



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES November 18, 2021
Remotely via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER – FLAG SALUTE

President Tom Sutich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. no flag salute was held due to meeting virtually.

WELCOME and THANK YOU TO HOST

President Sutich thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

No roll call or self-introductions were done. There were 23 people in attendance. Same thing as every meeting – will ask for any no votes and assume a unanimous vote unless there are any objections.

GUEST SPEAKERS – Chief Gibson from Orting Valley

Vice President Moffett introduced Chief Zane Gibson from Orting Valley. He sat in on a presentation he had given a while back on cardiac survival rates and thought it worth having it presented to the membership. Chief Gibson stated that he's been with Orting Valley for 9 years and was with East Pierce before that. Powerpoint presentation given (see attached). Majority of money spent on capital equipment – autopulses, software, new AED's, monitors, etc.

Vice President Moffett thanked Chief Gibson for his presentation and stated a PCFCA challenge coin will be sent to him in appreciation of his time and presentation.

President Sutich reported he conferred with Past President Margaret O'Harra Buttz and Vice President Stan Moffett and it was decided that since there are no awards to present this year, then as an Association we wouldn't participate. If Individual Commissioners want to sit in/attend they are welcome to.

Publicly thanked Taunja for being the host of the Zoom meetings for the Association for the last 2 years.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and TREASURER'S REPORT

President Sutich stated he would like to change the agenda to have the Nominations done and once the new Officers are voted into office to have Attorney Quinn swear them in.

It was moved by Commissioner McElligott and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to approve the agenda as amended and Treasurer's Report (see copy on the backside of the Agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED. Passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF September 23, 2021 MEETING

Commissioner Eckroth moved and Commissioner McElligott seconded to approve the minutes. Any discussion? Hearing none, anyone opposed? Hearing none, the September 23, 2021 minutes as presented were passed unanimously. MOTION CARRIED.

SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES

N/A

a) Nominating – Dan Rankin

Reported vacant positions are President, Vice President and Director 3. Stan Moffett has been nominated for President, Kevin Gorder for Vice President and Shawn Jensen for Director 3. Nominations open to the floor. There being none, nominations are closed and the 2022 slate of officers are:

President Stan Moffett
Past President Tom Sutich
Vice President Kevin Gorder
Director 1 Kathy Kadow
Director 2 Mike Cathey
Director 3 Shawn Jensen
Sargent of Arms Peter Allison

Commissioner McElligott moved and Commissioner Rankin seconded to accept the Slate of Officers for 2022 as listed above. MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Joe Quinn swore in the new Officers Stan Moffett, Kevin Gorder and Shawn Jensen.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Denise reported she received a packet for insurance renewal.

REGULAR REPORTS:

a) Regional Representative Report – Mike Cathey

Not present.

b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn

Reported since last mandate things are finally starting to slow down. 2 Chiefs served in King County challenging the vaccine mandate and failure to grant religious exemptions. Keep looking at the Firehouse Newsletter.

c) SouthSound 911 – Debbie Grady

Scott Hamel reported he is here in place of Debbie tonight. Big step for organization to have everyone in one place. Preparing for universal call taking. Initial call receiver will be able to handle the call from start to finish. Will go into effect the beginning of the year.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

c) Fire Chiefs Association - Dan Rankin / Tom Sutich

Commissioner Rankin reported going to have their group of people on December 2nd will be swearing in their new officers and awards.

d) Legislative - Brandon Faust

Not present.

e) Bates Technical College – DORMANT - Dan Rankin

New director. Will have more information after next meeting. Commissioner Holm stated right now in disarray. Will be handling some upcoming recruit classes.

f) Fund Raising Activities - DORMANT- Ed Egan

N/A

g) Annual Picnic/Potluck – DORMANT - Bill Eckroth and Arlene Dannat

h) Annual Banquet – Mike Cathey

Not present. President Sutich addressed earlier in the meeting.

