



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES August 22, 2019

FPD # 17 South Pierce – Roy Community Center - 122 3rd St. E.

CALL TO ORDER – FLAG SALUTE

Vice President Sutich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.

WELCOME and THANK YOU TO HOST

Vice President Sutich thanked SPFR for hosting tonight's meeting. Commissioner Kadow welcomed everyone. Their F/C couldn't make it tonight. New face in the crowd, 2 commissioners leaving and both are running unopposed and invited both to attend tonight. Approved lid lift and have gotten new equipment, building repairs, 3 new medics on board, ESCI is working on their strategic plan, Fire Chief has decided to work at North Bend and they are in the process of looking for an interim and permanent Fire Chief. ESCI will be running the testing process. 3500 calls per year.

ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Roll was taken with self-introductions, according to the sign-in sheet, 10 Districts were represented by 22 attendees made up of Commissioners, Chiefs, Secretaries and/or visitors.

PROGRAM – Andrew Nieditz, SS911

Vice President Sutich introduced Andrew Nieditz, Executive Director for South Sound 911 speaking on the new governance. ED Nieditz introduced Jim Duggan who was the Chief of Tacoma Fire Department and is now the Deputy Director for Fire Services replacing Ken Sharp who has retired. Reach out to all 22 Fire Chiefs to make sure we are meeting their needs. Handout distributed (copy attached). Also has SS911 notepads, pens, mints and annual reports. Significant accomplishments to date – around now for 6 ½ years. Established by vote of the people in 2011 approving the funding. Had a Policy Board and Operations Board. About to sunset with new structure which started this last month, old structure to end in September so we are in an overlap time right now. Radio System funding – not a radio system owner or operator, have provided a lot of funding for infrastructure and implementation. PC based 700 mghtz system. Well over 60 million dollars expended to date. Played major role in improving radio systems for Pierce County. Excess of 4500 radios. Improved reception, interoperability, etc. New telephone system was purchased, now extended to Tacoma Fire and other PSAPs. 3rd item is the new CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch. Expedites the process and creates consistency and uniformity. Supports 19 police and 22 fire agencies. JBLM will be joining as well. Dispatch Center consolidations – unify 6 separate agencies done in stages. Public Safety Communications Center site selected 3600 block of Pacific Avenue where Puget Sound Hospital used to be. Text to 911 is another significant accomplishment. Also allows those hard of hearing or incapacitated to get help, etc. Since implemented have had a number of cases where domestic violence situations have allowed help to be sought. Next generation 911. Digital data including videos and other kinds of messages can be sent. Governance significant for a number of reasons – autonomy, more than an interlocal agreement, etc. Public Development Authority (PDA) formed. City of Tacoma did the chartering for. July 9th City Council of Tacoma formerly adopted the Charter. 11 member Board of Directors. From 1 Commissioner to 3 on the Board. Established by the largest calls for service and financial commitment, for example, CPFR because of its size has a member, as well as WPFR and an at large position. Other 8 members are 2 from Tacoma, 2 from PC, 1 from next 2 largest – Lakewood and Puyallup and 2 from the next 3 in call volume size – Bonney Lake, Sumner and Fife. New Board is up and running. Last thing is Public Communications Center – 75,000 square foot building that has comm center one

third the size of the building. Includes municipal EOC. Public access to the building because of law enforcement records, finger printing, etc. Bid early this summer, 2 bids came in the end of July. Awarded contract earlier this week to Castle and Associates out of Redmond. Pleased to honor the budget set. 18 months of construction, March 2021. The Association thanked Andrew Nieditz for his presentation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Rankin moved and Commissioner Moffett seconded to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES OF June 27, 2019 and July 25, 2019 MEETINGS and Treasurer's Report – See attached

It was moved by Commissioner Werner and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the June 27 and July 25, 2019 minutes and the Treasurer's Report (see attached copy on backside of Agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES

Commissioner Allison collected from those who forgot their badges.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

REGULAR REPORTS:

a) Regional Representative Report – Gene Dobry

Reported on the State Board meeting, healthcare good news, claims to premiums ratio is good so no increases to rates except for Kaiser Group Health Plan is the only one to increase. New providers for vision and prescriptions – VSP for vision and CVS for pharmacy. Registration for healthcare seminars is open as well as the Annual Conference. Facebook page is now up and running. Succession plan for Sandy and Nora have been worked on. Vacancies in building and have hired an agent to help fill those vacancies. Need auction items for the conference. Contact Roger. 2019 nominating committee has submitted names for upcoming elections that will take place at the conference. Snure seminars – Wednesday night at the conference. \$45.00 per person registration and can register online. Commissioner Rankin stated 190 people have signed up for the conference so far.

