



**of Palm Beach County, Florida
Incorporated**

**OCTOBER 25, 2006 - 12:00 NOON
MEETING MINUTES**

Hosted by: Boca Raton Fire Rescue

Location: Boca Raton Marine Safety Headquarters, 3901 North Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton FL

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Moran)

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Members (26) and Guests (4)

Guest Speaker – Glenn Joseph, Deputy Chief of Operations, Boca Raton Fire Rescue. Deputy Chief Joseph gave a brief overview of their LP gas fed fire training simulator and then provided a demonstration in the parking lot.

Guest Speaker – Louis – provided a brief overview and then demonstration of the “One-Seven foam system,” so-called because it produces seven droplets of finished foam for each droplet of water entering the system.

III. SECRETARY’S REPORT (Donatto)

September’s Minutes (previously distributed by email) accepted by motion

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT (Blockson)

Account Transactions and Balances Checking \$14.38 / Savings \$8,400.32 / Total \$8414.70

Dues Notices for 2007 will be going out soon.

V. COMMUNICATIONS READ AND DISPOSED OF - NONE

VI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Chief Bingham out of Town – No Report)

VII. ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

A. Training Officer's Association of Palm Beach County – (Capt. Houston Park) The Training Officers concerning countywide accountability and Capt. Park distributed the report from those meetings with the Training Officers recommendations. Chief Bergel advised that the Chiefs Association committee met with the Training Officers and supports their proposal. Chief Jerauld expressed his concerns that there be a “commitment” on the part of the Fire Chiefs to adopt this countywide and that there be some enforcement of that commitment. Chief Moran stated that at a previous Executive Board meeting there Fire Chiefs expressed the commitment to be on the same page with accountability. Chief Koen echoed the commitment sentiment and said that when Chiefs

say Yes – they need to mean Yes. Chief Koen suggested that the document be reviewed carefully over the next month and that it be reconsidered for adoption at the next meeting. Chief Moran concurred and asked all agencies to be prepared to vote on this issue at the November meeting. Multi-agency USAR training is being conducted that includes members from Boynton Beach, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Broward County, and Tampa. Capt. Park advised that other agencies may send members to participate (contact Capt. Park).

B. Palm Beach Community College (Val Williams) Val distributed an article on free Web-Based Training Courses and Videos for responders as well as a handout on the Colleges current course offerings and schedule. Val invited members to attend a Veteran's Day Celebration at the PBCC Duncan Theater on November 9, 2006 at 11am. Greenacres will be hosting a Driver Operator / Hydraulics course and is offering seats to outside members. Val advised the association that the College has lost its lease at the Airport and will be forced to leave by July 23, 2007. The College plans to build a building on the Lake Worth Campus to house and store their apparatus. The College will be getting bids on a Burn Building / Tower.

C. State and County EMS – (Div. Chief Rob Moreland) – No Report

D. Emergency Management – (Bob Rehr) – The November Fire Chiefs Association meeting will be held at the PBC EOC. That same day, emergency management will be hosting a recognition ceremony for **Max Mayfield**, who is the director of the National Hurricane Center and will be retiring in January 2007. There will be an outside Bar BQ and Fire Chiefs Assoc member may participate and bring their plates into the EOC for the Chiefs Assoc meeting. On November 8 & 9 there will be a 2 day Herbert Hoover Dike terrorism exercise. The RDSTF has planned a mass migration exercise in March 2007 in preparation for any potential fall of the Castro regime. This will be a 4 county event. In 2007, there will be approximately 10 classes on either I300 or I400. The LEPC will also fund up to 4 classes.

E. American Red Cross – (Mary Blakely) - No Report

F. RDSTF Region 7 – (Dep. Chief Carter) – The RDSTF is working on preparations for the Super Bowl. Chief Carter asked that more 5 trumpet Chiefs become involved in the RDSTF working groups and policy level groups. If we do not get more involved – we will not have access to needed funding.

G. Hazardous Materials Oversight – (Dep. Chief Carter) – Chief Carter met with the City Manager Leif Ahnell from Boca Raton to discuss the Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee's efforts to improve the response times and call load balance for the regional hazardous materials teams through boundary adjustments. Mr. Ahnell stated that Boca Raton is not opposed to discussing the proposed changes, but cannot do so until the lawsuit with the County over countywide fire rescue communications has been settled. Chief Carter expressed his desire to wait on this issue, given a resolution to the lawsuit is expected in the first quarter of 2007 – and the current system of hazardous materials teams has served Palm Beach County so well. The Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee is also working with West Palm Beach regarding any needed boundary changes following their move of the their team to the station just south of Southern Blvd. The teams have proposed changes to the countywide Hazardous Materials Standard Operating Guidelines. These changes include tox medic procedures and they are being reviewed by the medical directors and will be submitted to the Chiefs Association at the November meeting.

