



# Pima County Fire Chief's Association



## Meeting Notes

March 29, 2016

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

### Call to Order

Chief Karrer called the meeting to order at 1334 hours.

### Active Members

Arivaca Volunteer Fire Department	Not Present
Avra Valley Fire District	Not Present
<b>Corona De Tucson Fire District</b>	S. Davis
<b>Davis Monthan Air Force Fire Department</b>	T. Canale
<b>Drexel Heights Fire District</b>	D. Chappell
<b>Golder Ranch Fire District</b>	R.Karrer, T. Brandhuber
<b>Green Valley Fire District</b>	C. Wunder
Helmet Peak Volunteer Fire Department	Not Present
<b>Mt. Lemmon Fire District</b>	R. Ogden, J. Gunia
<b>Mountain Vista Fire District</b>	C. Horvath
<b>Northwest Fire District</b>	G. West
<b>Pascua Pueblo Fire Department</b>	A. Matus
Picture Rocks Fire District	Not Present
Raytheon Fire Department	Not Present
<b>Rincon Valley Fire District</b>	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
<b>Tucson Fire Department</b>	M. Garcia, D. Burke, J. Gulotta

### Associate Members

Arizona ANG Fire Department	L. Tyree
Rural Metro Fire Department	Not Present
US Forest Service - Coronado	Not Present
Pima County – OEM & HS	J. Guthrie

### Guests

Greater Tucson Fire Foundation	M. McKendrick
National Weather Service	C. Cerniglia
Arizona State Forestry	J. Etshokin
Pima County Sheriff's Dept.	B. Gwaltney
AZ Life-Net	E. Bejarano

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2016 made by J. Kahle, Rincon Valley. Second by C. Horvath, Mountain Vista. No objections. Motion approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

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

## **Presentations:**

**See New Business**

## **Standing Committee Reports**

1. Training  
No report
2. Southern Arizona Safety Officers  
Capt. Gulotta thanked GTFF for their support of the current PFT class underway and for their continued support of this valuable training. He then encourage Chiefs to designate and send representation to the Safety Officer meetings. Capt. Gulotta specifically asked if everyone would please send him contact info for a designated representative to receive info from SASO. Next, Capt. Gulotta stated that there will be an ISO class offered just ahead of the upcoming Safety Seminar. Start date is May 31<sup>st</sup>. More details to come. Last, Capt. Gulotta reminded everyone about the upcoming Safety Seminar in June, mentioning that there is both a Chiefs and Firefighter educational track. Flyers were distributed. See attached.

## **Other Reports**

- EMS- Written report provided. No questions.
- Fire Marshals- Written report provided. No questions.
- Legislative Update- No formal report. S. Davis provided brief updates on key fire district related legislation related to wildland reimbursement, mergers and consolidations, and levy limit changes. No questions. Chief Karrer added that AFSI had released a recent position statement regarding EMS. He also noted that AZDHS had just released a notice on ground

ambulance rates and charges and that the automatic rate had actually gone down by .75%.

- Office of Emergency Management Update- Jeff Guthrie provided an update on new mass notification system (Everbridge) that they are purchasing. This system will be beneficial for notifications to both our communities and our own personnel. He also mentioned that OEM is well prepared for the El Nino that has not occurred. OEM has plenty of sandbags and door hangers in the event of any flooding. Mr. Guthrie also mentioned that OEM has requested just under \$500,000 in training funds from the RAC.
- Arizona Fire Chiefs Update- No report.
- Wildland Response Zones – No new information.
- Statewide Mutual Aid- Chief Karrer reported that Phoenix Fire is changing their CAD and that this will have an impact on the Statewide Mutual Aid notification system. Chief Karrer has future meetings on this topic and will update when he learns more.
- Greater Tucson Fire Foundation- Report filed. Chief McKendrick encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming Mental Health Conference on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Chief McKendrick stated that registration has been strong from law enforcement and from outside the area and that he would hope to see local fire service participation increase. In addition, he reminded everyone about the upcoming Poker Run. This is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. There are various participation levels from lunch to riding, but he asked that we please participate, as this is a large funding source for many of GTFF's programs.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

- Discussion on Rescue Task Force SOP (Kahle)- Chief Kahle provided a brief background discussion on RTF and past history and his desire to get a standard SOP for the county. Chief Kahle reviewed a proposed SOP and then asked Chief Gwaltney to elaborate on the SOP and the RTF concept in general. Chief Gwaltney stated the PCSO is planning for some significant training on this topic in the summer months. Chief Gwaltney advised that all law enforcement agencies outside of Tucson Police are in

agreement with this RTF concept and will have the same standards and procedures, meaning that fire agencies can expect consistency with all other law enforcement agencies outside of the city of Tucson. A small discussion occurred on the details of the SOP. It was discussed that the SOP could be modified by individual fire agencies if they had specific needs, but this SOP was a good starting point. A motion was made by Chief Kahle, Rincon Valley, to approve the SOP has presented with the understanding individual agencies could modify if necessary. The motion was seconded by Chief Chappell Drexel Heights. Motion was approved with no objections.

