



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Established 1985

Business Meeting Minutes September 3, 2020

1. Call to Order

President John Burgess called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. remotely via Zoom. According to the roll call done, there were a total of 26 people in attendance. President Burgess welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chief Parkinson and seconded by Chief Backer to approve the June 4, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Treasurer's Report – Denise Menge

See Treasurer's Report on the backside of the Agenda. Chief Backer moved and Chief Olson seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Correspondence

Nothing at this time.

5. Guest Speaker – Conny Garcia, American Red Cross

President Burgess reported our guest speaker has been deployed and so is not here. Vice President Sharp will speak to us on South Sound 911 later in the meeting.

6. Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time.

7. New Business

A. Administration Division – Trustee Dan Bjurstrom

Chief Bjurstrom reported cost efficient objectives, recognize need to bring more personnel under umbrella of Chiefs Association such as HR, Finance, etc. Have reached out to a number of members. Have received a lot of support in concept. Suggests those members are looking for something like that. Will continue to work with forming a committee to find ways to advance objectives. At some point in time might make sense to move to a Division, but for now start out as a committee. President Burgess stated that is a great idea and look forward to hearing more on the work in this area.

B. Virtual Awards Banquet – President John Burgess

Reported we recognize individuals and swear in new officers. Working with partners with PC Fire Commissioners Association on what to do this year since not sure we'll be able to hold it in person. Would like to still have virtually via Zoom to still recognize people and have Attorney Quinn do the swearing in of Officers, etc. Opened to any comments. Chief

Backer agreed. Take silence as consent and will move forward with the Commissioners to make this happen.

C. SS911 Ops Chair Report – Vice President Jim Sharp

Not present yet.

DIVISION REPORTS - Detailed:

8. EMS – Matt Waltrip

Reported met over the summer and gave an update. PC OTEP plan, multi-jurisdiction working on a joint OTEP plan. Completed and submitted to PC County. CPFR went through process first. Captain Lookabaugh had told him that everything was adopted. Basically have a joint plan – looks the same. PC EMS supply bid moving to Boundtree in 2021 and all working on ILA. PC EMS Conference – shared 2020 Pediatric Conference flyer (attached). Will be held virtually. WATRAC update to a phone based app. PAM Course update has been worked on, a Medic Unit has been donated to the cause.

10 A. Metro Training – Woody Juarez

Not present.

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

Not present.

10 C. Training – TEW Equipment – Todd Magliocca /

Reported 2020 goals have been approved. Will get a report out once executive summary has been completed. Active Shooter regional vests have been approved. 15 vests received about 2 weeks ago, not deployed yet. Ordering 30 additional vest platforms for this area on MCI rig, CPFR, Tacoma and WPFR. CPFR had asked about getting vests from this contract for their BC's. Not sure that falls within parameters of contract. Trying to keep standardized. Money set aside, meeting with Natalie Stice, she has left PCDEM. Do not have to use Seattle platform, but have to be on an MCI rig. For UASI that is it for now.

11. Fire and Life Safety – Eric Waters

Not present. On deployment.

12. Logistics – Steve Richards

Not present.

13. Operations –

Not present. Chief Burgess stated he has not heard who the new Chairperson will be as Ed Goodlet retired.

14. Volunteer Services – Eric Skogen

Not present.

Chief Sharp apologized for being late. Big topic right now is finalizing budget for 2021 for SS911. Heavily sales tax funded, recommendation from committee is to no longer subsidize the radio system owners. About \$400,000 to Tacoma and \$600,000 to CCN for \$1 million total. None has come to fruition as initially planned. End subsidy and let radio

