



## General Meeting Minutes March 3, 2022

### 1. Call to Order

President Sharp called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. remotely via Zoom. According to the Zoom meeting attendees, there were a total of 39 people in attendance.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

President Sharp asked if there was any opposition or changes to the minutes. There being none, the February 3, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as presented. Chief Parkinson moved Chief Morrow seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

### 3. Treasurer's Report – Denise Ross

The Treasurer's Report was presented, see attached copy on the back side of the agenda. President Sharp asked if there was any opposition to the Treasurer's Report as presented. There being none, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. Chief Morrow moved and Chief McCurdy seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

### 4. Correspondence

None at this time.

### 5. Guest Speaker – Bruce Dammeier, PC Executive

Vice President Gibson introduced the guest speaker, Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier to give us a state of the County and State update. Thanked for the opportunity to speak this morning. Thank for all have done in the last 2 years to lead organizations to serve our communities when they are worried about their families as well. Uncertainty lands largely on leadership and knows you've been bearing a lot of that. Hopeful we are at the pivot point. Moving from crisis to normal healthcare process of life. Helping our community recover from consequences of fighting COVID – mental health, economy, etc. Proud of how Pierce County responded to COVID. Rental assistance program has gotten national recognition. Behavioral health support added. Subsidized a big need to play program to buy down the entrance fees to parks so kids could get out. New cross park out in graham opened. Look ahead to 2022 and beyond – 4 areas focusing on – homelessness and housing affordability; public safety – multi prong with changes in law, staffing issues, etc.; economy – able to continue to grow during COVID. PC has had a record investment commercially in 2021 and will likely break record in 2022; behavioral health. 2022 all about recovering. Open to questions. President Sharp thanked PC Executive for taking the time to be here this morning and for his leadership during this time. If there's anything seeing or need support with, please let know.

### 6. Unfinished Business

President Sharp stated at last meeting was talked about possibly getting back to in person meetings. Hybrid is most logical, but most departments not really set up for that. Talked to

Debbie Grady at SS911 and they have a meeting room that is set up for hybrid meetings. Might be a good opportunity to utilize and meet there. Discussion followed. Jeff Jensen stated makes sense since if we have a room that is equipped and able to support that. Jim Wassall suggested staying with hybrid meetings for a few months as going in for a bypass surgery next week. President Sharp stated value to meeting in person and would like to see transition, and a step forward. He'll reach out to SS911 about using the facility, availability, etc.

**7. New Business**

- A. Request to send a letter of support for funding of the Pierce County Co-responder program. President Sharp stated this came to him after our agenda was out. Helps with de-escalation, program started in 2018 with grant funding for 1 MHP and now have 9 MHP's. Expires on June 30<sup>th</sup> and program will likely go away. Behavioral tax funds to support this program. Makes sense for us to support since we often respond to same calls as law enforcement, etc. Chief Doan stated he was invited to a meeting the other day regarding this and was the only Fire Chief at the meeting. Should nominate one of us to be there. Will reach out to President Sharp regarding this.

**AFFILIATE AGENCY REPORTS**

**8. South Sound 911 – Debbie Grady**

Not present.

**9. Department of Emergency Management – Jody Ferguson**

Not present.

**10. Pierce County EMS – Norma Pancake**

Not present.

**11. Fire Marshal – Warner Webb**

Not present.

**12. State Chiefs – Jim Sharp**

President Sharp stated nothing new to share.

**13. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency – Rick Hess**

Not present.

**14. PC Fire Commissioners Association – Dan Rankin**

Reported meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. President Moffett reported met February 24<sup>th</sup> and speaker was Dr. Matt Brignall from DOH with updates on COVID and was interesting.

**15. Department of Natural Resources – Nancy Barker**

Not present.

**16. Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy – Ben Harris**

Reported in one of new foundations pursuing a grant fund asked for groups partner with and listed PC Fire Chiefs Association and wanted to make sure that was ok to do so. President Sharp stated it was.

