

**Pierce County Fire Chiefs' Association
Business Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2018**

1. Call to Order

President Bud Backer called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs' Association meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at East Pierce Fire & Rescue located at 10105 24th St. E., Edgewood, WA. According to the sign in sheet there were 14 Departments/Agencies represented by 30 attendees made up of Chiefs, Commissioners, Secretaries and/or visitors.

2. Flag Salute

Chief Backer led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to East Pierce Fire & Rescue. Pretty busy right now, couple weeks interviewing internally for vacant Assistant Chief position – Fire Marshal. Regular testing for lieutenants and captains next month. An email went out requesting assessors, appreciates anyone that can assist with that. Also posted internally for community paramedic to hopefully try to address rising call volume, posted externally for light duty mechanic position. New hires, 6 last night went through badging ceremony. 9 others came on board on Monday going to West Pierce Academy. A lot going on and a lot of moving parts generated excitement in the organization.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chief Burgess and seconded by Chief Donovan to approve the January 4, 2018 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 \$ 11,415.64, revenues total \$ 2,600.00 in Dues and December interest of \$0.35 and expenses totaling \$409.80 for an ending balance of \$ 13,606.19 for the Chiefs. EMS beginning balance of \$10,989.11 with \$500.00 in revenues and \$0.00 in expenses for an ending balance of \$11,489.11. Training beginning balance of \$ 18,251.03 with \$0.00 in revenues and \$57.00 in expenses for an ending balance of \$18,194.03. The grand total account balance is \$43,289.33. It was moved by Chief Predmore and seconded by Chief Allen to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Correspondence

Nothing at this time.

6. Guest Speaker – WFC Return to Work Program – Kris Alberti, Forum Consulting

Vice President Guy Allen introduced Kris Alberti with Washington State Fire Chiefs Association Return to Work Program. Worked with the Training Officers to develop Fire Service Safety Plan. See handouts distributed. Everything do for the Chiefs is to take big monumental project for Departments to save duplication of efforts.

Background as volunteer. Looked at injured firefighters return to work program. Dramatic rise in workers compensation rates. Looked at how to reduce and impact state-wide. Build a program that works for everyone. Built a guideline as it will vary for each department. Return to Work Guide overview. There will be a program at the Chiefs conference that will be more detailed. Forms are available on-line. Video presentation of program. Win-win for management and firefighters. The light duty work has to be meaningful for it to be beneficial. Many departments have a light duty program, however, not participating in this program and therefore not getting any reimbursement from the State. Can get up to \$10,000.00 per firefighter as well as reimbursement for equipment, etc. Job Analysis – Full Duty Firefighter/EMT or Paramedic. Also a Job Analysis for Light Duty. Overexertion injuries are seen a lot. Also have a shorter, one page form for light duty and return to work as well. Showed a couple of videos on Light Duty program and full duty return to work training program. Opened to the floor for questions. APF form to healthcare provider. Joyce distributed handout on a program that Department of L&I has. State Work and Preferred Worker programs can be used together. The Association members thanked Kris for her presentation.

7. Unfinished Business

A. IMT AAR – Derailment. President Backer reported a question to IMT, he turned the floor over to Chief Predmore. IMT taking on leadership role of comprehensive AAR. After executive board for IMT met and discussed, IMT feels not their role to lead the AAR due to all of the jurisdictions involved. Recommendation back to review and learn from is not a bad thing, but doesn't feel IMT should take on putting together a comprehensive AAR. President Backer asked if it would be possible to get a presentation at a future meeting on what was done, learned, etc. Chief Predmore stated IMT will be having training on post incident analysis of the incident. Once that is completed that could be shared. President Backer stated that would be good. Interested in hearing how our IMT merged in with command that was already on scene, etc. Discussion followed.

8. New Business

Nothing at this time.

DIVISION REPORTS - Detailed:

9. EMS – Bill Barber

Reported yesterday meetings – flu is here, less of an impact in Pierce County. Hospital Data Exchange program is working with hospitals and moving forward. PC ACH several MSO's on committees for this, moving slowly. Do have us in thread of different proposed projects for community paramedic type services.

10 A. Metro Training – Woody Juarez

Not present.

10 B. Training – TEW Training/Exercise – Tom Mason / Gary McVay

Gary McVay reported cancelled meeting due to post derailment and Deputy McCartney's memorial planning. Next meeting is next week. Encouraged submitting for training that is multi-jurisdictional. Developing long-term goal for training. Unrelated to TEW – February 21st The Change Conference. Encourage everyone to sign up and attend \$150.00 registration. Being held at McGavick Center. Local 726 and 1428 having a social hour following conference. Denise sent out the flyer last week.

10 C. Training – TEW Equipment – Tony Judd

Not present.

