



Pima County Fire Chief's Association



Meeting Notes

June 6, 2017

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	B. Delfs
Corona De Tucson Fire District	Not Present
Davis Monthan Air Force Fire Department	Not Present
Drexel Heights Fire District	D. Chappell, D. Crouse
Golder Ranch Fire District	R. Karrer
Green Valley Fire District	C. Wunder
Helmet Peak Volunteer Fire Department	Not Present
Mt. Lemmon Fire District	J. Gunia
Mountain Vista Fire District	C. Horvath
Northwest Fire District	B. Bradley
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	C. Ader
Tohono O'odham Fire Department	C. Encinas
Tucson Airport Authority	Not Present
Tucson Fire Department	J. Gulotta, J. Critchley, M. Garcia

Associate Members

Arizona ANG Fire Department	Not Present
Rural Metro Fire Department	H. Evans, J. Walka
US Forest Service - Coronado	Not Present
Pima County – OEM & HS	J. Guthrie

Guests

Greater Tucson Fire Foundation	Not Present
National Weather Service	Not Present
Pima Community College	Julie Daglio

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of March 28, 2017 made by D. Chappell, DHFD. Second by J. Kahle, Rincon Valley. 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:

Southwest Gas gave a presentation on new leak control methods that they are employing with their crews. This involves more analysis of the hazard and an approval process. Southwest Gas is currently providing training to the regional hazmat team on leak securing procedures.

There were multiple questions about the role of the fire department with this new approach. Concerns were raised regarding communications, training, liability, and roles and responsibilities. It was decided that training would continue for hazmat personnel, but future training and changes in roles and responsibilities would be on hold until Pima Chiefs and the Pima Chiefs Safety Committee can evaluate. SW Gas will send materials and they will be distributed for evaluation. This topic will be assigned as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

1. Training- C. Ader provided an update on current activities of PITC. Most activity surrounds changes in officers. No further update.
2. Southern Arizona Safety Officers- J. Gulotta is putting together a point of contact (POC) sheet for the hospitals in the area. These contacts would be your Health and Safety Officer (HSO) or designated representative to deal with health information hospitals need to get back to departments. In addition, this information will be posted on the SAEMS website for reference. Please send the information to Captain John Gulotta with Tucson Fire as soon as possible. Contact info should include: name, contact number, email, and fax. (note fax numbers should be secured fax for pt. privacy).
john.gulotta@tucsonaz.gov

Other Reports

- EMS- Written report provided. No questions on the report.
- Fire Marshals- Written report provided. A brief discussion occurred regarding Pima County's new street standards and how the Fire Marshals are working to address this concern. This may be a concern PCFCA has to weigh in on in the future.
- Legislative Update- Cheryl Horvath is now the Area 6 representative. She advised that the agenda is out for the upcoming summer conference. Please take a look at the agenda and support the conference.
- Office of Emergency Management Update- J. Guthrie solicited opinions on firework permits. OEM is going to recommend to the county that they approve permits for professional fire work specialist with the caveat that they use the local fire jurisdiction for a stand-by. A motion was made by D. Chappel, DHFD to ask the county to restrict the use of personal fireworks within the county. Motion was seconded by J. Kahle, RVFD. No objections, motion carried. J. Guthrie said he would take this recommendation back to the county.
- Arizona Fire Chiefs Update- No report.
- Statewide Mutual Aid- Chief Karrer provided an update on the current status of Statewide Mutual Aid. Committee will be meeting on the 11th of June to rebuild the Statewide Mutual Aid
- Greater Tucson Fire Foundation- Report filed. C. Wunder mentioned the positive press the new DermaSpectra machine has received this pass week. In addition, he mentioned that there is a need to continue to raise funds for the balance owed on this machine.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Discussion and Possible Action on Election on Election of Officers including Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer-

R. Karrer, GRFD presented a recommendation submitted from M. Brandt, NWFD for a possible ascendancy format for officer positions. R. Karrer mentioned that this would require changes to the bylaws. There was a brief discussion on the merit of the concept. There was some support for the concept, but not a bylaw change today. It was suggested that the concept be followed and that the bylaws be worked on during the next year.

Motion was made by D. Chappell, DHFD to nominate R. Karrer, GRFD for Chair, C. Wunder, GVFD for Vice-Chair, J. Kahle for Secretary. Motion was seconded by J. Critchley, TFD. The motion carried without objection.

D. Chappell, DHFD nominated C. Horvath, MVFD for Treasurer. R. Karrer, GRFD seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection.

2017/18 PCFCA Board

Chair- Randy Karrer

Vice-Chair- Chuck Wunder

Secretary- Jayme Kahle

Treasurer- Cheryl Horvath

Chief Reports

J. Critchley- Happy with outcome of Prop 101- This will result in station remodels and upgrades, as well as new apparatus coming. Chief Critchley thanked everyone, including the citizens who supported this proposition.

D. Chappell- DHFD received AFG grant for new SCBAs.

M. Garcia- Chief Garcia was asked about the city doing an SCBA evaluation. He said that it was the cities intention to conduct an evaluation.

J. Daglio- PCC just graduated 30 from their fire academy. Enrollment is good for next semester fire academy, but general fire class enrollment is low. PCC is hoping we can help encourage our folks to enroll for classes.

H. Evans- New Fire Chief starts in one week. He will make introduction rounds with Chief Evans in the month to come. ISO regrade just completed and went well.

J. Walka- Reminder about Fiesta de los Bomberos and the upcoming golf tournament. Please register and participate.

A. Matus- Suggested that you reserve rooms for the Fiesta de los Bomberos conference early because that is a very busy weekend for the tribe and they expect rooms to fill up at the hotel.

J. Kahle- Asked what different departments were doing with regards to the PSPRS amortization issue, 20 vs. 30 yrs. Several organizations commented on what they were doing.

R. Karrer- Provided an update on the consolidation of MVFD and GRFD. Process is moving forward fairly well. Concerns have been raised regarding expanding CONs and private sector interference.

B. Bradley- Graduating an academy first week of July, looking to start another academy in October.

Adjournment

Chief Karrer adjourned the meeting at 1450 hours.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, July 31, 2017 at 1330 hours
TFD Fire Central, 300 S. Fire Central Place

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