**17. Bates Technical College – Tiffany Williams**

Not present.

**NON SCHEDULED DIVISION REPORTS - Overview:**

**18. EMS – Jesse Fox**

Not present. AC Bouchard reported on his behalf. Last meeting talked about collaboration and working together – aligning OTEP, CQI, training, etc. Working on rewriting the MCI plan. Hasn't been updated since 2003. Nearing the end of that process. Seen by Base Station, GSH, MBCH, etc. currently at Health Department. Hope to bring back to this group in 2 to 4 weeks for approval. Also looking to have collaborative training in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

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**A. Metro Training – Woody Juarez**

Tom Mason taking over the lead from Woody this year. Only thing to report is working on a wildland command level training session on April 20<sup>th</sup> – bringing in Dave LaFave. Gig Harbor hosting. A flyer will come out soon.

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

Not present.

**C. Training – TEW Equipment –**

Not present.

**20. Fire and Life Safety – Chuck King**

Thanked the response on the email he sent out in getting group put together. Word from state on adoption of fire code next year. Looking for amendments to adopted fire code that is coming next year.

**21. Logistics – Steve Richards**

Reported haven't met yet. Sending out an email and get the Logistics Chiefs engaged.

**22. Operations – Michael Boltz**

Reported both PCSORT and PCHIT groups have worked with a private consultant for evaluation, assessment of programs, etc.

**23. Volunteer Services – Eric Skogen**

Not present.

President Sharp stated as a side note – Executive Board working through some draft guidelines for the Divisions and will be giving guidance and direction soon.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - Overview:**

**24. UASI Committee – Todd Magliocca**

Not present.

**25. Emergency Management Committee – Zane Gibson / Dustin Morrow**

Chief Morrow reported nothing in particular. Todd Myers, Zane and self, met to go through deployments, etc. Issues on deployment – may be time to have a broader conversation on that. Discussion followed. President Sharp discussed at E-Board on having a 5 bugle meeting for strategic planning, etc. For group discussion would be best suited in person.

**26. Banquet/Awards Committee – Norm Fiacchi - DORMANT**

President Sharp thanked committee members that made happen.

**27. Nominations Committee – Gibson / Bjurstrom / Parkinson - DORMANT**

**28. Audit Committee – Fiacchi / Morrow**

Chief Fiacchi reported audit review completed. Denise keeps meticulous records. One particular big ticket purchase of \$4,000.00 and suggested having a threshold on bills over \$1,000.00 to look at by the E-Board, etc. President Sharp stated updating the By-Laws to address so it is approved, documented in a regular meeting.

**29. CISM COMMITTEE – - DORMANT**

**30. Technology Committee – Dustin Morrow**

Reported met yesterday with EF Recovery. Pay for temporary hosting legacy Zoll systems. Databases to servers at CPFR to allow access, etc. Should be completed in a few weeks.

President Sharp stated at Executive Board meeting the Radio Users Group Committee is no longer needed and has been removed from the agenda.

**31. Good of the Order**

Mark MacFarlane from McNeil Island introduced new Fire Chief Frank Montone. Stated he's a transplant from Jefferson County and looking forward to getting to know everyone.

**32. Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Ross, Recording Secretary

**2022 Meeting Schedule:**

Jan 6, 2022 – General – Remotely via Zoom

Feb 3, 2022 – Business – Remotely via Zoom

Mar 3, 2022 – General – Remotely via Zoom

Apr 7, 2022 – Business – Hybrid – in person @ SS911 and remotely via Zoom

May 5, 2022 – General –

Jun 2, 2022 – Business –

Jul 7, 2022 – NO MEETING

Aug 4, 2022 – NO MEETING

Aug ?, 2022 – Joint Meeting with Police Chiefs - TBD

Sep 1, 2022 – Business –

Oct 6, 2022 – General –

Nov 3, 2022 – Business –

Dec 1, 2022 – NO MEETING – AWARDS CEREMONY