

PEND OREILLE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 2, 2014

Members Present:

Mike Nokes, SPOFR; Nick Knaack, FD4; Larry Hiebert, FD8; Joshua Hicks, FD2; Forrest Ownbey, DNR; Janice Smith, FIU; Andrew Isaacs, Life Flight; and Laura Smith-Johnson, Webmaster

Meeting called to order at approximately 18:04 by Chairman Nokes.

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

Treasurer's Report — Nito working late - no report

Reports

- a. **Fire Investigation Team (FIU)** — Janice Smith reported no calls past month. DVD for 1st Responders available for distribution. Spokane training on interviewing at fire scenes. Next training in Spokane, October 21st, at Long Horn BBQ at 11:30. FIU meeting in Newport, October 15th, at PUD at 19:00. Chris out of town.
- b. **POC Webmaster** — Will put FF Academy schedule on calendar. Completed Spokane Cty EMS Council's site and it's now live. Site is desktop and mobile friendly. Please visit and provide feedback.
- c. **DEM / Dispatch** — No report, except, Chairman Nokes stated that LEPC After Action Review to be announced.
- d. **DNR** — Forrest Ownbey reported 5 engines on (2-person engines); fuels reduction in Spokane; burn ban lifted, but fire districts have kept high fire danger level in place; and recreational burning in approved camp grounds ok / yard campfires is under Dept of Ecology jurisdiction. October 13th - 15th high school fire training. Spokane stopped using smoke machine. Contact them for reason why. Aircraft gone, except rotors. Discussion followed. Courses available in Spring.
- e. **Life Flight** — Andrew Isaacs reported working with agencies on radio communications and improving on-scene times. Sandpoint/CDA busy. Switched from 12-hour to 24-hour shifts. Discussion about Newport High School event; coverage area; and pediatric care training at FD4.
- f. **POC Fire & Life Safety Council** — Chairman Nokes reported that high school and FD2 reserved trailer.

Old Business

- a. **Non-Injury MVA's** — Chairman Nokes stated that Steve West is out of office and will discuss Non-Injury MVA's at another time. Explanation followed.
- b. **FF Academy** — Chairman Nokes reported that schedule is available and need number of people attending. Jim Galley leading this year. Discussion followed.

- c. **Cancellation of Extraction Class** — Chief Hiebert asked why extrication class was cancelled. Chairman Nokes reported it was due to a scheduling conflict and to low attendance. Chairman Nokes received Chief Hiebert's attendance list shortly after class was cancelled.

New Business

- a. N/A

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- a. Forrest Ownbey – Great American Emergency Preparedness Fair had decent attendance.
- b. Andrew Isaacs – Life Flight training in area w/ Nito & w/ Jay Foster both cancelled for various reasons including weather.
- c. Forrest Ownbey – Public Communication site grants available. 50/50 cost share w/ landowners. Discussion followed including Furport project.
- d. Chief Knaack - will be gone from the 8th to the 24th and District 4 will be short staffed between the 8th and 14th.
- e. Chief Hiebert - District 8 will be short staffed this weekend.
- f. Chief Knaack - extrication training on 14th; will send notice if change of venue and availability opens up. Ladder testing the 24th, schedule full; pump testing the 25th, opening for District 8 from about Noon to 2 pm, but call to confirm.
- g. Chairman Nokes to Joshua Hicks (FD2) – change in hazardous materials, if any.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 18:45 PM.

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