

## Arizona Fire Chiefs Association

### Minutes

Quarterly meeting 1/14/2010 Bullhead City

#### **Board Members Present:**

Larry Rooney, Gary Hatch, Scott Miller, Mark Burdick, Ron Dennis, Paul Adams, Chuck Osterman, Chris Jessop, Randy Redmond, Tim McElwee, Mike Casson, Marco Olsen, Don Howard, Dennis Light, Jim Ford, David Kirk, Paul Sabel, Randy Karrer, Phil Mele, Bob Barger, John Hayes, Mike Van Dyke.

#### **Other Attendees**

Crosby Grindle (WFCA), Ray Bizal (NFPA), Rod Reid, Chris Morris, Bill Miller, Bill Kinsey, Pat Moore, Joseph DeWolfe, Mel Sorenson, Jake Barlow, Jan Hauk, Katie Sayre, Simon Davis, Jack Yeager, Rick Southey, Eric Kriwer

1:45 p.m. Call to order by Chief Rooney

Welcome by Chief Rick Southey, Bullhead City Fire District

Lunch was provided by Bullhead City F.D.

#### **Approval of minutes 10-15-09:**

Need to add Randy Karrer to attendance list

Motion to approve as modified by Dennis Light, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marco Olsen: Approved

**Financial Report:** Ron Dennis provided a comprehensive end of FY 2009 report/. Report was distributed to AFCA Board for review prior to meeting. Report is on file. Motion to approve by Paul Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Karrer: Approved.

#### **Special Guests: Crosby Grindle, WFCA and Ray Bizal, NFPA**

Crosby gave a WFCA update on Fire Chiefs Bookstore and Partnership with AFCA.

GPO – updates include a completed PPE RFP, Municipal Emergency Services has the contract in AZ

SCBA RFP will be coming out soon. Sprint also provides a 22% discount to fire department members using the GPO. Crosby also updated the membership on other partnerships and discounts available. For more information, contact the Executive Director, Ron Dennis.

Ray Bizal announced the recent NFPA reorganization including the creation of a wildland division and a 50/50 partnership with Forest Service in the Fire Wise program. Crosby Grindle will be leaving the WFCA and taking a newly created northwest division position with NFPA.

## **DFBLS Update**

Bob Barger/Phil Mele: Provided update on status of SFMO budget memo of Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> which was distributed to the membership.

Announced the development of an ASFI resolution to form a task force work on a memo of understanding from SFMO to ASFI to address the fire service training, certification and accreditation in AZ.

A lengthy discussion ensued about the state of fire service Training, Certification, School inspections, investigations, etc. All as a result of the recent budget cuts which eliminated some or all of these programs from the State Fire Marshal's Office. Phil cited ARS 34-461 related to Code Enforcement (check with Phil Mele on details).

The following AFCA reps are being appointed to the AFSI Task Force:

Larry Rooney

Frank Ricci

Alternate- Jim Ford

## **Old Business**

### 2010 Leadership Conference Report

Gary Hatch – Vendor/Expo update. The media Center hall is near 70 percent sold out and the Solana hall is near 30 percent sold out. Vendors are very supportive and enthusiastic about a two day vendor EXPO this year

Ron Dennis – Program update: the Program planning committee has completed the final touches of the program and the registration link will be up and running before the first of February

Scott Miller – Golf Update: The Steve Alley memorial Golf tournament details have been finalized and Golf registration is open.

### By-Laws Proposals-Burdick/Adams:

Bylaw proposals have been completed and submitted to the AFCA board for review and approval. Chief Burdick and Chief Adams provided a brief review and after a short discussion, motion to approve to submit to membership for vote by Chuck Osterman; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Howard, Motion Approved:

## **New Business**

### Financial Summit - Outreach Workshops

Ron Dennis provided an overview of the upcoming Membership Outreach workshops which will be held in February in Tucson, Glendale and Flagstaff. Members are encouraged to register and attend. Lunch will be provided and there is no charge for the workshops.