i) Scholarship & Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett

No report.

j) Awards Committee – Margaret O’Harra-Buttz

Denise reported for Margaret as she is having technical difficulties with Zoom. She will be picking up the Bill Jarmon award that she was given and she will talk to Commissioner Cathey. Can nominate next year when we get back to normal.

k) Membership – Kevin Gorder

Nothing at this time.

l) Programs – Stan Moffett

Reported does not have anyone lined up for speaker for January yet.

m) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat

Nothing at this time.

n) NAEFO – Gerry Gustafson

Nothing at this time.

o) Nominating – Dan Rankin

Handled earlier in the meeting

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

q) SS911 Committee – Pat McElligott

Reported Scott Hamel covered everything regarding SS911. Law Enforcement – has talked with State Council of Firefighters and some legislators. Looking to see if anything needs to be done legislatively. Unless issues with police not responding, things have quieted down. Discussion on E911 monies going through PC, etc. Commissioner Holm stated finance committee met and there is good news coming on this. Commissioner McElligott thanked everyone, he’ll be around another 6 years.

Dale Mitchell overwhelmingly won Fire Commissioner for Central Pierce. Randy Kroum stated replacement for Dale Mitchell won her election as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

2022 Proposed Budget

President Sutich stated the Executive Board met before the meeting to go over the 2022 proposed budget. No changes, same as this year. Commissioner Rankin moved and Commissioner Jensen seconded to approve the 2022 proposed budget as present. MOTION CARRIED.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President Sutich thanked for electing him to President two (2) years ago. He thanked Taunja VanderVaate for being the Zoom Host for the Association the last two (2) years. She does this on her own time. Commissioner Moffett moved and Commissioner Rankin seconded to give a \$100.00 gift certificate to Taunja thanking her for her work. Commissioner Egan suggested adding a Commissioners Challenge coin as well. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Holm thanked Commissioner Eckroth who has been with CPFR for 24 years. He'll be leaving us the end of the year. Thanked him for all of his years of service. Commissioner Eckroth thanked for the time and for Dale Mitchell for stepping up. He wouldn't have run if he chose to run again, a real gentleman.

Commissioner Egan reported on looking into flack jackets and their life span is 5 years. Commissioner McElligott stated the ballistic plates that go in the vests have a 5-year shelf life. Be aware of that. False sense of security after 5 years. Need to keep those up to date.

Commissioner Rankin reported Mike Cathey is no longer District 7 rep, someone out of Thurston County. Spoke with Roger regarding the conference – no report of COVID from conference that was three weeks ago. Jordon has conference recordings available for those who are interested. Board made the decision to do that at the last moment and the hotel helped out with getting that done.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by:

Denise Menge,
Secretary/Treasurer

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

2021 Meeting Schedule:

January 28, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom
February 25, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom
March 25, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom
April 22, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom
May 27, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom
June 24, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom
July 22, 2021 – BBQ/Potluck – Orting Park
August 26, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom
September 23, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom
October 28, 2021 – No Meeting – Annual Conference

November 18, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom
December 2, 2021 – No Meeting – Annual Awards – via Zoom

2022 Meeting Schedule:

January 27, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
February 24, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
March 24, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
April 28, 2022 –
May 26, 2022 –
June 23, 2022 –
July 28, 2022 – BBQ/Potluck –
August 25, 2022 –
September 22, 2022 –
October 27, 2022 – No Meeting – Annual Conference
November 17, 2022 –
December 1, 2022 – No Meeting – Annual Awards –



ZANE GIBSON

FIRE CHIEF ORTING VALLEY FIRE AND RESCUE

Fire Service Budgeting

- ▶ Things we must and should buy
- ▶ Fire engine \$800,000
- ▶ Ladder Truck \$1,500,000
- ▶ New Medic unit \$150,000-\$350,000



Fire Service Taxes

- ▶ Lid lifts
- ▶ EMS levy
- ▶ M and O levy
- ▶ Fire Benefit Charge
- ▶ Bond measures