SOP attached

## **Chief Reports**

C. Wunder: Advised that GVFD would be starting a new hiring process for firefighters in the very near future. He also mentioned that GVFD just took delivery of a new Rosenbauer pumper.

S. Davis: Advised that his contract has been extended with Corona De Tucson Fire for another year.

Carl (NWS): Advised that we were experiencing a major wind event currently. There is a small chance of a small storm system bringing some rain next week. He also stated that things are dry and that the grass load is high. He said we should expect typical May and June weather patterns for the region.

T. Brandhuber: Advised that Golder Ranch is graduating their fire academy class this coming Friday. Chief Karrer then mentioned that Golder Ranch had their ISO rating upgraded to a Class 2.

T. Canale: Encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming Safety Seminar. He also reminded everyone that Dr. Gasaway would be holding over from the Safety Seminar, where he is presenting, and hosting a Companion Program on Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> at Pascua. These details will be coming shortly.

M. Garcia: TFD continues to work on its budget. They are trying to figure out what academy model will work best given budget constraints. He mentioned that TFD is still 30-40 people short and that they will have an academy class starting in July.

E. Bejarano: Updated group that he is now the new Air Medical Committee Chair to SAEMS.

J. Etshokin: SE District has appointed a new District Manager and it is Steve Miller. He has lots of experience and will arrive on April 18<sup>th</sup> to work on a transition with Gene. Jim mentioned that there has been 294 incidents to date in the SE Zone and that there have been 80 fires in the SE District. Last, Jim asked everyone to make sure crews are familiar with requesting resources for assignments, sighting two recent incidents where there was a little confusion.

C. Horvath: Advised the MVFD has just hired a new firefighter to fill out its needs. She also mentioned that MVFD continues its move towards joining PSPRS and that she is hopeful this will happen.

Attachments: Health/Safety Seminar Flyer, NFFF Golf Tournament Flyer, and RTF SOP.

### **Adjournment**

Chief Karrer adjourned the meeting at 1445 hours.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 1330 hours  
TFD Fire Central, 300 S. Fire Central Place

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

**THE PIMA INTERAGENCY TRAINING COMMITTEE AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA NFFF BENEFIT EVENT COMMITTEE PROUDLY PRESENT:**

**10th Annual Fire Service  
Health/Safety Seminar  
Friday, June 3rd 2016, 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.  
Casino del Sol Resort, Tucson AZ**



Registration Fee is **\$85**.  
Registration by credit card  
at  
[www.pimafiretraining.org](http://www.pimafiretraining.org)  
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Checks accepted day of  
event *only* if you RSVP.  
Make checks payable to  
Pima Fire Chiefs

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**► Featuring Two Separate Tracks Again this Year! ◀**

**Firefighter and Safety Officer Track**

- Morning Session — Firefighter Safety: Mistakes & best practices.
- Afternoon Session—Training for Failure: Why we must change the way we train first responders.

- *Both Sessions — Richard B. Gasaway PhD, Fire Chief (ret), Roseville MN.*

*Dr. Gasaway is widely considered to be one of the nation's leading authorities on human factors, situational awareness and the decision making processes used in high stress, high consequence work environments. [www.richgasaway.com](http://www.richgasaway.com)*

**Chief Officer Track**

- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder - Between a rock and a hard place.  
- *Matt Shobert, EFO, CFO, Fire Chief (ret), Murietta CA*
- UL Fire Research Institute - Update on research regarding tactics in the fire service (ventilation, victim survivability, FF safety, and water stream applications).  
- *Kelly Nicoletto, UL Research Staff*
- The Fire Service and OSHA - What you really need to know as a Chief Officer.  
- *Mark Norton, MAOM, RSP, CSSM, Norton Safety Services*
- Facilitated Health/Safety Discussion Forum

***Your day at the Seminar will also include:***

- Continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 A.M.
- Hosted lunch
- Vendor displays and raffle prizes

*Please also consider attending the NFFF benefit dinner and silent auction that same evening and the golf tournament Saturday morning, June 4th. Registration at [www.nfffaz.org](http://www.nfffaz.org). Discount room rates at Casino del Sol Resort available through the registration website.*



# 10th Anniversary



## NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION SOUTHERN AZ BENEFIT DINNER & GOLF TOURNAMENT June 3-4, 2016

*Save the Date!*

**Casino Del Sol Resort**  
5655 W. Valencia Road • Tucson, Arizona

### Events Include:

#### Friday, June 3 • Casino Del Sol Resort

- Firefighter Health/Safety Seminar • 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Silent Auction & No-Host Cocktails • 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- Benefit Dinner & Live Auction • 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, June 4 • Sewailo Golf Course

- Golf Tournament • Registration begins at 6 a.m.
- Scramble Format • 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place trophies
- Hole-in-One, Longest Drive, Closest-to-the-Pin & Putting Contests

Proceeds to benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the University of Arizona Cancer Center.