b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn

Eric reported something came up the other day when looking into something for a client – regulatory change to L&I – ordinary maintenance for public works. Term has fundamentally changed. Used to be “work not performed by contract and performed by regular basis...” tomorrow it changes to “maintenance work performed by regular employees of ...” so 3rd party work is not ordinary maintenance and then prevailing wages applies. Concerns regularly scheduled maintenance wording. Will be a Firehouse Lawyer article written on this. Also got rid of the word contract – so now doesn't matter if its contract or not. Major shift in the definition of ordinary maintenance. Joe says hello from Montreal where he is competing and won a gold medal.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

a) Fire Chiefs Association - Dan Rankin / Tom Sutich

No meeting.

b) Legislative - Dale Mitchell

FMLA exemption talked about before, will be seeking legislative change on this one. Comments have been submitted to the Attorney General, opinion has not been issued as of yet. 825 hours in previous year and Commissioners have to pay the premium, but then not eligible to participate or get benefit from. Committee will meet again before conference. Also talked about Volunteer Pension, should have gone through. Working with the Chiefs to get through this next session. Other potential – public works bill, public information modification.

c) Bates Technical College - Dan Rankin

Nothing at this time.

d) Fund Raising Activities - Ed Egan

Commissioner Egan had Commissioner Allison draw the winning ticket. Commissioner Dobry won \$30.00.

e) Annual Picnic/Potluck –Bill Eckroth and Arlene Dannat

Vice President Sutich thought it went very well. Commissioner Eckroth apologized for the BBQ not working well.

f) Annual Banquet – DORMANT - Mike Cathey

g) Scholarship & Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett

Two (2) requests for registration assistance have been received. Moved and seconded by Commissioner Grubaugh to approve. MOTION CARRIED.

Vice President Sutich reported he had approached Attorney Eric Quinn about putting on a 4 hour seminar in December for records information refresher, etc. Commissioner Kadow suggested waiting for January so that new Commissioners can attend, etc. Discussion followed. Commissioner Moffett moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve looking into holding a training session for Commissioner Training. MOTION CARRIED. Vice President Sutich stated paying Eric Quinn \$800.00 for 4 hours. Discussion followed.

h) Awards Committee – DORMANT – Sheila Niven

i) Membership – Kevin Gorder

Nothing at this time.

j) Programs – Tom Sutich

Mike Lonergan next month, November Chuck Lamont and January Resource Recovery Center.

k) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat

Nothing at this time.

l) NAEFO – Gerry Gustafson

Reported the conference will be held September 16th and 17th in Vegas.

m) Nominating –Dan Rankin / Sheila Niven

Let know if interested in running for President, VP or Director.

n) Audit – DORMANT - Dan Rankin / Margaret O’Harra Buttz

o) SS911 Committee – Pat McElligott

Have met 3 times already will be meeting again. SS911 owns the land except for \$360,000.00 and pay back over 20 years and then will own the land. Approved contract on Monday so getting ready to break ground. Labor should come from Pierce County because its Pierce County money. Castle Corporation is signing a contract to use Pierce County workers. Most fire are under 800 now for better reception and coverage in buildings, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Speakers Appreciation Gift

Commissioner Egan asked Pat McElligott to explain what a Challenge Coin is. Started in the military. Coin, if someone throws down a coin, the person that doesn’t have a coin has to buy drinks, however, if everyone has a coin, then the person that threw down the coin buys. Coins represent pride and honor and people appreciate them. Coins are remarkable and shows appreciation for those that work for us. Commissioner Egan has one that was produced about 20 years ago. If purchase \$100.00 initially cost around \$770.00. Initial thought provide to speakers and can then sell at cost to members, etc. Distributed the one he has for people to see. Commissioner Mitchell feels it has merit. Commissioner McElligott moved to authorize purchase of 100 coins. Commissioner Rankin seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Egan reported he just received a text from his Fire Chief – 911 memorial in Milton with steel from the towers being placed. Steel is 40 feet long and largest in region. Service will be held 9/11 at 1 pm. Place on agenda next month for donating money.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Dannat and seconded by Commissioner Kadow to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by:

