



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES July 25, 2019

CPFR – Sta. 60 – 17520 22nd Ave E, Tacoma

CALL TO ORDER – FLAG SALUTE

President O Harra Buttz called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the flag salute.

WELCOME and THANK YOU TO HOST

President O'Harra Buttz thanked CPFR for hosting tonight's meeting and potluck BBQ. Chief Olson welcomed everyone to Central Pierce. A lot of stuff going on – building new station 72 near South Hill Mall. Will run 6,000 calls a year out of it with an engine, 2 medic units and a low acuity vehicle. Pierce County Planning dialogue regarding comprehensive plan addressing growth issues. Meeting with PC planning Director to resolve some of issues to provide level of service, etc. 8 new engines have been put in service. Hired a data analyst which allows us to utilize the facts. Just hired a CARES program manager to address the issues of many calls we get that are not emergent. One other thing will be doing is hiring 8 people in a September academy to staff up low acuity units.

ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Roll was taken with self-introductions, according to the sign-in sheet, 8 Districts were represented by 22 attendees made up of Commissioners, Chiefs, Secretaries and/or visitors.

PROGRAM – Chief Dan Olson and Attorney Quinn Update on Mental Health MOA

Vice President Sutich introduced Chief Dan Olson and Attorney Quinn. Initiative to address changes in WA state law regarding mental health patients and interfacing with law enforcement. Required us to transport and having conflict on scenes with law enforcement. Several concerns, statutorily, safety, etc. Why are we doing work that law enforcement has historically done? Attorney Quinn addressed legal aspects, are these even patients needing medical attention? In the field of medicine and the field of law they are patients. Biggest reason for issues in CPFR is due to PC Sheriffs being understaffed. One year and two months ago had a meeting with Dr. Waffle and Law Enforcement to draft the MOA. Last Thursday met with the Police Chiefs and it was unanimously passed. The new procedure will be much more fair and essentially the new patient care protocol will work better for the fire service. A tedious effort but well worth it. It will need to go through the regional EMS Council now. Commissioner Portman stated we need to support more funding for mental health. Response Recovery Center is going to open up in Parkland which is currently in Fife which will improve return times. Chief Olson stated that we were being forced into a corner with unsafe circumstances. Now we can have law enforcement accompany patient if they don't feel safe, etc. Commissioner Allison stated last month Dispatch Health presented, are they also helping with this? Chief Olson stated their focus is a little different, they provide in home service. They are doing a pilot program in CPFR.

President O'Harra Buttz paused the meeting at 6:30 to allow for everyone to get food that was brought in. The meeting was called back to order at 7:05 pm. Standing reports are not going to be done tonight, an abbreviated meeting due to it being our annual BBQ.

Attorney Quinn reported there will be a municipal roundtable at WPFR HQ on Drexler next Friday from 9:00 – 11:00 on HIPAA violations. The Firehouse Lawyer newsletter will be out in the next couple of days.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President O’Harra-Buttz amended the Agenda to an abbreviated one, not having the Standing Committees report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Speakers Appreciation Gift

Commissioner Egan reported he hasn’t worked on this yet. Will report next month.

B. Website Hosting Agreement

President O’Harra-Buttz reported the agreement for website hosting was emailed out for everyone to review. The hourly rate will be \$33.23 per hour. This year will be 4 hours for initial set up and then the cost of the website domain registration for five (5) years will be around \$100.00. Budget line item has \$250.00. Commissioner Sutich moved and Commissioner Dannatt seconded to approve the website hosting agreement. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boundary Review Report – Bob Skaggs

Reported he was appointed as representative 3 years ago and have only had one meeting. Spanaway incorporation came up in March. New proposed boundary review lines, distributed a copy of the map (see attached copy). Haven’t answered the question of how it will be supported. They are out getting signatures now.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

August meeting Nominating meeting will be activated.

August and September meeting locations have swapped – August meeting will be held at Roy Community Center and September meeting will be at Graham Fire & Rescue.

Vice President Sutich reported next months’ speaker will be Andrew Nieditz from SS911 on new ordinance.

Commissioner Egan asked if someone from Recovery Response Center could be invited as a speaker.

Commissioner Gustafson stated NAEFO conference is scheduled and set. Fliers are out. Also for anyone that has their medical through Fire Commissioners, everything is the same except for Kaiser retired 2 plans have gone up 7%, everything else 0% increase.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Grubaugh and seconded by Commissioner Dannatt to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Submitted by:

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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 Peninsual 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



Current Proposed Boundary Line

Newly Proposed Boundary Line

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