For more information please visit our website at [nfffaz.org](http://nfffaz.org) or contact Dane Crouse, Chairman, 520-471-1262, [dcrouse@nfffaz.org](mailto:dcrouse@nfffaz.org)



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**Purpose:** To create and establish a Rescue Task Force (RTF), that will work under the protection of law enforcement for the expedient rescue and transport of those injured in a high threat pre-hospital environment.

To provide guidelines for safety for our members.

**Scope:** Southern Arizona Fire Departments represented by Pima Fire Chiefs Association, Pima County Sheriff's Department.

**Definitions:**

- Rescue Task Force (RTF) – A team with a minimum of two firefighters and law enforcement officers deployed to provide point of wound care to victims where there is an ongoing ballistic or explosive threat. These teams treat, stabilize, and remove the injured from the Warm Zone to an area where they can receive definitive care and/or transport.

**Procedure/Information:**

- The RTF is utilized on an incident where there is an active killer or active threat; a person who has intent to harm or is causing great bodily harm to the public and continues to do so while having unrestricted access to additional victims.
- This type of incident is a Law Enforcement (LE) jurisdiction. The hot zone is where the shooter or threat is still active, and where LE is working to find and stop the threat.
- Consider your safety and the public's a priority. Use Hot, Warm and Cold Zones. **Do not operate within the Hot Zone.** The hot zone is where active shooter may still be present. The warm zone is where the shooters may have been but is considered reasonably safe. The cold zone is that area completely outside the action area.
- We will operate in the warm and cold zones. The RTF will only enter the warm zone, once requested by LE and escorted by LE security force. LE will determine appropriate number of members required to provide 360 degree coverage.
- It may be necessary to have additional resources available for a large incident, to include fire suppression, ambulances, and hazardous materials units.
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- All other fire apparatus and personnel not part of the RTF will stage in the cold zone. This will include all resources committed to active fire suppression.
- If our units arrive before Law Enforcement, they shall stage in a safe area, in the Cold Zone, out of line of sight. They will notify their communications center.
- Once LE has enough officers those officers will make up the security force. The fire department should provide a fire company to serve as entry team. Once the fire company has teamed up with the security force, those companies become the RTF. The RTF needs to verify correct radio channels. Note: Ambulances crews should remain in the cold zone to provide for the transportation of victims.
- The RTF is made up from a fire company and does not need to be ALS.
- The Medical Group(s) will be made up from fire companies or ambulance crews. In addition to the normal duties of a Medical Group/Section, Medical will need to establish a Casualty Collection Point.
- Ambulances from outside the response area may be needed and should be staged in the cold zone.
- In addition to standard EMS PPE, the fire RTF should wear a second layer of protection, such as turnouts, brush over-gear, or protective utility garment for added barrier protection and clear identification as a member of the fire service. Some agencies may opt to don ballistic gear.
- The RTF follows TECC guidelines- Tactical Emergency Casualty Care, models the military TCCC Tactical Combat Casualty Care but adapted for EMS.
- The RTF will carry smaller aid bags, specific for the RTF. Each company will carry at least one aid bags. These will only hold equipment necessary to treat at the point of wounding; TQ's, occlusive dressings, pressure bandages, NPA / OPA's, additional gloves, sharpie pens, chemical lights, flagging tape, and other various necessary equipment, to manage preventable death at point of wounding.
- No large jump bags, monitors, B/P cuffs, I.V's, c-collars etc. Other EMS equipment to move a patient can be staged nearby. An active threat, may still exist so our actions in the warm zone will need to be rapid and efficient.

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- RTF goal on a scene:
  - Obtain information brief from LE security force
  - Enter with security force
  - Find, rapidly treat and remove all immediate patients from the warm zone
  - Find, rapidly treat, and remove all other patients from the warm zone.
  - Move all patients to Casualty Collection Point(s) (CCP's)
  - Consider proximity of CCP for transporting ambulance access
  
- The Medical Group will gather up patients from the RTF at CCP and perform a rapid trauma assessment for further critical injury and a fast triage. Avoid any unnecessary delays in transferring care to ambulance crews for transport. Consider that patients may be spread out over a large area and be prepared to utilize more than one Medical Group.

**Safety:**

No fire or EMS member shall operate outside of the cold zone without a force protection officer. Likewise, the force protection officer must remain with the rescue personnel.

**References:**

*Committee for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Guidelines, TECC*  
*Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department Operational Considerations and Guide for Active Shooter and Mass Casualty Incidents, FEMA*