob Vellias stated there is no report.

14. CISM COMMITTEE

No representative. President Sagers stated that someone is still needed to replace McIntyre who has stepped down.

DIVISION REPORTS - Overview:

15. EMS

No representative present.

16 A. Metro Training

Doug Walker reported a lot of Chief Officers respond mutual aid. Trying to identify good tabletop exercises for those type of incident calls. Not Type 3 yet, but at wits end on Type 4. Want to help with addressing these issues and concerns. They are looking at training on this in first quarter of 2016.

16 B. Training – TEW Training/Exercise

No representative present.

16 C. Training – TEW Equipment

No representative present.

17. Fire and Life Safety

Eric Waters reported they had a quarterly meeting. Chapter 17 C and B Code consolidation/revision is being worked on. Standard changes testified not in favor of existing road site geometric from 24 feet to 20 feet. Not in favor of making things narrower for access needs. Had a meeting that further explained why these changes are being proposed, etc. Private roadways and very narrowly defined. Based on additional information, potential of gaining some enforcement and long term maintenance abilities on these narrower roadways. As a package it will actually help us out. If approved, in the future, pieces would be in place to flag those parcels, etc. Next step is County Council Public Safety Committee work session

on October 13th. Unless directed otherwise, he will be supporting this. Discussion followed. Not applicable to brand new plats, strictly for existing developments.

In building communications and coverage areas. CPFR experienced issues in Frederickson corridor. Operating under 800 primarily, that area is 700 mghtz coverage. Ability to identify areas where we need better coverage. Or where operating on 700 system and not able to upgrade to the 800. As agencies, have to look at where we have communication needs and find ways to use to best advantage. Fire Inspector training, quite a few of us have future needs for fire inspectors. Committee would like to pursue PCFCA hosting or sponsoring fire inspector training. Will be putting together a proposal to the Executive Board for consideration.

18. Logistics

No representative present.

19. Operations

Steve Nixon reported they met a couple of weeks ago. Tac Ops manual still being worked on. Complicating factor with PCSORT Tech Rescue ops plan and FEMA says one thing, Fire does another, etc. Trying to be consistent. Another meeting is scheduled and will continue working on.

20. Volunteer Services

Bob Vellias reported on behalf of Eric – they will be meeting before next Chiefs meeting and focusing on centralized recruitment and academy throughout county versus each agency doing their own. Cadre of trainers that would move with the academy.

AFFILIATE AGENCY REPORTS

21. South Sound 911

Andrew Neiditz reported SS911 continues in its transition forward to meet mission which is to support all of you. As move forward on transition, ultimate goal of unified communications center, hoping site to be identified soon. Fire Service moved from Fife for Buckley, Carbonado, Green water and Crystal Mtn to Fire Comm - went very well. Organizationally significant changes in the last month – changed Deputy Director for Law Enforcement – Mark Mears will become effective later this month. Also established a change to 2 assistant director positions – based on systems not law enforcement or fire. New Assistant Director position for communication systems – radio systems, telephone systems, CAD, dispatch issues, etc. Very pleased to announce Tim Hannah to this position. Managed Puyallup Comm Center since 2009. Here this morning. Working hand in hand with Ken Sharp troubleshooting some of 700 implementation issues. Email yesterday response to letters some may have gotten from City of Tacoma regarding costs going up this coming year. SS911 is not a radio system owner, role thus far has been funding, not operating or owner. August ops and policy board meeting focus on where to go on radio system costs, charges, administration in the future, etc. SS911 ought to play a role and support the system owners. Decided to look at interim model for 2016 that would level the playing field for system charges, due away with competitive need, etc. Role in short term, potentially, explored and

recommendations made on how to do that, long term also explored and recommendations made. MOU between two major system owners this year to identify and agreement on finances for 2016. Regional voice for Fire and Police Chiefs. Goal is on behalf, get in the middle of and help get it done timely. Work in progress.

22. Department of Emergency Management

Lowell Porter not present.

23. Pierce County EMS

Norma Pancake not present.

24. Fire Marshal

Warner Webb reported DEM and EMS going through EMAP reaccreditation process. Lifted burn ban because DNR lifted. Invited to Council work session to talk about what to do with fireworks in Pierce County and legislation at the state level. More just fact finding. Presentation on damage done on July 4th – statistical data working on. Also what bans are out there, etc.

25. State Chiefs

Keith Wright reported they are working hard on next years' legislative session. Looking at big focus of funding for fire service to address 1% limit. As well as other ways to stabilize funding and looking at new ways to bring in funding. Also GEMT is still moving forward. Getting draft SPA, hope to have up and running by the end of next year at the latest.

26. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

Jessica Landkrohn reported she has outside fire brochures with her, also business card for contact information. Will be at Eye to Eye exposition. No further updates.

27. PC Fire Commissioners Association

Dan Rankin reported no meeting this month – at State Conference at Tulalip. Officers to be voted on in November. Concerned with North Bend Training Facility to get funding to keep it running.

28. Department of Natural Resources

Sean Kibbe reported was a wild season this year. Working internally, etc. with CPFR and other agencies to get resources out when needed even if don't have jurisdiction. Same with training. Looking into getting some better communication on their end. Always looking for feedback. Warner – fuel load reduction – Firewise program. McCollum – redcard process is a small window. After June is hard to get them processed as they are short staffed. Trying to ramp up earlier. Open house in spring. Part of problem is seasonal aren't ready to be hired earlier.

29. Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy

Frank Washburn not present.

30. Good of the Order

President Sagers welcomed Jack Andren back. Jack Andren stated he's glad to be back and pleased to be back with the organization.

One meeting in May for next year remaining.

31. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by:
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Recording Secretary

2015 Meeting Schedule:

Jan. 8, 2015 (1st is a Holiday) – General – Tacoma FD – 2124 Marshall Ave.

Feb. 5, 2015 – Business - Graham Fire & Rescue – 23014 70th Ave E

March 5, 2015 – General –Buckley Fire Department – 611 So. Division

April 2, 2015 – Business – Browns Point / Dash Point –

May 7, 2015 – General – Orting Valley Fire & Rescue – 401 Washington Ave SE

June 4, 2015 – Business – East Pierce Fire & Rescue – 18421 Veterans Memorial Dr.

July 2, 2015 – NO MEETING

Aug. 6, 2015 – NO MEETING

Sept. 3, 2015 – Business - CPFR hosting @ Puyallup Library 324 So Meridian

Oct. 1, 2015 – General – Gig Harbor – 10222 Bujacich Rd NW

Nov. 5, 2015 – Business – WPFR – 5000 Steilacoom Blvd.

Dec. 3, 2015 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET