

PEND OREILLE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 8, 2015

Members Present:

Mike Nokes, SPOFR; Dean Kiefer, USFS; Larry Hiebert, FD8; Lynn Kenworthy, DNR; Steve West, Dispatch (911); Joshua Hicks, FD2; Andrew Isaacs, Life Flight; Jay Foster, FD5; Rob Owen, NFD; and Laura Smith-Johnson, Webmaster

Meeting called to order at approximately 18:09 by Chairman Nokes.

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

Treasurer's Report — no report

Reports

- a. **Fire Investigation Team (FIU)** — No report. Chief Foster reported that they requested an investigation on one of their fires.
- b. **POCFire Webmaster** — nothing new to report
- c. **DEM / Dispatch** — Steve West reported that a request for agencies to attend the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan meetings was emailed to everyone and a schedule of the meeting dates was included. Discussion followed about some agencies not receiving it so it will be sent again tomorrow.

DNR updated radios to digital, but the wrong frequency was programmed for Tac 2 and it will be fixed.

Steve West reported that SPOFR, District 4 and District 8 are on Active911 now and that District 2 needs iSpyFire setup. Joshua Hicks (FD2) reported that although they are looking at iSpyFire now they might switch to Active911.

- d. **USFS/DNR** — Dean Kiefer reported seasonal in February and Lynn Kenworthy reported seasonal postings online now. Those eighteen years old or older can apply.
- e. **POC Fire & Life Safety Council** — Chairman Nokes reported on PO Cty Wildfire coordinating committee meeting and passed out a copy of an email message from Carol Mack listing date, time and other pertinent information.
- f. **Life Flight** — Andrew Isaacs cautioned about warmer temperatures causing fog banks between first responders on-scene and flight crews. Visibility may be poor. Discussion followed.

Updates in news-related area — new base in Idaho Falls (as info-only); and staff change coming soon because Mr. Isaacs accepted another position elsewhere. Discussion followed. New contact info will be sent to everyone when available.

Old Business

- a. **Countywide SCBA Grant** — nothing new to report.

- b. EMT Instructor** — Joshua Hicks reported that District 2 has an EMT instructor and might have a class starting in April.

New Business

Lynn Kenworthy (DNR) reported that they are seeking experience records from agency members for 2014. Red Cards will be issued as early as March. EMTs need to be listed as such because there is a high demand for them at scenes.

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- a.** Chairman Nokes reported that his office has moved to the Sacheen station for a couple of months while the Diamond Lake station is being remodeled. Office and classroom space is being expanded and improved there.
- b.** Members present discussed next meeting date and place, and date for future meetings. Vice Chairman Hiebert suggested that we complete the rounds of the various fire departments. Discussion followed. Meetings on the second Thursday of the month work best for Chief Foster. More discussion followed. The next Chiefs meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month, February 12th, at the Newport Fire Department unless informed otherwise with Golden China as the alternate location.
- c.** Dean Kiefer (USFS) requested feedback from districts about who will be on agreement, and how the agreement is written and if changes would help. Chairman Nokes suggested to improve the payment schedule by making it more like DNR. Discussion followed which included stipends and payroll. Fire District 5 has done patrols for USFS.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 18:39 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Laura Smith-Johnson
for Nick Knaack, Secretary