



Pima County Fire Chief's Association



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

Meeting Notes

September 25, 2018

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 1330 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. Chappell, D. Crouse
Elephant Head Fire	C. Anthis
Golder Ranch Fire District	R. Karrer, P. Abel, E. Perry, T. Brandhuber
Green Valley Fire District	C. Wunder, J. Kosiorowski
Helmet Peak Fire Department	K. Shultz
Mt. Lemmon Fire District	J. Gunia
Northwest Fire District	Not Present
Pascua Pueblo Fire Department	A. 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	M. Garcia, D. Wallentine, J. Gulotta

Associate Members

Arizona ANG Fire Department	A. Benitez
Rural Metro Fire Department	K Isselhard, F. Soto
Pima County – OEM & HS	Jeff Guthrie, S. Clark, M. McGlone

Guests

Greater Tucson Fire Foundation	Not Present
National Weather Service	Not Present
Pima Community College	Not Present
ADFFM	C. Peters, P. Elliot
Nogales Fire	M. McKearney
Tubac Fire	C. Horvath

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of July 31, 2018 made by D. Chappell (DHFD). Second by S. Davis (CdTFD). No objections. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

B. Bradley (NWFd) was unable to submit a report due to transition difficulties in which our PayPal account was hacked. R. Karrer (GRFD) informed us that the former treasurer, the new treasurer and the chair was compromised and executive board authorized a Life-Lock account for those 3 compromised members. No funds were lost but PayPal account was closed and the Square was used as primary. C. Wunder (GVFD) added that the website will be up soon so we can process payments through the website.

Presentations/Training Topic

Something to Consider

1. PSPRS Update – C. Wunder (GVFD) informed us of the PSPRS workshop this morning at TFD Central. It was well attended by area fire agencies and all felt it was beneficial. Hot topics included military related active duty and disability determinations. B. Delfs talked about an opportunity for a regional RFP for medical/PTSD.

New Business

1. PCFCA Executive Board will be a liaison to function as an advisory council to the GTFF. M. McKendrick (GTFF) met with members of the E-Board to discuss the direction of firefighter medical needs given the loss of Dr. Peate. In the past, Dr. Peate provided clear direction of NFPA 1582 related compliance and McKendrick (GTFF) would like a small committee to provide that direction. E.g should we continue with the DermSpectra machine. The committee would provide the priorities of the needs of the area firefighters. J. Gulotta proposed that we have an annual committee and/or interface with the Safety Committee. D. Chappell (DHFD) makes the motion for Pima Chiefs to provide a group to liaise with the GTFF for firefighter wellness priorities. J. Gulotta (TFD) seconded. Approved Unanimous.
2. Conduct an RFP to find a regional provider for firefighter health and wellness. R. Karrer (GRFD) introduced the topic to create a performance based regional RFP for FF health and wellness services. Some agencies report some issues with current provider. J. Gulotta (TFD) advised that TFD has a performance based contract that may be shared. R. Karrer asked if maybe the area would like to change the model and develop its own health and wellness facility. S. Davis (CdTFD) suggested that we form a group to refine the relationship with the current provider. B. Delfs felt that it would be hard to replicate our current system in lieu of Well America. Gulotta suggested that we get our HR type folks together to discuss the needs and difficulties. D. Wallentine (TFD) advised that TFD contract is due in December 2019. R. Karrer (GRFD) made the motion as seconded by J. Gulotta (TFD) to create a FF Health and Wellness Committee to evaluate the occupational medicine provider. Approved unanimous.

3. State Wide Mutual Aid. M. Garcia (TFD) has been working with R. Karrer (GRFD) the last few years on statewide mutual aid and M. Garcia (TFD) has been on a AFCA subcommittee to update the Statewide mutual aid plan. The hope is to have an approved agreement by early January 2019. The current system is to contact a central agency, Phoenix Fire, and the group felt that this arrangement is not the most efficient way. Instead, seven zones have been made and this area is the South Zone. The group is building a regional database that allow an incident to spool up in complexity with the concept of agency > neighbors > region > statewide responses. The new system will have the assistance of technology with iCloud. M. Garcia has apologized if he offended anyone, but he is just trying to help out the system. There was discussion about the redundancy of databases given ADFFM system, ADEMA (WebEOC) system and AFCA system. Please be sure to review the document and provide feedback to M. Garcia ASAP. Also, please forward the database information ASAP.

Good of the Order

1. J. Kosiorowski informed the group of the changes to the wildland qualifications are being made with less than 48 hours notice. Please make sure your wildland folks are providing feedback.
2. C. Peters (ADFFM) mentioned he was privileged to work at State Fire School this last year.
3. E. Perry (GRFD) announced that we had 90 people registered for safety day with 74 people in attendance. Cleared \$2,400 of profit for future training.
4. J. Guthrie (PCOEM) announced that Matt McGlone is the new Community Outreach Coordinator for OEM.
5. P. Elliot (ADFFM) announced that they still have units on out of state assignments but they are reducing.

Adjournment

Chief Karrer (GRFD) adjourned the meeting at 1448 hours.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 1330 hour
TFD Fire Central, 300 S. Fire Central Place

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