



Business Meeting Minutes November 5, 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 31 people in attendance. President Burgess welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chief Sharp and seconded by Chief Wilsie to approve the October 1, 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 Sharp seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Correspondence

Nothing at this time.

5. Guest Speaker – Chief Zane Gibson – Lahar Response

Vice President Sharp turned the floor over to Chief Zane Gibson. Thanked Zane for his flexibility with being moved around as speaker this year. Zane shared his screen to present a powerpoint presentation. He's given this presentation across the region. In 2013 started in OVFR, selected to go to Columbia and came back with lessons learned on evacuations, etc. 1985 Columbia by a small lahar – they lost 23,000 people in that event. Looking at evacuating 10,000 people in 45 minutes in Orting. Taken approach of who gets hit/impacted first. Build plan from there. Working on a regional tabletop exercise and then a regional functional exercise. Everything has been put on hold with COVID. Working on trying to automate as much as possible.

Chief Backer stated would promote Ops to look at every time there is a HIRL. Chief Gibson stated that is on the to do list. Discussion followed. Thanked Zane for his presentation.

6. Unfinished Business

By-Laws Revision – President Burgess stated this is the second reading of this revision which is needed to allow us to have our elections today. Trustee Bjurstrom gave an overview of the revisions. Relatively minor changes. Chief Sharp stated for clarification for the dues update was already done and approved last year and formality of adding it. Chief Backer moved to approve the By-Laws Chief Sharp seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

7. New Business

A. 2021 Proposed Budget

President Burgess reported the Executive Board has reviewed it and it is identical to previous years' budget. Chief Backer moved to approve the 2021 budget as presented. Chief Parkinson seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

DIVISION REPORTS - Detailed:

8. EMS – Matt Waltrip

Reported Well Found is pushing back transporting patients to them until after the first of the year. The RRC next to Franklin Pierce High School is delayed due to construction.

9 A. Metro Training – Woody Juarez

Not present.

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

Not present.

9 C. Training – TEW Equipment – Todd Magliocca /

Not present.

10. Fire and Life Safety – Eric Waters

Reported 2018 model codes adoption pushed back to February 2021. Group including Chief Olson working with Fire Marshal's Office to add code amendments for limited setbacks. Draft of PC Fire Code Amendments available. Happy to send out through Denise for everyone to look at. Chief Olson regarding Planning side on setbacks and impacts. CPFR has been actively engaged for about a year and a half on centers and corridors – 90,000 people in ½ mile wide 20-mile long area. Vast majority in CPFR. Significant change to risk. Fire Code provisions essential for us – we are not an urban fire department, have suburban and rural areas also. Master Builders have tried to marginalize things brought forward. A lot of politics and turmoil with. Centers and Corridors is over for us – overall comp plan. Capital Facilities Plan and Impact Fee request. Looking at engaging with Master Builders next week to see what can negotiate to a successful issue. Fire Code issues are important as well. Going to a county-wide basis and going to need the support of the Pierce County Fire Chiefs. Comp Plan changes and Fire Code changes. Out maneuvered. Pursued strongly, because it's the right thing to be done and place the risk on the record. Still have this opportunity in Fire Code and Comp Plan initiatives. Have to make a decision of if this is important to us. Are these changes acceptable to us? Is that what you want in your community?

Chief Waters – next 6-8 weeks, draft fire code amendments will go before the Council, not before the Planning Commission this time. When that hearing occurs, important for all of us to stand and be heard. We need to have a presence. We need to stand united. Chief Olson stated the Planning Commission not being involved, set up for the Builders. Not going to the Planning Commission is to our advantage.

President Burgess requests as dates, times locations identified, please get them to Denise to get circulated to everyone. Any questions. Chief Backer for Chief Olson – apply to a different factor to those zones with the FBC? Chief Olson stated the FBC is complex that

way and obstacles to apply different rates to different zones. Takes care of operational need, but not to capital need. Minimum 26 units per acre, started out with unlimited heights. Discussion followed. FBC does adjust based on occupancy, but have to have a uniform process. President Burgess thanked both Chief Waters and Olson for their efforts on this.

11. **Logistics – Steve Richards**

Not present.