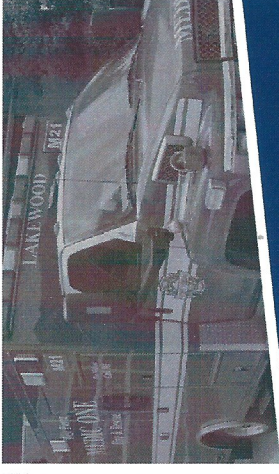
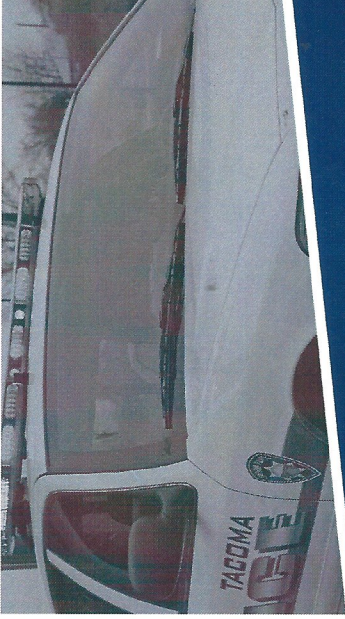
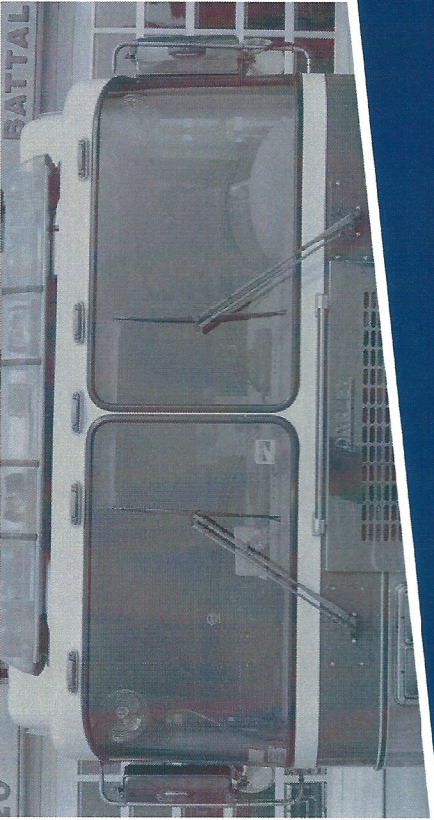
Denise Menge,
Secretary/Treasurer

Website: <http://www.pcfirecommissioners.org/SitePages/Home.aspx>

2019 Meeting Dates and Locations:

January 24, 2019 - FPD # 5 – Gig Harbor – 10222 Bujacich Rd NW
February 28, 2019 – FPD # 6 – Central Pierce – 17520 22nd Ave E, Tacoma
March 28, 2019 – FPD # 22 – East Pierce – 18421 Veterans Memorial Dr, Bonney Lake
April 25, 2019 – FPD # 13 – Browns/Dash Point – 4815 Wa-Tau-Ga Ave NE
May 23, 2019 – FPD # 18 – Orting Valley – 401 Washington Ave SE
June 27, 2019 – FPD # 16 – Key Peninsula – 8911 Key Peninsula Hwy KPN
July 25, 2019 – Potluck BBQ – CPFR Station 60 17520 22nd Ave E
August 22, 2019 – FPD # 17 South Pierce – Roy Community Center - 122 3rd St. E.

Sept. 26, 2019 – FPD # 21 – Graham – 23014 70th Ave E
October 24, 2019 - NO MEETING – STATE CONFERENCE
November 21, 2019 – FPD #3 – West Pierce – 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW
(3rd Thursday due to 4th Thursday being Thanksgiving)
December 5, 2019 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET



SOUTH SOUND 911 UPDATE PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 22, 2019