## Special Events

Ron also provided an update on AFCA upcoming Charity Events which include a Police fire Battle of the badges Basketball Tournament at Suns U.S. Airways Arena on April 11th. Proceeds will go to the 100 club of Arizona. Also the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Camp Courage burn Camp Golf Tournament which will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## Status of Statewide Mutual Aid System

Written Report submitted and distributed by Randy Karrer. The newest challenge for AFCA is the EOC Position: how will it be activated? How will AFCA comply with MOU with ADEM, etc? All of these issues including the function of the Statewide Fire Resource tracking coordinator and database are in question due to the recent cuts implemented at State Fire Marshal's Office

General discussion among group. Mutual aid task force will continue to work on the problem

## Status of EMS transport in AZ

Dennis Light Provided an update on EMS C.O.N endeavor by Yuma Fire.

EMS needs Assessment from Yuma was also passed out. A lengthy discussion followed about CON process in AZ. Fire Districts brought up a concern about situations where Fire Districts serve municipalities with CON and may now be subject to the will of the City to pursue separate CON provider.

Fire Districts want to be involved in all future discussions about the proposal as it goes thru the process.

## New Section in AFCA

A proposal was received by the Executive Committee to establish a new section within the Association called the Resource management section. The E-Committee recommends to the Board to approve the proposal. Motion to accept by: Paul Adams and 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dave Kirk. Approved. Mike Ullman was appointed as chairperson by President Rooney

## 2010 AFCA Budget Proposal

Ron Dennis Submitted the FY 2010 budget proposal. This was distributed to the Board for review prior to meeting. The proposal included a comparison to last year's actual expenditures and reflects a conservative outlook on conference income due to financial issues across the state. Motion to accept the budget as published: Randy Karrer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mel Sorenson. Larry Rooney and Scott Miller emphasized that the budget detail does reflect Association expectations for financial transparency. The budget was approved.

## Newsletter:

Gary Hatch unveiled the newly revived AFCA newsletter and distributed 1<sup>st</sup> Edition copies. The newsletter will be distributed to all members on a quarterly basis. We will be soliciting advertisement, announcements, articles of interest and other features as we develop the NEW newsletter

Website Management: Bruce Thompson has agreed to take over website management for the Association through an agreement with the Executive Committee.

## WFCA Report

Paul Adams gave an update on current WFCA issues and reported that the 2011 WFCA Presidents Forum will be in AZ. He will be working with Jim Critchley on developing a plan for accomplishing and coordinating this event.

## Section Reports

Training Section report submitted in writing by Tom Hand and is on file

Wildland Section: Wildland info by Don Howard; limited funding for wildland reimbursement; IOU'S will be issued after the emergency fund is depleted. This could cause budget concerns with numerous jurisdiction involved in wildland response.

## AFCA Position Statement

It was proposed that the AFCA submit a formal Position Statement on the current issues and status of the State Fire Marshal's Office in light of the recent budget cuts and program eliminations. By consensus of the Board, the Executive Committee was empowered to draft statement and distribute to the membership. It was also agreed that the position statement incorporate the previously mentioned AFSI motion to establish the task force to develop a unified Arizona fire Service approach to the current issues.

## Announcements

Ron Melcher has retired from the State Division of Forestry

Jim Ford: reported on upcoming legislation, SB1112 regarding HAZ Mat reporting. Info on legislation will be forthcoming and distributed to the membership

New Section Chair Introductions:      New Industrial section Chair: Dave Kirk  
New volunteer Section Chair; Paul Sabel

## Closing Comments

Larry Rooney made several closing comments about the gravity of the current economic situation and status of the SFMO issues and our ability as the ARIZONA Fire Service to step up and address our concerns as professionals. Ron Dennis will re-structure the current Financial Issues Bulletin Boar located on the website to encourage discussion and information sharing among members on this issue.

Future Board meeting dates

April 15<sup>th</sup>, Tucson Fire Administration 10:00 a.m.

July 31<sup>st</sup>, Renaissance Glendale. 3:15 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.