



# Pima County Fire Chief's Association

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

## Meeting Notes

**March 26, 2019**

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

### Call to Order / Establishment of Quorum

Chief Karrer (GRFD) called the meeting to order at 1332 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. Crouse
Elephant Head Fire	Not Present
Golder Ranch Fire District	R. Karrer, P. Abel, T. Brandhuber, E. Perry
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
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	John Gulotta

#### Associate Members

Arizona ANG Fire Department	T. Burris
Rural Metro Fire Department	H. Evans
Pima County – OEM & HS	J. Guthrie
ADFFM	Not Present

#### Guests

Greater Tucson Fire Foundation	Not Present
National Weather Service	Ken Drozd
Pima Community College	Not Present
Nogales Fire	Not Present
Tubac Fire	Not Present
American Red Cross	Blaine De Vesty

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome and introduction of BC Carlos Flores from PYFD.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2019 made by C. Wunder (DHFD). Second by J. Kahle (RVFD). No objections. Motion approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

B. Bradley (NWFD) Report is attached, few folks on the naughty list who still owe dues. Account are healthy, doing good.

## **Presentations/Training Topic**

1. **Captain Gulotta (TFD, SASOA)** The decon bucket program is under way. They have reached out to Home Depot who will be working with SASOA to supply the buckets and materials needed. Hopefully by mid-April they will have the equipment to place on every front line fire suppression engine. Organizations supporting this include the 100 club and the Southern AZ Unions.

## **Something to Consider**

1. **Sheriff Mark Napier, Pima County Sheriff's Department.**  
Overview of PCSD operations, issues concerning the department, Stone-garden funding and how it impacts the fire service. Support needed by sending a letter to Pima County Board of Supervisors to support the approval of the grant for PCSD.

## **New Business**

1. The Veterans and First Responders Memorial (**R. Karrer**)  
Pima County Sheriff Mark Napier spoke in support of the Veterans and First Responders Memorial and how important it is to all of us. The memorial will benefit all of us. As dates come in Ch. Karrer will get them out to everyone. Looking for donations from any civic groups.

2. **Motion** - PCFCA will send a letter of support to the Pima County Board of Supervisors for the Stone-garden grant for the Pima County Sheriff's Department. Motion by A. Matus (PYFD), Second by J Kahle (RVFD), motion passes unanimously.
3. Ch. Wunder (GVFD) unveiled the new PCFCA web site. [www.pimachiefs.org](http://www.pimachiefs.org) He is looking for more high resolution pictures to add or switch out so it does not become stagnant.
4. **Motion** - PCFCA to support the FDLB Wayne Peate Award not to exceed \$750.00, Motion by J. Kahle (RVFD) Seconded by A. Matus (PYFD). Motion passed unanimously.

### **Good of the Order**

1. J. Kahle (RVFD), A. Matus (PYFD) - FDLB event will be held at Star Pass Resort on Sept. 20, 21. Thursday is Safety Day and Friday is the Dinner. The FF Combat Challenge has been postponed until next year.
2. H. Evans (RMFD) - Put out the BC list to be updated.
3. B. Bradley (NWFD) - NWFD, GRFD and TFD has extended their automatic aid agreement. Chief Gulotta agreed to move the agreement forward. There may be some changes, but it will be going live. Received a letter from ISO and they have been approved a platform.
4. P. Abel (GRFD) - The AFCA-AFDA Conference is July 8 - 12. Get your reservations in as the hotel may fill up early. Everyone should be involved with the new State Wide Mutual Aid program. Please get your info in as soon as possible. The Blue Ribbon Committee is looking for more participants from around the states fire agencies.
5. Red Cross has a new dispatch number which will be sent out to the communications centers.
6. J. Guthrie (OEM) has a department looking for a type 6 brush truck and a 4-wheel drive ambulance.
7. T. Canale (DMFD) air show is over with no mishaps.
8. E. Perry - (GRFD-PITC) Regional Fire Officer Course stalled until we can meet with PCC leadership re: credits, etc. Regional Officer CE planned tentatively on October 18 or 19. Still in planning stages. Safety day in conjunction with Fiesta de los Bomberos topics include mental health tracks from Sequoia Springs and coverage of Las Vegas shooting by Fire Chief Greg Cassell.

9. K. Drozd (NWS) - Spring has sprung. Wild fire awareness week starts April 2. Weather wise we are in to a warming trend and it looks to continue. Wind is going to pick up.
10. D. Crouse (DHFD) - Starting a joint academy with GVFD in July.
11. C. Wunder (GVFD) - PCFCA E-Board Elections are coming up in May.

### **Adjournment**

Chief Karrer (GRFD) adjourned the meeting at 1504 hours.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 1330 hour  
TFD Fire Central, 300 S. Fire Central Place

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