12. **Operations –**

Chief Todd Meyer filling in until a new Chair is selected. Chief Gibson had mentioned on HIRL updates. Pleased with some of collaboration going on with Operation Section Chiefs in the County. Hopefully by next meeting will have a new Chair.

13. **Volunteer Services – Eric Skogen**

Not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Detailed:

14. **UASI Committee – Todd Magliocca**

Not present.

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

Reported Fire Season slowing down and back working on Resource Plan. Setting up a meeting to work on updating. Want to push recommendation to Ops group to add a Lahar layer. Start working a replacement for him for next year also. ** add to E-Board.

16. **Radio Users Group Committee – Zane Gibson and Alex Wilsie**

Zane reported met to discuss what looks like and met with user group of 700 group. Short term issue and need power of everyone. Radio fees increasing in 2021 and don't know what 2022 will look like. Identify what short term fix is for 700 group. 2 layers to this, Jeff Axtel, self, Alex and Dustin Morrow from Key Peninsula to work on this. Chief Wilsie stated the group had a great meeting with short term and long term goals discussed. Committee is on the right track.

Jim Duggan reported CAD upgrade December 8th. Any questions or concerns, call. HIRL should expect windstorms, snowstorms and tech glitches, etc. On technical side own those that occurred this summer. Putting a report together for the Board in addition to UPS and generator doing now to minimize those impacts. New building in April or May. Welfare check policy initiated in spring of 2019 before his time there. Understanding based mostly on TFD and TPD had in place. A lot of concerns and complaints about how that gets implemented from Fire Comm. Essentially looking at body of work of 911 calls, who goes on those calls – Fire or LE? Important that we get those issues out on the table and look at, understand what the issues are, etc. What that means to deployment. Desire for format of Fire Ops committee to change, welcome that change. Thanks to Fire Ops Chiefs with good suggestions. Dustin Morrow to co-chair that meeting – prioritizing projects and making sure everyone understands what is going on at SS.

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

President Burgess stated we are doing an Awards Celebration virtually on Zoom on December 10th at 6:00 pm for about an hour with the PC Fire Commissioners Association to celebrate work done. A couple of awards to be given out. Would like to invite Andrew Nieditz to celebrate his retirement as well as the Dan Packer Chief of the Year Award. Second thing wish to do is swear in new Officers. Please put on your calendar and hope everyone attends.

18. **Nominations Committee – Backer / Gibson / Sharp**

An email was forwarded out yesterday with an updated report from the Election Committee. The list of candidates has not changed from the October meeting. Following is the current list of candidates for the Executive Board positions:

President:	Jim Sharp, WPFR
Vice President:	Zane Gibson, OVFR
Trustee 1:	Dan Bjurstrom, Gig Harbor
Trustee 2:	Norm Fiacchi, WPFR
Trustee 3:	Dustin Morrow, Key Peninsula

We have no contested positions. Opened to the floor for nominations before closing and voting on the slate of officers. Chief Backer asked for nominations from the floor 3 times. There were no nominations from the floor. Chief Backer moved to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Chief Parkinson seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. Congratulations to 2021 Officers.

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

20. **CISM Committee – DORMANT –**

21. **Good of the Order**

Chief Sharp with Zane as new Vice President, he will be taking over the speaker arrangements. Have a speaker for the January meeting. Any ideas for speakers, please get those to Zane.

Chief Burgess stated this is his last regular meeting. Thanked everyone as it's been an honor to do this. Specifically call out a group of people that helped right out at the start of COVID – Metro Chiefs group and a small department representative. Thankful to that group. Thanked Dan Olson for wisdom and Eric Waters for stepping up to EOC work, Meeting weekly when that hit. Thanked for all the work that has been done.

22. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, 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 – Virtual Awards Ceremony via Zoom on December 10th 6 pm

2021 Meeting Schedule:

Jan 7, 2021 – General – Remotely via Zoom

Feb 4, 2021 – Business –

Mar 4, 2021 – General –

Apr 1, 2021 – Business –

May 6, 2021 – General –

Jun 3, 2021 – Business –

Jul 1, 2021 – NO MEETING

Aug 5, 2021 – NO MEETING

Aug ?, 2021 – Joint Meeting with Police Chiefs - TBD

Sep 2, 2021 – Business –

Oct 7, 2021 – General –

Nov 4, 2021 – Business -

Dec 2, 2021 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET