



Pima County Fire Chief's Association



Meeting Notes

March 28, 2017

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

Call to Order

Chief Karrer called the meeting to order at 1330 hours.

Active Members

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| 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 |
| Golder Ranch Fire District | R. Karrer |
| Green Valley Fire District | C. Wunder J. Kosiorowski |
| Helmet Peak Volunteer Fire Department | K. Shultz |
| Mt. Lemmon Fire District | S. Wagaman |
| 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 | M. Garcia, J. Gullota, C. Anderson |

Associate Members

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

Guests

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| Greater Tucson Fire Foundation | M. McKendrick |
| National Weather Service | K. Drozd |
| Pima Community College | Not Present |

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of January 31, 2017 made by D. Chappell, Drexel Heights. 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:

None

Standing Committee Reports

1. Training- PITC focus is currently on Sept. Safety Day. Elections coming up in PITC.
2. Southern Arizona Safety Officers- Working on electrical emergency training videos. Trying to get these done in advance of monsoon season for distribution to area departments. PFT refresher for continuing education. Class is shift friendly on April 27th or 28th. Class will be at TFD Fire Central. Contact Captain Gulotta for registration (please see attached flyer).

Other Reports

- EMS- Written report provided. No questions on the report.
- Fire Marshals- No report.
- Legislative Update- Most of the bills have been heard. Most bills run were successful. Occupational Health is still moving through. Water flow bill is still being worked on. Consolidations and Mergers done and signed by Governor. Nominations for AFDA Area 6 are currently open. Any nominations for this opening need to be sent to Simon Davis by the end of next week. Currently there are two nominations for this position. Don't forget about July AFDA/AFCA conference.

- Office of Emergency Management Update- Planning position has been filled by Sandra Espinosa. Training and Exercise position closes next Friday. There are good candidates for this position and OEM is eager to get someone into this position. Last, there are training and exercise monies available through OEM.
- Arizona Fire Chiefs Update- No report.
- Statewide Mutual Aid- Chief Karrer provided an update on the current status of Statewide Mutual Aid and the challenges that have been occurring. He advised many of the challenges are associated with dispatch. He stated that the committee has visited with Jeff Whitney from DFFM and a discussion is occurring on the whether DFFM might be able to support dispatch for State Wide Mutual Aid. Chief Karrer will keep us updated.
- Greater Tucson Fire Foundation- Report filed. Chief McKenrdrick reminded everyone about the “who you going to call” flyer regarding support of mental health. He stressed that home is often where the issue is and that the desire is to get this information to the families at home. He also reminded everyone about the two fall fundraisers and the importance of supporting these events.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Discussion and Possible Action on Derspectra- A discussion occurred on the Derspectra machine that Dr. Peate discussed at the last meeting of the PCFCA. Financial support is needed to purchase this machine so it can be used at annual physicals to help detect skin cancer on firefighters. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by S. Davis, Corona to provide financial support for the purchase of this machine not to exceed \$14,000. This motion was seconded by D. Chappel, Drexel Heights. The motion passed without objection.

Chief Reports

C. Wunder- Reminder about annual wildland meeting in Avondale next week.

M. Garcia- TFD currently has a recruit class of 16 underway.

L. Tyree- 300 active duty guard and reserves are deployed to middle east in support of military fire service. Chief Tyree mentioned how neat it is to see guardsmen and reserves who have been trained as medics through PCC and completed their ride alongs with TFD, putting these skills to use "in country."

T.Canale- DM just received accreditation.

H. Evans- BC position open until this Friday.

P. Elliot- Wildfire activity is picking up so make sure to get everyone up to date on wildland qualifications.

K. Drozd- Provided a brief weather update. Overall outlook is warmer than usual weather, but not dryer than normal. Weather will be variable for the month of April. Weather spotter training classes will be kicking off in late April and going through June. These classes should be on website soon.

C. Horvath- Has expressed an interest in Area 6 position.

B. Bradley- Has also expressed an interest in Area 6 position. Academy of 32 starting soon.

K. Shultz- Currently running an academy of 16.

C. Peters- DFFM is working on changing the due date for the Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund report. They are hoping to move the date from January 31st to March 31st. DFFM is also looking to take over the program management for NFIRS. This is underway and DFFM will need support from everyone in terms of cleaning up reports and providing information so accurate reporting can occur.

J. Kahle- Asked about how folks are managing PSPRS increases. Responses were varied. RVFD has completed RTF training with local law enforcement commanders. Drill went well. Chief Kahle encourages other organizations to complete this training. Women's Foundation luncheon is coming up next month, and Chief Horvath will be being recognized. PCFCA has purchased a table. Please contact Chief Kahle if you want to attend.

R. Karrer- Recruit class is graduating May 4th. All are invited to attend graduation. AFSI meeting April 13th at 10am. Golder and Mountain Vista are going out for an RFP for a feasibility study for consolidation of their two organizations.

Adjournment

Chief Karrer adjourned the meeting at 1434 hours.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 1330 hours
TFD Fire Central, 300 S. Fire Central Place

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

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