

**Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association
General Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2018**

1. Call to Order

President Backer called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at Buckley Fire Department located at 611 South Division. According to the Sign-In Sheet there were a total of 31 people representing 15 Districts/Departments/Agencies in attendance.

2. Flag Salute

Chief Predmore led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to Buckley. President Backer thanked for the hospitality. Busy November 20th anniversary as Fire Chief. Reflect back in 1997 to now. Department Facebook page they posted last week was their 125th birthday as a Fire Department. Fortunate all hand written minutes in 1893 are preserved in a book here. Have gone back and transcribed minutes electronically so can search, etc. Interesting to look back on how the Department organized, etc. Growing as a city, 5 different larger housing development rights now 80-180 homes each. Three of them already have the infrastructure in and building, 2 others this spring and summer. Significant growth in a short amount of time. Survey and Rating Bureau was here again earlier in February, will be finding out soon whether maintain 3 rating. Long-time employee, Al Long is retiring March 27, Captain's position, code enforcement, etc. Replacing with a full-time firefighter position and restructure job responsibilities. Bud asked if any history as to how came to name of Columbia Hose Company when first started. Alan stated unsure.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chief Sharp and seconded by Chief Allen to approve the February 1, 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 \$ 15,956.54 revenues total \$ 1,000.35 in dues and interest, expenses totaling \$ 400.00 for an ending balance of \$ 16,556.54 for the Chiefs. EMS beginning balance of \$ 11,489.11 with \$ 0.00 in revenues and \$ 0.00 in expenses for an ending balance of \$11,489.11. Training beginning balance of \$ 18,194.03 with \$ 1,000.00 in revenues and \$ 14,124.06 in expenses for an ending balance of \$ 5,069.97. The grand total account balance is \$ 33,115.62. It was moved by Chief Sharp and seconded by Chief Nixon to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Unfinished Business

President Backer reported on a new logo for Association thanks to Chief Sharp's agency for designing. Discussed at Executive Board meeting and selected a new logo.

7. New Business

A. Impacts of Development – President Backer reported this was discussed at the Executive Board meeting and a work group will need to be formed to keep up on SEPA and Development impact issues. This will be a two tiered process – lobbying group for political side and technical side helping Eric out with Fire and Life Safety group and would feed the political side the technical side information. Looking for volunteers to help out with this. EPFR effective today has an A/C / Fire Marshal that will be helping Eric Waters with this. Chuck King who was originally with Edgewood, has been promoted to this position. Please give some thought to this and send an email if willing to serve on this. FM Warner Webb stated it was important in 2010 or 2011, Pat McCarthy talked to the Chiefs and asked the Chiefs to wait on impact fees until the economy recovered. It would be a good time to ask that question now to the new County Executive. Right now running into with the Planning Department because they can't say the word without direction from their boss, etc. Important to bring current administration of County up to speed on this issue. Buy in from Executive so he can advise his staff accordingly, etc. Legitimizing Capital Facilities and Comp Plan, etc. Eric Waters stated need some changes in county legislation in order for these things to take place. Discussion followed. In place in State RCW's, just need local adoption, etc. MRSC website lists out by county what impact fees are out there. Can google impact fees that comply with RCW 82.02. PALS department has the ability to run reports as well to show what School Districts get for impact fees collections.

AFFILIATE AGENCY REPORTS

8. South Sound 911 – Andrew Neiditz

Ken Sharp reported a lot of big ticket and exciting issues going on. John gave a good brief to the County Commissioners. Governance with more autonomy in the works and discussions. Radio systems governance and what that looks like moving forward. Final version of report just came out this last month. Building is finally heading down the right path. Community meetings. 2 story and 3 story model being looked at 77,000 square foot building in total. Through programming stage and architects now putting on site location. Special meeting in 2 weeks to take action on next phase of architectural contract. Time line right now is hope to have ground breaking early next year and targeting middle of 2020 for completion. Asked Tim Hannah, Assistant Director for Communications – PC SS VHF overlay with Motorola, slow process. Paging tests lately. Good news, not a lot of additional equipment needed, which is a good thing. A few districts – Graham and Key Peninsula working with analog moving to digital. A couple of technical things need to work out. Some changes on US Digital working through. Coverage is looking really good, quality of communications improving. Testing and fine tuning going on right now. First Due size up, demo at South Kitsap. Looking to integrate that in to mobile plan so 1 screen to go to instead of 2. Mobile Responder is smart phone based application with CAD system. So can have tablet, Iphone, etc. 3 agencies on a pilot program on fire side. First meeting coming up. Looking at an automated system – ASAP to PSAP. Saves time on dispatchers, alarm companies, etc. Interface with system. Fire Districts that need off West Pierce network recently, worked with to do that. Net motion server that allows connectivity to CAD. Great

opportunity for those Districts. President Backer asked about EMD for dispatching for medical type stuff? Ken Sharp stated there is an EMD standing committee that is ongoing that meets monthly. Broad based look at it. A lot of anecdotal data and only takes it so far. Process is digging into the data. Product and application of it, etc. Integrated look of how things come in and gets out the door.

9. Department of Emergency Management – Lowell Porter

Not present.

10. Pierce County EMS – Norma Pancake

Not present.

11. Fire Marshal – Warner Webb

Reported an inquiry from other staff, etc. regarding school shootings. Research on any calls from school administrators, janitors, etc. Can't pull the pull alarm stations. Maybe move them to a different location, but not remove completely. Not dismantle entire system. Have to look at each school individually as some have sprinklers and some don't, etc. Some discussions to take place.

12. State Chiefs – Keith Wright

Not present.

13. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency – Jessica Landkrohn

Reported no major updates. Brining on some new inspectors, hiring 2 next week. Continue to send any outdoor burning questions or cases. Nixon stated like burn ban app. Will let communications division know.

14. PC Fire Commissioners Association – Dan Rankin

Reported next meeting is February meeting was cancelled due to snow and weather conditions. March 22nd at EPFR HQ station.

15. Department of Natural Resources – Don Melton

Not present.

16. Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy – Ben Harrison

Reported in process of reviewing the program. Any thoughts on Chaplaincy would love the opportunity to meet with to consider thoughts moving forward, etc.

17. BATES –

Not present. Commissioner Rankin stated not sure that the new Chief is aware of this meeting. Chief Piper is the new Director of the Academy.

NON SCHEDULED DIVISION REPORTS - Overview:

18. EMS – Bill Barber

Reported nothing to report, first meeting of the year is next month in April.

18 A. Metro Training – Woody Juarez

Not present.

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

Not present.

18 C. Training – TEW Equipment – Tony Judd

Not present.

19. Fire and Life Safety – Eric Waters

Reported last month, opportunity of he and Guy Overby to comment on changes of setbacks in single-family rural zones. Invited to a meeting with senior planners to further discuss. February 7th meeting was spirited and lively debate on why we feel the way we do on setbacks, etc. Right now, no change to any of the zones unless there is a floor amendment at the meeting. He and Pat Donovan plan to attend and will provide supporting testimony unless a floor amendment and then will adjust accordingly.

20. Logistics – Steve Richards

Not present.

21. Operations – Ed Goodlet

Not present. President Backer stated Ed is looking to have someone take over Chair position. May be time to have Tac Ops be reviewed again.

22. Volunteer Services – Eric Skogen

Reported no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Overview:

23. UASI Committee – Pat McElligott

Not present.

24. Emergency Management Committee – Eric Watson

Pre summer meeting held in conjunction with DEM May 17th. South Puget Sound conference call yesterday, some proposed changes in reimbursement for state mob. Working with South Sound to smooth the access to the fire resource plan. Had some delays of 20-25 minutes. DNR notice on annual south Puget Sound DNR meeting April 10th at Thurston County Fairgrounds. Will send to Denise to send out.

25. 700 mHz User Group Committee – John Burgess

Reported now waiting to see what happens from DeltaWrX study. Hopefully start seeing some action soon. President Backer stated last month a letter to be written in support of, was waiting for the final report to come out.

26. Banquet/Awards Committee – Steve Richards - DORMANT

27. Nominations Committee – Mitch Sagers - DORMANT

28. Budget & Finance Committee – Tony Judd

Not present.

29. Audit Committee – Predmore/Nixon

Chief Predmore stated everything looked good. The Association serves as the bank for the EMS funds and the Training funds. When going through, everything balances out and is there, but recommended some kind of policy for clear picture for fiduciary direction. President Backer discussed at Executive Board meeting regarding breaking out the different items for Chiefs, EMS and/or Training for tracking purposes on the check register ledger for better tracking.

30. CISM COMMITTEE – DORMANT

31. Good of the Order

Hallie McCurdy reported on the Complex Coordinated Terrorist (CCTA) regional grant opportunity to have input on GAP analysis. Planning group is working on policies and procedures, Training Committee is coming up with training, exercise committee, and public outreach committee. Anyone interested in getting involved, contact and she can put in contact with Amy Gillespie at King County DEM. Those that participate in workgroups get priority for reimbursement for training, etc. Jim Sharp looked at the grant last year and good opportunity for it to be in our area. One of problems is June will be scheduled out, beneficial to get an abbreviated presentation to have Amy in sooner to get a better grasp of what this opportunity entails and how we can be involved, etc. Hallie will contact Amy to invite to next meeting. Law Enforcement has twice as many representative there as Fire.

Alan Predmore stated there was a discussion at the last meeting regarding lessons learned following the train derailment. Fire Agencies that responded to that working on coming together to discuss. Reaching out to that group to see if they would comfortable putting together that presentation to bring to a future meeting or if not, would they provide a bullet list of lessons learned.

Commissioner Sutich asked if it would be possible to have a joint meeting in the evening so both Chiefs and Commissioners could attend and have Bruce Dammeier speak?

Steve Nixon reminded everyone of climbing Columbia Tower a week from Sunday. Chief Dale, Predmore, and self are participating and putting it out there for Leukemia and Lymphoma. Opportunity to support. Fundraising goes to the end of March.

32. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

