



Pima County Fire Chief's Association



Meeting Notes

July 26, 2016

Tucson Fire Department - Fire Central,
300 S. Fire Central Place, Tucson, AZ

Call to Order

Chief Brandt called the meeting to order at 1330 hours.

Active Members

Arivaca Volunteer Fire Department	Not Present
Avra Valley Fire District	Not Present
Corona De Tucson Fire District	Not Present
Davis Monthan Air Force Fire Department	T. Canale
Drexel Heights Fire District	D. Chappell, D. Crouse
Golder Ranch Fire District	T. Brandhuber
Green Valley Fire District	C. Wunder J. Kosiorowski
Helmet Peak Volunteer Fire Department	Not Present
Mt. Lemmon Fire District	R. Ogden
Mountain Vista Fire District	C. Horvath
Northwest Fire District	M. Brandt
Pascua Pueblo Fire Department	A. Matus
Picture Rocks Fire District	Not Present
Raytheon Fire Department	Not Present
Rincon Valley Fire District	J. Kahle
South Tucson Fire Department	Not Present
Sonoita – Elgin Fire District	Not Present
Three Points Fire District	C. Ader
Tohono O'odham Fire Department	Not Present
Tucson Fire Department	M. Garcia

Associate Members

Arizona ANG Fire Department	Arnold Benitz
Rural Metro Fire Department	J. McMahan
US Forest Service - Coronado	Not Present
Pima County – OEM & HS	J. Guthrie, C. Bear

Guests

Greater Tucson Fire Foundation	M. McKendrick
National Weather Service	Ken Drozd
AFDA/ Rio Rico	L. Caid

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of May 31, 2016 made by J. Kahle, Rincon Valley. Second by C. Horvath, Mountain Vista. No objections. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Chief Kahle stated that he had been able to make contact with both Sonoita-Elgin and with South Tucson, and both agencies wish to maintain their membership and would be sending payments soon. He advised no action would be needed on the presented agenda item.

Chief Kahle submitted a written report, which was distributed to the membership. There were no questions or comments.

Motion made by Chief Kahle to send out 2016/17 dues notice. Seconded by J. McMahon, Rural Metro. No objections. Motion approved.

Presentations:

None.

Standing Committee Reports

1. Training- Chris Ader submitted written report and covered the details of this report. No questions.
2. Southern Arizona Safety Officers- No Report.

Other Reports

- EMS- Written report provided. No questions.
- Fire Marshals- Written report provided. No questions.
- Legislative Update- Chief Caid updated the group on the following topics:
 - i. August 10th- Nominating positions due for fire district board members.
 - ii. August 30th- Primary election.
 - iii. Chief Caid provided very brief updates on SB 1429, SB 1244, and HB 2197 and stressed the importance of everyone staying on top of the changes that have, or are going to occur with this legislation.
 - iv. AFDA/AFCA just completed their combined conference and are looking for feedback on this model. Everyone is asked to please complete your surveys and return them with your thoughts on this format.

- Office of Emergency Management Update- Jeff Guthrie updated the group on the following topics:
 - i. Everbridge is being finalized for rollout. This is the new mass notification system for the county.
 - ii. Oct. 26th EOC exercise for OEM. They will be including the county's policy group in the exercise and hopefully the City of Tucson.
 - iii. There will be a high school career fair on Oct. 5th at Kino Sports Complex. Those agencies that would like to participate, or make donations of water or goodies should contact Judy Lynn at OEM.

- Arizona Fire Chiefs Update- No report
- Wildland Response Zones – No report.
- Statewide Mutual Aid- No report.
- Greater Tucson Fire Foundation- Report filed. Chief McKendrick highlighted the Casino Night Fall fundraiser which was included in the packet. He also noted that GALLS is now a proud sponsor of the GTFF and that if you shop GALLS on the GTFF website you will receive a discount and the foundation will receive three percent of the proceeds. Please see attached flyer.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Discussion on Regional Haz Mat – Chief Garcia briefed the group on recent meeting that occurred in June to discuss the current status of the regional hazmat team. He explained that those in attendance were pleased with the direction and progress that the hazmat coordinators are making and that while the departure of Fred Leahy was a hit to the program, it has actually created an opportunity to spread the work load. This conversation then moved into a discussion of TRT and the

need to create a similar structure for TRT. This conversation then morphed into a discussion on creating a regional special operations team or group as opposed to two or three different groups. This conversation received favorable support during the initial conversations that day and will be continued at a later date. There were no comments or questions.

- Veterans and First Responder Memorial Oro Valley- Chief Horvath briefed the group on plans for a “living memorial” in honor of veterans and first responders in Oro Valley. A planning committee is working on a design and Chief Horvath will send this out for feedback once it is ready. She also mentioned the possibility of providing support for this project through the purchase of memorial bricks. She will keep everyone updated.

Chief Reports

T. Canale – Fire School is Sept. 8th-11th. Registration is going well and they hope to exceed last year’s numbers. Conference hotel is already sold out. Chief Canale also mentioned that he has been working with AZDPS to possibly bring the Traffic Incident Management Course to Safety Day next year.

C. Horvath – Provided update on hiring in District. 10 new FF’s and one new BC coming on board.

A. Benitz- Advised the Chief Tyree with the ANG is currently deployed and will be gone for approximately six months.

M. McKendrick- Encouraged everyone to spread the word about Casino Night for GTFP.

K. Drozd- Provided a brief update on current weather conditions and predictions for next rainfall. Also mentioned that Mike Cantin from NWS would be moving to a new position in Idaho.

M. Garcia – TFD is in the second week of their fire academy with 18 candidates and all is going well. He also mentioned that PCC will be hosting a shift-friendly CEP program beginning in October and they are hoping to place some people in this class.

M. Brandt- NWFD has been working on a bond package through their established bond committee and have received positive feedback indicating support for this measure in the upcoming election. In addition,

NWFD is planning a "green" academy for January or February of next year.

Adjournment

Chief Brandt adjourned the meeting at 1410 hours.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 at 1330 hours
TFD Fire Central, 300 S. Fire Central Place

Submitted by: *Chief Chuck Wunder*, Green Valley, Secretary

P.I.T.C. UPDATE

CHRIS ADER (CHAIRPERSON)

GARRETT ROBERTS (CO-CHAIR)

KURT FREEMAN (SECRETARY)

- Working on revising and updating the by-laws
- Working on a leadership symposium in January of 2017, which doesn't conflict with AFDA in Laughlin
- We would like to set up a Facebook page to have another way to get information out.
- Website is still working well
- Working on getting GoToMeeting.com to increase participation at meetings, so people don't have to travel as far and can participate from their station or office.
- Next PITC Meeting is July 28, 2016, @ 9:30 at Pima College 29th street campus.
- Thank you to Fire Chief Jayme Kahle for his advice and assistance with some stumbling blocks we had.
- I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the meeting

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