- ▶ What do all these have in common
 - ▶ Voter approval
 - ▶ Some 60%



OVFR Elections and Funding

- ▶ 9/06 EMS Levy D18 60.82%
- 9/05 Lid lift D18 36.78%
- 9/06 Lid Lift D18 58%
- 11/06 Lid Lift D18 50.99%
- 12/08 EMS levy 55%
- 12/08 Lid lift 31%
- 8/09 EMS Levy 68% validation fail
- 11/09 EMS Levy 68%
- 4/10 Merger 79% City 81% District
- 4/13 M and O 66% (0.92/1000)
- 8/15 EMS levy 68% (permanent)
- 8/17 M and O 58% (fail) (\$0.92/1000)
- 11/17 M and O 62% (\$0.50/1000)
- 8/18 Lid Lift 52% and 58%
- 4/21 FBC 65.92%



Cardiac Arrest Management



- ▶ 2008
- ▶ 10% out of hospital survival was the accepted standard for decades
- ▶ 30+% is now the accepted standard for most progressive EMS agencies
- ▶ Rialto 13 cardiac arrests that met Utstein 11 survivors!
 - ▶ 84% survival
- ▶ What is your number?
- ▶ Are you tracking it?

Fire Service Priorities

- ▶ Save lives
- ▶ Save property
- ▶ Save the environment
- ▶ Be nice

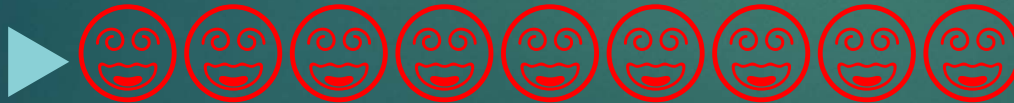


What if?

- ▶ How much money would you spend to save one life a year from fire?
- ▶ How much money would we spend to cut cancer rates in firefighters in half?
- ▶ If you could change the culture in how you train and look at firefighter rescues what would we do?

Small Town Fire Department

- ▶ Has 40 cardiac arrests a year
- ▶ 10 Utstein reportable cardiac arrests
- ▶ 10% Utstein Discharged home rate



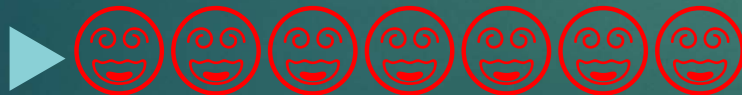
Small Town Fire Department #2

- ▶ Has 40 cardiac arrests a year
- ▶ 10 Utstein reportable cardiac arrests
- ▶ 20% Utstein Discharged home rate



Small Town EMS and Fire Department

- ▶ Has 40 cardiac arrests a year
- ▶ 10 Utstine reportable cardiac arrests
- ▶ 30% Utstine discharged home
- ▶ 10% all other rhythms



Small Town Fire Department

▶ How much would you do to possibly save 3 more lives a year?



2019 Cardiac arrest initiative budget

- ▶ \$250,000 taken from reserves to immediately implement program
- ▶ Some push back from staff



2019 Cardiac arrest Initiative OVFR

All cardiac arrests not just Utstine

▶ 2015	8 arrests	1 Survivor		
▶ 2016	3 arrests	0 Survivors		
▶ 2017	15 arrests	2 Survivors		
▶ 2018	7 arrests	0 Survivors		
	▶ 33 arrests	3 survivors		9% survival
▶ 2019	12 arrests	4 Survivors	0 Utstine	2 asystole
▶ 2020	10 arrests	1 Survivors	0 Utstine	
▶ 2021	9 arrests	3 Survivors	0 Utstine	1 trauma 2 PEA's
	▶ 31 arrests	8 survivors		25.8% survival



Added benefit

- ▶ Good will
- ▶ Better team work
- ▶ Public support to pass that funding measure!

