

**Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2018**

**1. Call to Order**

President Backer called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at West Pierce Fire & Rescue Station 20 located at 10928 Pacific Hwy SW, Lakewood. According to the Sign-In Sheet there were a total of 33 people representing 16 Districts/Departments/Agencies in attendance.

**2. Flag Salute**

Chief Sagers led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to Lakewood.

President Backer thanked the departments for their assistance with a fire EPFR had at an independent living facility the day after Christmas – a total of 17 engines and 2 ladders comprised of 74 firefighters responded. Fortunate Milton PD initiated a mutual aid. Biggest thing was if it had happened a couple hours later, it would not have gone as good as it did, the time of day was a critical factor. Strike Team request was utilized and replaced entire Division Alpha, which really helped.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by John Burgess and seconded by Pat Donovan to approve the November 2, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Treasurer's Report – Denise Menge**

The Treasurer's Report was presented, see attached copy on the back side of the agenda. Beginning account balance of \$ 17,433.15, revenues total \$ 3,083.88 in banquet receipts and interest, expenses totaling \$ 4,320.38 for an ending balance of \$ 11,415.64 for the Chiefs. EMS beginning balance of \$ 10,489.11 with \$ 500.00 in revenues and \$ 0.00 in expenses for an ending balance of \$10,989.11. Training beginning balance of \$ 18,251.03 with \$ 0.00 in revenues and \$ 0.00 in expenses for an ending balance of \$ 18,251.03. The grand total account balance is \$ 40,655.78. It was moved by Chief Pat McElligott and seconded by Chief Guy Allen to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**5. Correspondence**

None.

**6. Unfinished Business**

Nothing at this time.

**7. New Business**

- A. Train Derailment / PC IMT. Pat Donovan reported a week before Christmas on December 18<sup>th</sup> we had the Amtrak incident. Part of IMT is working on putting together an After Action Report and any kind of meetings as a part of that. Multiple departments

are doing their own internal after action. It would be helpful to have a recommendation from PC Fire Chiefs to go ahead to have the PC IMT do an after action report as a total group to discuss, learn what happened and how it could have happened better. To get everyone interested in participating and involved to attend. Oversight Board of police and fire chief representatives as well as DEM. Response area itself there were questions regarding jurisdiction, etc. Mitch Sagers agreed it would be good to have all of the groups involved to participate to get a full understanding of how to better handle. 3 large jurisdictions involved. President Backer will ask PCDEM to initiate having a combined after action report done by the PC IMT. Tim Pierce is Chiefs representative – Gary McVay stated the E-Board is meeting next week.

### **AFFILIATE AGENCY REPORTS**

**8. South Sound 911 – Andrew Neiditz**

Not present.

**9. Department of Emergency Management – Lowell Porter**

Not present.

**10. Pierce County EMS – Norma Pancake**

Reported representing Dr. Waffle and thanked everyone for their response and assistance with Thurston County on the train derailment. Did a debrief with jurisdictions that responded EMS-wise and can do so protecting patient confidentiality. West Region EMS Conference in Ocean Shores March 23-24-25. Johnny Gage from Emergency will be the Keynote speaker.

**11. Fire Marshal – Warner Webb**

Nothing to report.

**12. State Chiefs – Keith Wright**

Not present.

**13. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency – Jessica Landkrohn**

Not present.

**14. PC Fire Commissioners Association – Dan Rankin**

Reported next meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup> at Gig Harbor at 7:00 pm. New Executive Board officers are:

President Margaret O’Harra-Buttz

Vice President Tom Sutich

Director 1 Rich Coleman

Director 2 Frank Grubaugh

Director 3 Keith Davies

Sargent of Arms Peter Allison

**15. Department of Natural Resources – Don Melton**

Not present.

**16. Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy – Preston Bhang**

Not present.

**17. BATES –**

Not present.

**NON SCHEDULED DIVISION REPORTS - Overview:**

President Backer stated after next month's meeting the E-Board would like to meet with all of the Division Chairs to discuss direction, expectations, etc.

**18. EMS – Jeff Moore**

Bill Barber from WPFR reported Jeff Moore is no longer the Chair. Bill Barber is the new Chair and Russ McCallion is Vice-Chair. They are beginning to work on updating the PM Airway Course.

**18 A. Metro Training – Jay Sumerlin**

Reported Woody Juarez is the new Chair. Not met with the Holidays, etc. Did do a major drill in DuPont previous to the train derailment. 4 story million square foot, 2 building office complex. Learned a lot about interoperability, search criteria differences, etc. A lot of good lessons learned to take forward for future training, etc. Continue to do that kind of thing. Offering up 3 more HazMat IC classes this year. A lot more coordination and large scale training. Still working on the Officer Academy ideas as well.

**18 B. Training – TEW Training/Exercise – Tom Mason/Gary McVay**

Gary McVay reported meeting next week. 2018 funding approved to offer more ICS 300 400 classes at Emergency Management.

**18 C. Training – TEW Equipment – Tony Judd**

Not present. Alan Predmore reported \$122,000.00 to go around and not much was received by Fire Districts, nothing against selection process, etc. CHI and MultiCare received much of the equipment grant monies, which is disappointing that went to them instead of Fire Districts.

**19. Fire and Life Safety – Eric Waters**

Reported met in November and started discussions on code changes. They will be meeting following today's meeting.

**20. Logistics – Steve Richards**

Not present.

**21. Operations – Ed Goodlet**

Not present.

**22. Volunteer Services – Eric Skogen**

Not present. Alan Predmore reported they just started a new academy.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - Overview:**

**23. UASI Committee – Pat McElligott**

Submitted equipment recommendations, meeting coming up on the 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss.

**24. Emergency Management Committee – Eric Watson**

Nothing to report.

**25. 700 mHz User Group Committee – John Burgess**

Reported a study done by a third party private group funded by SS911 with effort from CCN and Pierce County. One of Executive Dammeier's big pushes. Nothing else to report other than looking forward to hearing the results of the study. President Backer stated the meeting is open to anyone to attend.

**26. Banquet/Awards Committee – Steve Richards**

Not present. Pat McElligott stated it was a nice turnout. Good chance for all of the Chiefs and Commissioners to get together to bring spouses, etc. Would like to see more attend this coming year. Steve did a great job.

**27. Nominations Committee – Mitch Sagers - DORMANT**

**28. Budget & Finance Committee – Tony Judd**

Not present.

**29. Audit Committee – DORMANT - Predmore/Nixon**

**30. CISM COMMITTEE – DORMANT**

**31. Good of the Order**

Guy Allen introduced Bill Sawaya who is filling some huge shoes in their agency. In 2010 they pushed EMS and Training on BC's, which was supposed to be a 2 year short term plan. They are now able to bring it back to days Chief position and Bill Sawaya will be filling that position.

Pat Dale announced the Change Conference is happening again this year on February 21, 2018. Well attended last year, 3 national quality speakers. Flyer announcements to be coming out soon. 1 day conference.

**32. Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Submitted by:  
Denise Menge, Recording Secretary

**2018 Meeting Schedule:**

Jan. 4, 2018 – General – City of Buckley – 611 S. Division MOVED to WPFR Station 20 at 10928 Pacific Hwy SW, Lakewood  
Feb. 1, 2018 – Business – Graham Fire & Rescue – 23014 70<sup>th</sup> Ave E  
Mar. 1, 2018 – General – Tacoma  
Apr. 5, 2018 – Business – Browns Point/Dash Point - 4815 Wa Tau Ga Ave NE, Tacoma  
May 3, 2018 – General – East Pierce FR – Sta 118 – 10105 24<sup>th</sup> St. E. Edgewood  
Jun 7, 2018 – Business – Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One – 10105 Bujacich Rd NW  
Jul 5, 2018 – NO MEETING  
Aug. 2, 2018 – NO MEETING  
Sep. 6, 2018 – Business – Central Pierce FR –Sta. 60 17520 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave E, Tacoma  
Oct. 4, 2018 – General – PCDEM – 2501 So. 35<sup>th</sup> St., Tacoma  
Nov. 1, 2018 – Business – WPFR – Sta. 21 – 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW  
Dec. 6, 2018 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET