



Pima County Fire Chief's Association

A regional partnership collaborating to lead Pima County's emergency services

Meeting Date

July 30, 2019

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

Chair-C. Wunder (GVFD), Vice-Chair-B. Delfs (AVFD)
Secretary-K. Shultz (HPFD), Treasurer-B. Bradley
(NWFD). Immediate Past Chair R. Karrer (GRFD)

Call to Order / Establishment of Quorum

Chief Wunder (GVFD) called the meeting to order at
1332 hours.

Active Members

Arivaca Volunteer Fire Department	Not Present
Avra Valley Fire District	B. Delfs
Corona De Tucson Fire District	S. Davis
Davis Monthan Air Force Fire Department	T. Canale
Drexel Heights Fire District	D. Crouse, D. Chappel
Elephant Head Fire	Oscar Verdugo
Golder Ranch Fire District	R. Karrer, P. Abel
Green Valley Fire District	C. Wunder, J. Kosiorowski
Helmet Peak Fire Department	K. Shultz
Mt. Lemmon Fire District	J. Gunia
Northwest Fire District	B. Bradley
Pascua Pueblo Fire Department	A. Matus, C. Flores, A. V. Matus
Picture Rocks Fire District	Not Present
Rincon Valley Fire District	J. Kahle
South Tucson Fire Department	Not Present
Sonoita – Elgin Fire District	Not Present
Three Points Fire District	Not Present
Tohono O'odham Fire Department	Not Present
Tucson Airport Authority	Not Present
Tucson Fire Department	Joe Gulotta, John Gulotta, D. Wallentine

Associate Members

Arizona ANG Fire Department	M. Weisbrod
Rural Metro Fire Department	F. Soto, H. Evans
Pima County – OEM & HS	J. Guthrie, S. Clark
ADFFM	P. Elliott

Guests

Greater Tucson Fire Foundation	Not Present
National Weather Service	Not Present
Pima Community College	Julie Daglio
Nogales Fire	Not Present
Tubac Fire	Not Present
American Red Cross	Not Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of May 28, 2019 made by D. Chappell (DHFD). Second by R. Karrer (GRFD). No objections. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

B. Bradley (NWFD) we are in good shape, no outstanding bills.

Presentations/Training Topic

1. Dan Beck - Opticom, Glen Klimek - GTT-Opticom, Michelle Montagnino - Pima County DOT, Tim Scott - Pima County DOT. The existing system was installed in early 2000, we are looking at upgrading the system to new technology. This will allow for quick trouble shooting issues and respond in a more timely manner. This system is only for Pima County, not the City of Tucson which has its own system. The current system uses an infrared system, the new technology would use GPS technology to change the traffic signals.

Old Business

1. Behavioral Health Symposium - In our May meeting we discussed this training opportunity without any decisions. The National Fire Service Behavioral Health Symposium is sponsored by the First Responder Center for Excellence and will be held Sept. 5th and 6th in Denver Colorado. This is the same time frame as AZ State Fire School. Travel is sponsored by GTFF. Food is the responsibility of the participant. If interested, please send email to C. Wunder (GVFD).

New Business

1. J. Gulotta/Sharon Hollingsworth - Paramedic Training Class – TFD is looking at options for an accelerated CEP class starting in September. Both discussed options on how an accelerated class would work including the possibility of attending class 5 days a week with an opportunity to return to shift in the evening. This would be up to each agency. The didactic portion would run for 3 months and this would be followed up with two months of vehicular/clinical rotations and reduced class sessions. During field rotations, there may be an opportunity for the students to return to their assigned units/shifts for some/all of their hours, reducing the costs associated with back fill. The number of participants will determine the cost of the course. TFD would like to add students to the class. Please reach out to Sharon Hollingsworth (shollingsworth@pima.edu) or 520-260-0527 with questions or interests.

2. Chairman's Remarks – The executive committee met last week to discuss a few items that fall in line with our strategic plan from last year. One of the concerns brought up in the strategic plan was the need for increased engagement. A discussion occurred about the importance of having participation with the sub-committees of Pima Chiefs, including PITC and Southern AZ Safety Officers Association. All departments are encouraged to participate with these respective committees and Chiefs are asked to confirm that participation is occurring. The sub-committees will provide rosters and minutes in support of this effort. In addition, a discussion occurred about having a Chief as part of each of these sub-committees to offer direction, but more importantly to provide encouragement and to show value to each of these committees for what they do. Chief Kahle graciously offered to participate with the Southern AZ Safety Officers committee.

The strategic plan also discussed the importance of breaking down silos and providing mentorship. In an effort to help with this a suggestion was brought forward by Chief Delfs to establish a "Coffee Break" It was suggested that a small group environment is often less intimidating than a large meeting and might provide for enhanced relationships as well as great learning opportunities. The concept is to have four Chiefs (not rank dependent) get together once a quarter over coffee to share a little about themselves and their organization. The next quarter you would be with three different people. This idea was met with much enthusiasm and positive feedback. The executive board will put together the first round of groups and distribute at the next meeting.

A discussion was held on the PCFCA representative to the AFCA and if this should or should not be an E-Board position. Many points were brought up and discussed with the overwhelming point being that regardless of who is the representative, clear direction must be provided from the E-Board and the membership as to what message this representative needs to be delivering to AFCA and what the expectations are for this role. No action was taken.

The Chair reminded everyone that board is working to ensure that the meetings are relevant and that the members gain value from participation. Next month's meeting will include a presentation on the APS substation fire in Surprise. Members are encouraged to bring forth additional presentation ideas to the Board.

3. John Gulotta (TFD) - Southern AZ Safety Officers Meeting will be the third Friday of every other month prior to PCFCA meeting. Meetings are held at 0830 at Fire Central. They would like more representation from other departments and would like encouragement from PCFCA to see that their department is represented.

Good of the Order

1. FDLB - T. Canale (DMFD) gave an update on Safety Day and the Dinner and Golf Tournament. Golf is almost sold out.
2. AFCA - P. Abel (GRFD) Looking at a 3-day consecutive conference to be held in Tucson between Sept. and Oct. RFP has been sent out to several different venues.
3. P. Abel (GRFD) - All Roles for the Statewide Mutual Aid Plan are complete; representatives will be going out to go over the plan and start implementing it. A separate date will be set up for training exercises.
4. D. Valentine (TFD) - August 1st marks the anniversary of the passing of TFD Captain Glenn Fleck, the video made by Glenn has been sent out to social media. Please share the video with your social media, and department, to draw attention to the importance of tobacco cessation and cancer prevention.
5. H. Evans (RMFD) - Let him know if you did not receive the updated contact list.
6. T. Canale (DMFD) - Is the Dr. Peate Award being sponsored by PCFCA, nominee needed for the award. This is a time sensitive item. Nominations for this award should be sent to Chief Wunder asap.

General Updates:

- Safety Day on September 19th at Starr Pass
- Fiesta de los Bomberos Sept. 20th- 21st at Starr Pass
- GTFF Estate Sale Aug 1st-3rd Safe Shift Store
- Emergency Services Career Fair sponsored by OEM Oct. 25th. Please contact Matt McGlone with PCOEM to sign up.
- Chief Wunder is looking for some help with the website. Please reach out if you can help.

Adjournment

Chief Wunder (GVFD) adjourned the meeting at 1505 hours.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 1330 hour
TFD Fire Central, 300 S. Fire Central Place



Submitted by: Chief Kenneth Shultz, Helmet Peak Fire, Secretary