

PEND OREILLE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 12, 2014

Members Present:

Mike Nokes, SPOFR; Larry Hiebert, FD8; Steve Gibson, FD4; Janice Smith, FIU; JoAnn Boggs, PO Cty DEM; Steve West, PO Cty Dispatch; Laura Smith-Johnson, Webmaster; Randy Johnson, Fire Chief Spokane County #4; and Mike Jensen, WSU Extension Director

Meeting called to order at approximately 06:03 PM by Chairman Nokes.

Review of Minutes of Prior Meeting — No minutes available to review at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report — presented by Chairman Nokes

General Fund Checking:	\$ 650.00
Savings:	4,653.76
FIU Checking:	\$ 121.95
Savings:	3,275.47

Reports

- a. **Fire Investigation Team (FIU)** — Janice Smith reported that Chris Smith attended conference in Leavenworth; received training in electrical fires.
- b. **POC Webmaster** — Need a copy of meeting minutes for April and May.
- c. **DEM / Dispatch** — JoAnn Boggs reported the debut of the mobile command vehicle on the 21st. LEPC training, meeting in Metaline Falls at 10 am next Wednesday in preparation of upcoming drill. Discussion followed. Steve West reported about new employee who starts July 3rd. More discussion followed.
- d. **DNR** — Chairman Nokes reported for Forrest Ownbey stating that the fire danger in Spokane and Stevens counties were upgraded to moderate. Discussion followed.
- e. **POC Fire & Life Safety Council** — no report

Old Business

- a. **USFS Fire District Agreements** — Chairman Nokes reported that Reese Bennett is unavailable this evening.

New Business

- a. **MOBE's** — Chief Randy Johnson reported that he is the mobilization coordinator for the Northeast region with Jack Cates, Chief of Spokane County Fire District 9, as the alternate. Not much change in MOBE plan. Significant ones are: field coordinator & MOBE staff coordinator refined; and all-hazards. Fire Districts may

request MOBE if needed. MOBE agreement in place with fire districts; need agreements for reimbursement; and still need agreement from PO Cty Fire District #6 – all others Ok. Discussion followed. Legislation discussed.

- b. Know Your Community Fair** — Mike Jensen, WSU Extension Director, provided his background. Stated grant help provided. Looking for representatives for fire service volunteers at “Know Your Community Fair”. Fair is June 21st, from 10 am to 3 pm, at the fairgrounds in Cusick. There will be food, music and the Command Center. Discussion followed. Booth available; bring your own table and chairs; bring a door prize; and register by tomorrow. More discussion followed.
- c. County Fair** — Chairman Nokes will follow up with Jay Foster.
- d. Training Exercise** — Captain Steve Gibson reported that he and Captain Nick Knaack (PO Cty Fire District #4) have been planning a fire training day. Possible locations are Newport High School or another building in Newport. Stations established at building with water tenders, drop tanks, etc., and senior officers from fire districts overseeing stations. Would need cooperation from school district and possibility of Chiefs Association to sponsor event discussed. Objectives are cross-training, IC, and safety. Could add search and rescue. More discussion followed. Captain Gibson can serve on committee, but needs someone else to lead. Chairman Nokes and Chief Hiebert agreed with overall plan and Chairman Nokes will send message to others. Captain Gibson will serve as interim lead and will contact school first as possible location. Mr. Jensen will help on project too.

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- a.** Chief Hiebert asked about SCI and EMT training in Pend Oreille County. Chairman Nokes stated no SCI at this time and he’s sending people to Spokane for EMT training.
- b.** Chairman Nokes reported that Life Flight now has another base near Hayden/ Coeur d’Alene area.
- c.** Chief Hiebert asked about firefighter academy this year. Chairman Nokes reported one in Fall.

The next POFCA meeting will be held July 10th at the Golden China Restaurant.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Laura Smith-Johnson
for Nito Wilson, Secretary