system owners address, puts SS in tough spot when not a radio owner and can't answer the questions, etc. Monkey in the middle and no benefit to them and didn't make financial sense to continue. Will be some winners and losers when shift costs. Fees from 31.50 to 36.00 per month, don't quote, not exactly sure on amounts. CCN rates will be going up as well, hasn't heard the amount. Dormant since subsidy went in place, needs some new membership to get that dialog started again with CCN. President Burgess stated 4 or 5 years ago part of that committee that helped negotiate some of this and what fee structure would look like, etc. Helpful to speak with one voice through the PC Fire Chiefs Association. True that some departments are looking at if it makes more sense to move to 800 system. Problem with that is if several leave, means greater financial burden to those that don't have the ability to move. Need to walk purposefully through this collectively. Vested interest that we all have that no one is taken advantage of in the process. Hope and desire that one day we have one radio system. Have offered up Eric Watson to work on this committee. If on 700 system and didn't get email please reach out to Zane or himself. Any questions or comments? Chief Wilsie, City of Tacoma, have actively been engaged with CCN, talks going better than they have before. Not sure if we are getting in silos re: 700 vs 800. One committee to talk about radios as a whole speaking about what the options are. Figure out how to address and consensus globally. Chief Olson reiterate what Alex saying, Co Chiefs have a radio committee that is engaged on longer term goal. Who is responsible party and what are business interest and keep separate from discussions on SS911. It's a confusing network. Bring clarity to issues – stress what Alex said strongly. 800 group has interest, not financial perspective but operationally. How cost derived, etc. Tacoma has a way that it's derived. Bring that to the table with the 700 side. Chief Backer makes sense to have a radio committee to help support idea of single system, etc. Chief Medford on Board meeting, listened on, one member talking about how tax money was going to fund radio issues and seems like a bait and switch. Money back and forth, a little confusing and seems like taxpayers are paying twice for the same system – taxpayers through sales tax and then fire districts with taxpayers money. Chief Sharp stated part of vision was a single radio system. SS911 has no control over radio system. Nothing to force or mandate the change. SS911 step aside and let users and radio system owners work it out. Jeff Jensen - E911 dollars and SS911 dollars are different. Single radio system is not going to be controlled by us, will be controlled by Motorola. There have been issues since inception. Discussion followed. Sharp way too far into to abandon. Talk about in forward thought process. Not about trying to fix what we have today, but what we will be doing in the future. Morrow – echo what Sharp stated, any energy to what's happened in past – 2 critical things – put to paper a position paper what expectations are moving forward so we set ourselves up with a strong position statement. 2nd – doing this together is spot on. 3rd – concern with conversations with 700 users and 800 – zero 800 system in his area. Appreciate the leadership behind this, want to be a part of a group with one voice. President Burgess agreed. Move 700 mHz Committee to a Radio Group Committee. Will speak to Zane about getting a co-chair from someone with 800 system and work together. Appreciates input from everyone on this. Backer – wise for this committee to reach out to LE for liaison or joint committee with them? Great idea.

Burgess Key issues tackling remember mechanism of charging and total cost of replacement model and business model and why costs were so vastly difference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Detailed:

15. **UASI Committee – Todd Magliocca**
Reported earlier. Nothing else to add.
16. **Emergency Management Committee – Eric Watson**
Reported we had a late start to the season. Eastern Washington has been calling in mutual aid which has decreased need for state mobilization. Using regional partners which seems to be working well. Several deployments – another team yesterday to Evans Canyon over 50,000 acres now. IMT couple people out on assignments. 3 Type 1 teams from California coming back. Some issues with CA schedule vs WA schedule for reimbursement.
17. **700 MHz User Group Committee – Zane Gibson**
Discussed earlier.
18. **Banquet/Awards Committee – Steve Richards**
Discussed under New Business.
19. **Nominations Committee – Backer / Gibson / Sharp**
Past-Past President Backer reported he has reached out to current office holders to gauge interest in continuing in their current position or running for a new position. He announced to the membership to contact him if they would like to run for any of the positions.

2021 Candidates as of 9/2/20

	CURRENTLY HELD BY (2020)	CANDIDATE for 2021
PRESIDENT	John Burges, Gig Harbor	Jim Sharp, WPFR
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VICE PRESIDENT	Jim Sharp, WPFR	
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TRUSTEE 1	Dan Bjurstrom, Gig Harbor	
TRUSTEE 1		
TRUSTEE 2	Norm Fiacchi, WPFR	
TRUSTEE 2		
TRUSTEE 3	Zane Gibson, OVFR	
TRUSTEE 3		
SEC/TRES	Denise Menge	Non voted
PAST PRESIDENT	Alan Predmore Retired.	John Burgess, Gig Harbor – non voted

Elections will take place at November meeting. If interested in a position please email or call. Good way to stay on top of information and be involved. 4th Trustee Position per By-Laws – selected by the Executive Board to provide when the immediate Past President is vacant. Will likely be needed next year. President Burgess is retiring April 1, 2021. Would be great to have some departments represented and good to have a mix on the Board. Please give some thought to stepping up and being on the Executive Board.

20. **Audit Committee - DORMANT – / Paul Stueve**

21. **CISM Committee – DORMANT –**

22. **Good of the Order**

President Burgess stated had formed a committee working on information gathering. Chief Morrow formed ad hoc committee – met with 4 (Watson, Stueve and John from EPFR) – about possibility on county-wide basis technology. History when did independently at TVFR was good, but really powerful when larger. Made more viable cost-wise. Working on putting together a presentation with Interra group. A lot going on, works nicely with RMS replacement process.

Chief Olson updated group on some of challenges having with regards to PC Planning and Centers and Corridors – ½ mile wide high density area in CPFR. In process for some time. Have to have a Capital Facility Plan to even talk about. Working with Fire Marshal, consensus on fire safety regulations in sub area plans. Both documents have been stalled and delayed. Challenged Planning why delaying, etc. Went before Planning Commission. Met with Master Builders Pierce in February. Came back and opposed. Not giving up yet. Challenges are great. May be a time to have Chiefs come forward to a County Council meeting to help with this. Would be beneficial. Warner has done a really good job in working together on this. Steady job in a very political environment.

23. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chief Olson moved and Chief Medford seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Menge
Recording Secretary

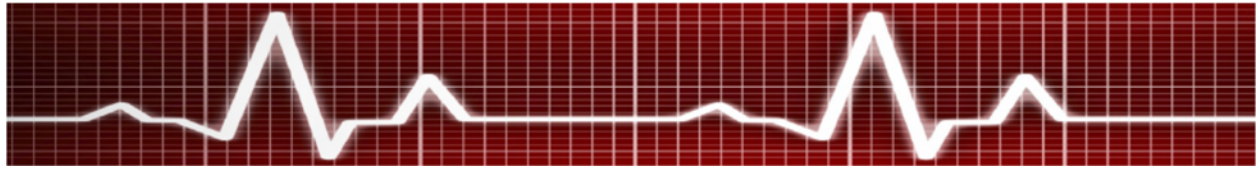
2020 Meeting Schedule:

Jan 2, 2020 – General – CANCELLED
Feb 6, 2020 – Business – Gig Harbor Fire – 10222 Bujacich Rd NW
Mar 5, 2020 – General – Buckley Fire – 611 S. Division St.
Apr 2, 2020 – Business – CANCELLED due to COVID19
May 7, 2020 - General – Remotely via Zoom
Jun 4, 2020 – Business – Remotely via Zoom
Jul 2, 2020 – NO MEETING
Aug 6, 2020 – NO MEETING
Aug ??, 2020 - Joint Meeting with Police Chiefs Association – ??
Sep 3, 2020 – Business – Remotely via Zoom

Oct 1, 2020 – General – Remotely via Zoom

Nov 5, 2020 – Business – Remotely via Zoom

Dec 3, 2020 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET – Remotely via Zoom



2020 Pierce County Pediatric EMS Conference

Date: Friday, October 2, 2020

Time: 0900-1300

Topics / Speakers:

- **COVID Update, Dr. Sakata**
(NW Healthcare Response Network, Sr. Med. Adv.)
- **Sepsis, Dr. Long** (MBH ED)
- **Anaphylaxis, Dr. Gravatt** (MBH ED)
- **Pediatric Airway, Dr. Warren** (MBH ED)
- **Pediatric Seizure, Dr. Flaskerud** (MBH ED)
- **Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury, Dr. Long** (MBH ED)

Location: Available to watch via YouTube link (see below).

Due to COVID-19, in person attendance will be limited to 10 people at CPFR Station 6-0. Also, it will be recorded for later viewing with details to follow.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/8Fg2bUUS0eo>

If you would like to receive credit for attending, ask questions or make comments via YouTube Chat, you will need to log in to a valid YouTube account.

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