



Pima County Fire Chief's Association



Meeting Notes

January 26, 2016

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

Call to Order

Chief Karrer 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	Not Present
Davis Monthan Air Force Fire Department	T. Canale
Drexel Heights Fire District	D. Chappell, D. Crouse
Golder Ranch Fire District	R.Karrer, T. Brandhuber
Green Valley Fire District	C. Wunder, J. Kosiorowski
Helmet Peak Volunteer Fire Department	Not Present
Mt. Lemmon Fire District	R. Ogden, 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
Raytheon Fire Department	Not Present
Rincon Valley Fire District	J. Kahle
South Tucson Fire Department	Not Present
Sonoita – Elgin Fire District	Not Present
Three Points Fire District	J. Williams
Tohono O'odham Fire Department	C. Encinas
Tucson Fire Department	M. Garcia

Associate Members

Arizona ANG Fire Department	Not Present
Rural Metro Fire Department	J. McMahan, G. Roberts
US Forest Service - Coronado	Not Present
Pima County – OEM & HS	J. Guthrie, C. Bear

Guests

Greater Tucson Fire Foundation	M. McKendrick
National Weather Service	C. Cerniglia
Arizona State Forestry	J. Etshokin
Rio Rico Fire District	L. Caid
Pima Community College	J. Daglio
American Red Cross	C. Bender
University of Arizona	S. Staack, V. Lee
Cenpatico Integrated Care	D. Landers

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of November 24, 2015 made by D. Chappell, Drexel Heights. Second by J. Kahle, Rincon Valley. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Chief Kahle submitted a written report, which was distributed to the membership. Chief Kahle also provided a year-end report for review. Chief Kahle provided brief remarks. There were no questions or comments.

Presentations:

See New Business

Standing Committee Reports

1. Training
G. Roberts (Rural/Metro) representing C. Ader reported that the Leadership Symposium, which had been scheduled for January, was rescheduled to March 24th and 25th (shift friendly). One of the topics will be focused on mental health, with the second topic still to be determined.
2. Southern Arizona Safety Officers
Chief Kahle presented info. on behalf of Capt. Gulotta. He reported that the group is working on Mission and Vision Statements. Advised that they are working to create a safety website with the hope of standardizing Southern AZ Near Miss Program and hosting on this website. Also advised of the importance of routine attendance at Safety Officer Meetings. Chief Canale provided an update on ISO class before Safety Conference. Chief Canale advised that class was longer (20 hours) than initially thought. He asked if the group would still like to see this class before the conference. The group expressed that they would.

Other Reports

- EMS
Chief Crouse provided a written report. No questions.
- Fire Marshals
No report.

- **Legislative Update**
 No formal report. Chief Caid provided an update on several bills being discussed at State Legislature and encouraged everyone to keep up-to-date on respective legislative issues. Chief Caid highlighted two bills in particular, HB 2531 and HB 2108, asking for continued support. Chief Horvath provided an update on a meeting she attended today regarding HB2108 and its status. In addition, Chief Horvath provided an update on the proposed PSPRS bill and its current status.
- **Office of Emergency Management Update-** J. Guthrie thanked everyone for their support of the recent tabletop exercise. He also stated that OEM is working on an emergency alert website that they hope will go live soon. This website will provide a location where the public can gather information on various alerts occurring in the community at a given time. In addition, OEM is also working in support of a mass notification system for the county. They hope to have something in place before June 30th.
- **Arizona Fire Chiefs Update**
 Report filed by Chief Abel. Chief Karrer highlighted two parts of the report. This included the combination of the AFDA/AFCA summer conference and the placement of the State Fire Marshal's Office within the State Forester Office. Chief Karrer expressed his thoughts of this being a positive move.
- **Wildland Response Zones -** J. Etshokin advised District splits have taken place. Pima County is part of SE District. The New SE District will get a new manager in July. An update on recent fire activity was provided. He reminded everyone that the SE office has moved and is now located at 3740 E. 43rd Place. Last, Mr. Etshokin advised that the proposed frequency changes for the Coronado Forest have been delayed because of repeater issues.
- **Statewide Mutual Aid**
 D. Crouse provided an update on State Mutual Aid Committee and its current priorities. Top priority is to identify resource list from each agency for mutual aid response. February 17th is the next meeting of this group. Discussion on best system for tracking resources across the state occurred.
- **Greater Tucson Fire Foundation**
 Report filed.

Chief McKendrick provided an update on a variety of projects in which the GTFF was currently participating. These included: Peer Fitness Training through TFD, April 6th Mental Health Day, Pilot Cancer Study with Dr. Peate, and possible support of Diesel Particulate Study. Chief McKendrick reminded everyone that May 14th is the annual poker run, and many of these types of events are supported through funds from this ride.

Old Business

None

New Business

Diesel Particulate Study- Chief Bradley/Shawn Staack- Chief Bradley advised that he had asked Shawn Staack and the University of Arizona to update Pima Chiefs on the Diesel Particulate Study that was completed with NWFD. Mr. Staack provided a written report on this study and presented some options for additional research and the costs associated with these research options. Discussion occurred on what level of participation Pima Chiefs would have with supporting this research. No decisions were made. Chief Bradley advised that he would take this item back to his organization for further discussion and return to Pima Chiefs with a specific request.

Chief Reports

Carl (NWS): Update on weather systems affecting Pima County. Discussed El Nino weather patterns. Above average participation is anticipated through April. After this, normal patterns anticipated.

D. Crouse: Drexel hosting five-person transition academy to address attrition.

J. Daglio: Enrollment in fire science classes is down at PCC. To address this, more online courses are being offered. PCC has hired Mike Schwartz in support of its Fire Science programs, and he will be asking to visit various fire departments to gather information on how to best serve the region.

G. Roberts: Rural Metro has a fire academy scheduled for April. Rural is happy to support or participate in any training other agencies are offering.

J. Guthrie: OEM is updating door hangers for evacuation and will have these available soon.

C. Bender: Red Cross helped support a smoke-alarm blitz with Drexel Heights Fire District recently.

T. Canale: Advised that Davis Monthan has two air-shows scheduled for the Spring. They are March 4-6th and March 11th-13th.

S. Staack: University of Arizona College of Public Health is currently involved in a CBRN study with NWFd.

R. Ogden: Chief Ogden introduced Joe Gunia has the new Deputy Chief at Mt. Lemmon.

J. Williams: Three Points Fire District recently opened a new station. In addition, they will be taking delivery of a 4,000 gallon pumper/tender in early June.

M. Garcia: TFD graduating another class next Friday. TFD sponsoring a regional hazmat class that starts on Feb. 8th. This will be a five-week class. TFD will also have an internal TRT class that follows this hazmat class. Applications just closed for their next academy class that they hope to start in June.

C. Horvath: Mtn. Vista Fire District just approved a Meet and Confer agreement and will now start working on a MOU. In addition, the actuaries from PSPRS look pretty good for MVFD, and they are considering a move into PSPRS.

J. Kahle- RVFD has taken over payroll for Corona De Tucson. RVFD and CFD continue to look at shared services opportunities. RVFD is adding one person per shift for staffing.

R. Karrer: GRFD is looking at putting another ambulance in service to address demand.

Adjournment

Chief Karrer adjourned the meeting at 1502 hours.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 1330 hours
TFD Fire Central, 300 S. Fire Central Place

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

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