



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION



Established 1985

April 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Jim Sharp called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. remotely via Zoom and in person at South Sound 911 located at 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma. According to the Zoom attendee list (6) and sign in sheet (12), there were a total of 18 people in attendance. President Sharp welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chief Parkinson and seconded by Chief Espinosa to approve the March 2, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Treasurer's Report – Denise Ross

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

4. Correspondence

Letter sent to DEM supporting federal funding to replace MOCC. President Sharp sent a support letter in.

5. Guest Speakers – DNR Wildfire Ready Neighbors Program

Chief Gibson reported there is a Wildfire Ready Neighbors Program that DNR is launching on the west side. Introduced Nate Barrons from DNR. Program was launched the first of April, East Pierce, Buckley and Orting Valley. Inform of the program and answer any questions. Received about a dozen requests for assessments outside of targeted area. Assessment includes basic property assessment – ignition zone and about 100 feet outside of structure. Website that homeowners can access. Will get that to Zane to share with everyone.

6. Executive Board Report

President Sharp reported the E-Board met and most of it is on the agenda today. State Chiefs Conference is May 22-25th and is open for registration now.

7. Committees and Workgroups

A. Audit Committee – Chief Morrow reported that it is done, needs to get it to Chief Parkinson to review. Will have that completed by next meeting.

B. PC Code Revision Workgroup – No report, haven't started yet.

C. Radio Replacement System – Sharp and Morrow.

President Sharp reported he missed the last couple of meetings. Chief Morrow stated it's kind of idle right now. PCERN with Pierce and King Counties and Motorola work. McNeil Island is a problematic sight that impacts the west side. Looking at putting an 800 site on Fox Island. Coverage maps look improved with that site. Parkinson reflash radios – who pays for? Part of contract with Puyallup covers the cost of that. On each agency to fund? Morrow posed the question about radio operators propose to reflash all radios. Minimize cost reflash at one time for multiple purposes if go to a single system. Reimbursement from SS911? Also replacing radios soon, so doesn't make sense for all to reflash. What needs to be done now and what can be delayed to radio replacement?

D. SS911 Call Processing Workgroup

Chief Parkinson met after last meeting. Still a lot of work to do on the call processing time. Better understanding of what asking for and being worked on. Budget decisions based on performance. Work on refining the data to ensure the stats are accurate.

8. Unfinished Business

A. EMS

Research different meetings and members – AC Dyson

Research other EMS offices in the State – AC Bouchard

- President Sharp reported positions allotted to us have been filled. Mike Dumas for the West Region Council representative. Local PC Council – Bryan Johnson replacing Russ McCallion and Erin Richardson for Paramedic at Large.
- Next steps with regards to EMS was to meet with DEM and EMS to discuss and work on solutions. Want to get a small group of 5 or 6 people with Chiefs, Physician Advisors and MSO's to meet with them. Come up with a plan and structure agenda, etc.

B. By-Laws Update – Meeting Date Change

President Sharp reported the first Thursday of the month wasn't working, 4th Thursday works the best for the majority to meet. Motion to accept the By-Law amendment to change the meeting date from the 1st Thursday to the 4th Thursday of the month. Chief Parkinson moved and Chief Gibson seconded the motion. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

If still have on calendar for the first Thursday – try to decline the series or delete it on your calendar.

9. New Business

A. Cancel May Meeting due to WFC Conference

President Sharp reported Conflict for May's meeting date due to the State Fire Chiefs Conference. Recommendation from the Board – Morrow moved and Parkinson seconded to cancel the May meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Joint Meeting with PD

President Sharp reported prior to COVID would do a joint meeting with PD annually for an opportunity to network, work together, have a topic that concerns both

groups. They have moved their meetings to Farm 12 event space which is a large venue. Were generally in the fall. Want to see if any interest from this group? Chief Sharp will reach out to Scott Engle to see if they have any interest. They meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30 at Farm 12.

C. Ad Hoc Committee for FDSU User Group

Chief Parkinson reported there is work going on with FDSU (First Due Size Up) used for pre-fires. Collective good work going on that is self-directed across the county to standardize and share pre-fires, etc. Recommending we have an ad hoc committee to head up to get everyone in a room together and coordinate some decisions to finalize and report back to Chiefs. Willing to offer up his AC of Prevention to head that up. Chief Morrow reported ff's and staff that has been working on. Have a draft SOG protocol, language about sharing cost, etc. Pressure from FDSU to have a single account. Bunch of asterisks with that. Highly duplicative to alerting for Active 911. Community connect questions. A good thing to have this a little more structured. Matt Gilbert, AC of Prevention.

Who is working on, what they've worked on so far, what do they still need to do. Connected to we are aware of work and guiding so meaningful, etc. Chief Parkinson to be Chiefs Liaison to this group.

10. Good of the Order

Nothing at this time.

President Sharp thanked everyone for their patience as we've worked through updating the By-Laws.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Ross
Recording Secretary

2023 Meeting Schedule:

January 5, 2023 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911

February 2, 2023 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911

March 2, 2023 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911

April 27, 2023 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911

May 25, 2023 – CANCELLED due to WFC Conference

June 22, 2023 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911

July 27, 2023 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911

August 24, 2023 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911

August ?, 2023 – Joint Meeting with Police Chiefs - TBD

September 28, 2023 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911

October 26, 2023 – Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911

November 16, 2023 – (3rd Thursday due to 4th Thursday being Thanksgiving) - Hybrid remotely via Zoom and in person at SS911

December 7, 2023 – NO MEETING – AWARDS BANQUET