11. Fire and Life Safety – Eric Waters

Reported had a division meeting in January. Discussion on in building radio communications. Looked at testing with construction projects in the County not able to meet the current requirements. As look at 2018 model code it has been changed and mirrors what was used as design and acceptance criteria for radio systems. In the meantime trying to work with building owners and projects to help through the process. Had a request to group through Fire Marshal to add monitor fire alarms as part of County fire flow credit. Resoundingly said no, it does not do anything for us. Request was withdrawn. County Council hearing on community development for address change ordinance in December, not aware also a package of development changes presented which impacted residential resource and rural 5 zones, side yard set back changes. Drafted a letter to seek affirmation and support changes without mitigation. Sent to council, hearing was Monday, Chief Overby and self were there to testify on behalf of association. 10 amendments to, ultimately sounds like accepted which pulled back change in rural 5 zone. Move forward to full council later this month. Met with staffer and encouraged we need to be there to testify during final hearing. Great during committee process to be involved, paramount that county council hears from their local fire departments and how impacted. Asking that if important to all of us with unincorporated county in our jurisdiction, appropriate for us to present our case directly to the County Council in final hearing. Will keep everyone informed of the date. In looking at zoning maps, the rural single family and residential resource zones would impact East Pierce, Orting, Graham, Central Pierce and Gig Harbor. R5 is farther out affect South Pierce, Orting, Key Peninsula, etc.

12. Logistics – Steve Richards

Not present.

13. Operations – Ed Goodlet

Not present.

14. Volunteer Services – Eric Skogen

Reported at Buckley have regional fire recruit academy representing multiple agencies with 36 folks going on through June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Detailed:

15. **UASI Committee – Pat McElligott**
No report at this time, meeting next Wednesday.
16. **Emergency Management Committee – Eric Watson**
Reported the pre fire summer meeting May 17th at DEM more comprehensive, merging wildland portion and DEM portion. Also have Dan Smith there to talk about State Mob. EMAC mission in California, 60 days to turn paperwork around. That money is just starting to come out. If not signed an EMAC agreement, easy process, contact and can help out.
17. **700 MHz User Group Committee – John Burgess**
Reported hope by now someone from each agency has had a chance to look at the DeltaWorx study that was done last month. Encourage to read if haven't. Very good job of identifying concerns and made some very strong recommendations we have been fighting for and wanting. Be aware of and advocating for if in line with your position. Brief overview. Recommending we send a letter for support from the Association that communicates to City of Tacoma, County and SS911. Steve Nixon commented that CCN radio system maintenance not seen much of – something hoping to address with them as well? John Burgess suggested those concerns be forwarded to the committee to address. He also presented the study along with SS911 to the PC Fire Commissioners Association last Thursday. Discussion followed on E911 funds. Pat McElligott moved and Zane Gibson seconded motion to write a letter of support of DeltaWorx study. Jim Sharp suggested including someone in CCN letter goes to as well. Tom Sutich suggested a joint letter from Chiefs and Commissioners Association instead of two separate letters. MOTION CARRIED.

Steve Nixon as a group latch on to with component of study and E911 monies and diverting of funds, not specifically disallowed, ship has already sailed in some perspectives. No apparent oversight or authorization to divert funds how used. Important to distinguish a bunch of that money was diverted in how it was decided and where want to address. Discussion followed.
18. **Banquet/Awards Committee – DORMANT - Steve Richards**
19. **Nominations Committee – DORMANT - Pat McElligott/Bud Backer/John Burgess**
20. **Budget & Finance Committee – Tony Judd**
No report.
21. **Audit Committee – Alan Predmore / Steve Nixon**
Meeting following this meeting.
22. **CISM Committee – No Representative - DORMANT**

23. Good of the Order

President Backer stated the Executive Board would like to meet with the Division Chairs following the meeting.

Pat Donovan to all departments that participated with Deputy McCartney's memorial.

Mitch Sagers asked about the IMT AAR regarding possible liability or law suits coming forward. How does that work? Alan Predmore with regards to derailment, IMT Executive Board had some concerns with being authors to produce an AAR with recommendations of improvement, etc. each independent law suits with injuries, etc. could be called in not with claim of liability but testimonial witnesses on behalf of those making claims, etc. A big part of the consideration in declining to construct and author an AAR. Post Incident analysis vs AAR are very different requirements. Discussion followed. Not any clearer at the State level than the local level. Jim Sharp stated a PIA would be great to learn everything we can from it. Do a lot of training on this stuff, provides benefit for unique opportunity on a county-line next to Joint Base on a highway that brings in State Patrol. So much to be learned about all these different players involved from the get go. President Backer asked for a presentation at the PIA level from the IMT at the April meeting. Alan Predmore happy to help coordinate with Pat Donovan key people from agencies involved to present something in April, May or June.

24. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Menge
Recording Secretary

2018 Meeting Schedule:

Jan. 4, 2018 – General – City of Buckley – 611 S. Division MOVED to Lakewood, Sta. 2-0
Feb. 1, 2018 – Business – East Pierce FR – Sta. 118 – 10105 24th St. E. Edgewood
Mar. 1, 2018 – General – Tacoma Training Center – 2124 Marshall Ave. MOVED TO City of Buckley – 611 S. Division.
Apr. 5, 2018 – Business – Browns Point/Dash Point - 4815 Wa Tau Ga Ave NE, Tacoma
May 3, 2018 – General – Graham Fire & Rescue – 23014 70th Ave E
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 –Station 60 17520 22nd Ave E, Tacoma
Oct. 4, 2018 – General – PCDEM – 2501 So. 35th St., Tacoma
Nov. 1, 2018 – Business – WPFR – Sta. 21 – 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW
Dec. 6, 2018 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET