



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Established 1985

Joint Meeting with Police Chiefs Minutes August 15, 2019

1. Call to Order

Presidents Alan Predmore and Rodriguez called the Joint Pierce County Fire and Police Chiefs' Association meeting to order at 11:43 a.m. at Fircrest Golf & Country Club located at 1500 Regents Blvd. There was no sign up sheets, there were approximately 70 attendees made up of Chiefs, Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Military, Secretaries and/or visitors.

2. Flag Salute

Chief Predmore led the flag salute and welcomed everyone. It's been close to 15 years since we've had a joint association meeting. This is one of the things he wanted to conquer as President this year to bring both associations back together.

3. Introductions

Self introductions around the room.

4. Lunch

5. I-5 ReadyOp Program – Tony Leingang (WSDOT)

I5/Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) Corridor – JOG (Joint Operations Group)
Powerpoint presentation. Meets monthly, typically the first Wednesday of the month.

6. Pierce County Type III All Hazards IMT – Chief Scott Engle, Chief Alan Predmore and Assistant Chief John Unfred

Need to grow the team back up due to retirements. Powerpoint presentation by Scott Engle. Formed in 2003. 58 current members – 22 fire, 22 police and 9 other.

7. Emergency Evacuations – Chief Zane Gibson

Started process in 2013 when he got to go with NSGS to Columbia. Very similar area as Orting and had lost 23,000 people in a Lahar. In 2008 had another lahar and only lost 8 people. School district evacuations have been practiced the last 6 years. Started developing plans for evacuation and response. HB 1216 state mandated all schools in lahar zone have to do an annual evacuation drill. Will be coming to groups regarding automating response plans. 4 year plan, next 12 to 18 months have a table top drill and then have an actual drill. Puyallup, Sumner and Orting schools all evacuate on the same day.

8. Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) – Chief Rodriguez

Looking for level of interest and participation from the Fire Service for county-wide program. Will get his contact information to Chief Predmore to get out to everyone. tj.rodriguez@ci.steilacoom.wa.us.

9. Regional Radio Customer Service Workshop Report – Steve Taylor and Tim Lenk

Kevin Kearns, Director of Public Safety Consulting with IXP Corporation. Handout distributed (copy attached). Radio system owners working to align radio systems. Draft charter to be sent out. Meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month – next Wednesday, at 9 am at PCDEM in policy room. Encourage agencies to participate. Contact information: kkearns@ixpcorp.com, 206.79.1313.

10. CISM/Peer Support – Police, Fire & DEM Reps

A/C Adam Jackson gave a regional Peer Support team update. In 1991 CISM team and stopped in 2009. Been left up to Chaplains and individual teams. CPFR formed a team in 2017. Need to have a structured response program. Goal is to help you develop your own team and then when have a large incident, have a system in place to pull resources. Formed an oversight board, developed a program. Need from the Chiefs to commit to the program. Will be having Denise email out the documents. Please read through them. Policies and guidelines can be used to develop your own program and team. Need information back by September 30th. Have initial training classes scheduled in January, February and March. DEM is covering the cost of the initial training. Want to remove the obstacles and hurdles for agencies to start up their teams. Works very similar to other resources like IMT. Contact information will be in the email being sent out, please contact with any questions, concerns, etc. Would like to go live in April 2020.

11. Good of the Order

Interest in having a joint meeting again next year? Any ideas, suggestions for topics please get them to Fire Chief Predmore and/or Police Chief Rodriguez.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:25.

Submitted by:

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Radio System Alignment Goals: High Level Overview

- Gain and document a complete understanding of the technical characteristics and business/operational practices of each radio system owner.
- Identify opportunities to improve efficiencies by aligning their technical and business/operational processes.
- Identify opportunities to improve service levels and reduce costs by collaborating/partnering on system operation and maintenance, customer support and upgrade processes.
- Identify the needs and concerns of the user agencies by identifying specific initiatives and actions.

Progress to Date

- A 'deep dive' into the systems and operations of Tacoma and Pierce County/CCN has been completed and documented. An effort to integrate similar information for the Puyallup subsystem attached to Tacoma's system core is now underway.
- A series of 11 listening sessions with radio system users and dispatchers was conducted to gather their collective observations and input on all business, operational and technical issues they face.
- All listening session input has been compiled into a list of very specific actions and initiatives. These have been grouped into categories to help identify appropriate system owner and user agency resources needed to address them. For example:
 - *Radio Operations categories:* Issues related to how each system owner operates and maintains their systems. These categories will largely be addressed by the system owners.
 - *Field Operations categories:* Radio, template and dispatch operations issues that will require ongoing collaboration between system owners, user agencies, dispatch centers and eventually regional partners like the Public Safety Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) in King County.
 - *Training/Education categories:* Informational and educational items arising out of *Radio Operations* and *Field Operations* categorized will be addressed collaboratively as above.

The Need for User Engagement

- The goal is to address *all identified issues and initiatives*, including new ones that arise, through an ongoing consensus based, hands-on advisory group working collaboratively with the system owners.
- Achieving these goals will require collective commitment to an ongoing, organized process by both user agencies and system owners, rather than individual efforts by each.
- The proposed *Radio Communications Advisory Group* charter establishes this process and all user agencies are encouraged to engage in this effort. Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 21st at 9:00 am in the DEM Policy Room.
- Participation at each meeting *can* but does not *need* to be user agency Chiefs. Agencies are encouraged to consider primary participation by personnel in field operations leadership roles with first-hand information on the issues their agency personnel face in the field.

Questions & Answers