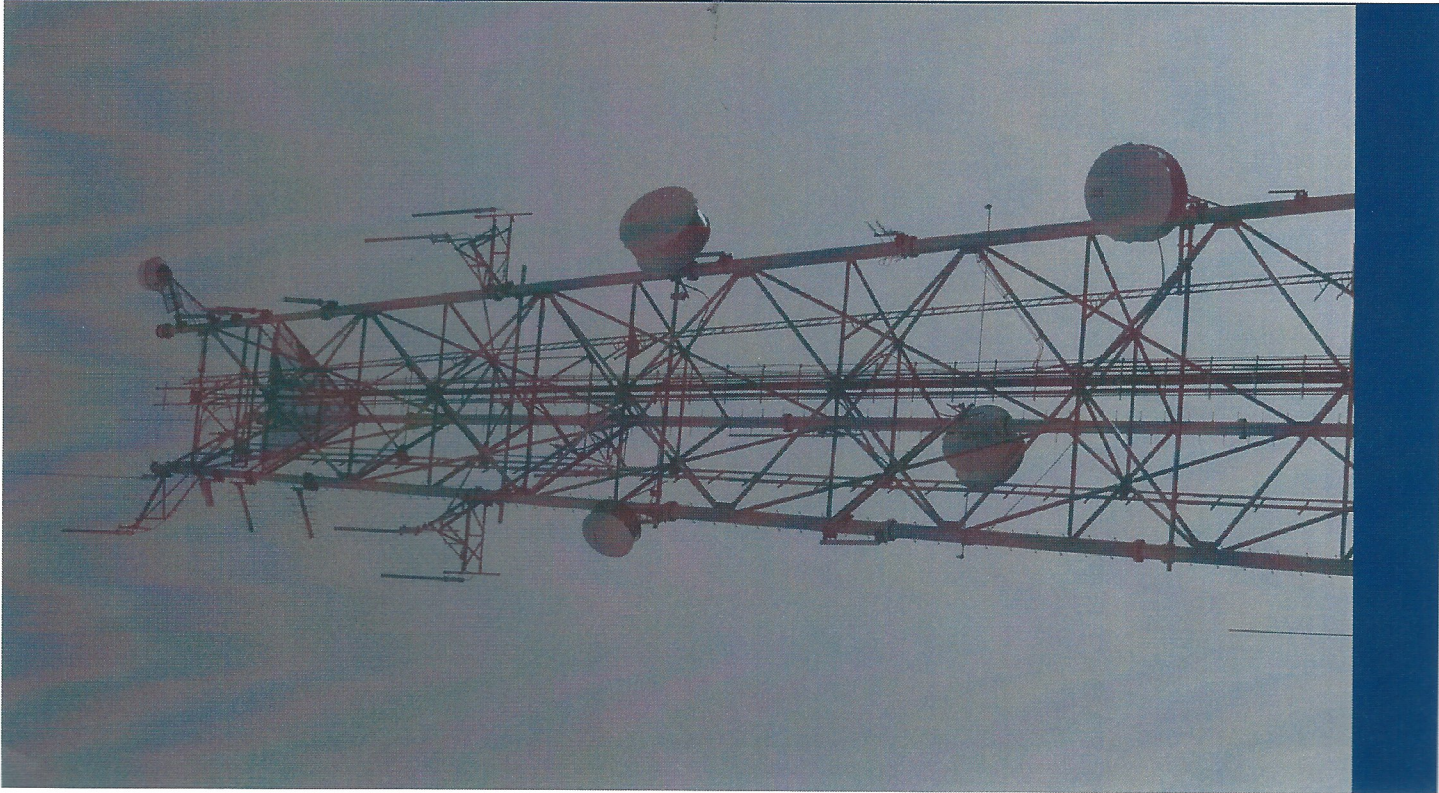
SOUTH SOUND 911
YOUR CONNECTION TO POLICE, FIRE AND MEDICAL AID

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- RADIO SYSTEMS FUNDING - \$62M
 - Upgrades to Tacoma 800MHz; implementation of PC 700MHz; purchased >4500 radios
- NEW TCS NG911 TELEPHONE SYSTEM
- NEW CAD (computer-aided dispatch) - \$5.3M
 - First-ever, unified system for all 41 police and fire agencies
- DISPATCH CENTER CONSOLIDATIONS
 - Closed/moved 4 dispatch centers
 - Buckley, Fife, Puyallup, West Pierce Fire Comm
 - Co-located all LE Communications
- PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (PSCC)
 - Selection of Pierce County owned site at 3580 Pacific Ave for PSCC
 - Funded Puget Sound Hospital demolition - \$2.5M
 - Selection of Callison-RTKL as PSCC project architect
- LAUNCHED TEXT-TO-911

NEXT STEPS

- Next Generation (NG) 911
- Governance
 - Public Development Authority approved July 2019
 - Agency now governed by Board of Directors comprised of 11 elected officials.
 - Transition to be complete by October 2019
- Public Safety Communications Center
 - Kassel & Associates awarded contract for PSCC building
 - Construction to begin September 2019



PACIFIC AVENUE (LOOKING SOUTHWEST)



PACIFIC AVENUE (LOOKING NORTHWEST)