H. Local Emergency Planning Committee – (Asst. Chief John Johnson) – No Report

I. Fire Marshal's Association of Palm Beach County (Susan Hall) - Susan Hall reported that the new incoming President for the Fire Marshals Association will be Deputy Chief Steve Jerauld of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. The incoming Vice-President will be Division Chief Tim Pompos of Palm Beach Fire Rescue, and the Second Vice-President will be Susan Hall of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. The next meeting will be held on Nov 16th.

J. Level of Service Committee – (Chief Kerry Koen) – No Report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

A. PBCC Point system for the selection of candidates for Fire Recruit Academy. (**Blockson**) Chief Blockson reported that the Fire Chiefs Association Committee addressing this issue was successful in convincing the PBCC Partnership Council to modify their point system for entry into the Community College's fire minimum standards program. Under the revised process, points are awarded as follows:

- Residency Status (max 2 pts) – 2 Pts for PBC Resident, 1 Point for Florida resident
- Emergency Service Work Experience (max 2 pts) – 2 Pts for Full Time Current Emerg Work, 1 Point for Part Time or Volunteer Emerg Work Experience
- PBCC Education Points (max 2 pts) – 1 Point if Completed PBCC EMT, 1 Point if Completed PBCC Paramedic

Eliminated points for EMT/Paramedic Certification, Eliminated Points for Education/Degree, Agreed that any person hired by agency and in need of minimum standards will automatically be enrolled in next available class. All ties for points will be selected by lottery system.

B. Countywide Fire Rescue Boats (**Wood**) Discussed the need for marine fire fighting capability and concept of a regional fire boat response system, and associated funding (FIND, Registration Fees for boaters, etc.). A committee was appointed by Chief Moran including Chief Tom Wood, Chief Moran, Chief Ridgeway and Capt. Houston Park. They will report on their findings at the next meeting.

D. Web Site Updates (**Donatto**). We now have an entirely new WEB SITE built with Joomla, which is a Content Management System (CMS) that will allow authorized users to create content and edit content on the Website. Members were encouraged to post content to the site.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election Nomination Committee (**Koen**) - Chief Bingham appointed an Election Nomination Committee consisting of Chiefs Koen, Ridgeway and Wood to provide a slate of candidates for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Chief Koen reported for Election Nomination Committee that they have proposed Chief Paul Blockson for the position of Treasurer. No other nominations were presented from the floor. Chief Blockson will serve as the Treasurer for the 2007-08 terms. Chief Koen reported for Election Nomination Committee that they have proposed Batt. Chief Darrel Donatto for the position of Secretary. No other nominations were presented from the floor. Batt. Chief Donatto will serve as the Secretary for the 2007-08 term.

B. Installation Luncheon (**Carter**) Deputy Chief Ray Carter reported that he will be meeting with the Fire Marshal's Association and Training Officers Association to finalize arrangements for the installation meeting in December.

C. Public Safety Design Seminar (**Koen**) Chief Koen asked the Association to lend its name and co-sponsor a seminar at Delray Beach Fire Rescue by the firm Cole + Russell Architects on Design Innovations for Public Safety Facilities. The seminar will be held Wednesday, November 1, 2006 from 9am till 12 noon at the Old School Square, Delray Beach, FL (Corner of Swinton and Atlantic Avenue). Motion by Blockson / Second by Southard to Co-Sponsor.

D. Next Years Meeting Locations (**Moran**) Chief Moran asked that members be prepared to sign up as hosts for next years meetings at the November Meeting.

X. GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION / MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Pride and Ownership class by Chief Lasky in Palm Beach on November 11, 2006

B. West Palm Beach Fire Rescue will be hosting an Accreditation Workshop in January – with flyer to follow.

C. Chief Tom Wood announced that he has promoted 5 new Assistant Chiefs: David Woodside as Asst. Chief of Fire Prevention; Daryl Scott as Asst. Chief of Operations; Cindy Metcalf as Asst. Chief of EMS; Raul Travieso as Asst Chief of Logistics & Support; and Michael Barker as Asst Fire of Planning. In addition, Chief Wood has promoted three new Division Chiefs: Scott Johnston, Bob Nelligan, and Pat Kelly.

XI. DESIGNATION OF THE NEXT MEETING PLACE AND DATE

November 15, 2006 Palm Beach County EOC (Alternate is PBG)

December To Be Announced

Note: Thanksgiving is November 23, 2006

XII. ADJOURNEMENT OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

XIII. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING / 5 BUGLE CHIEF'S ROUNDTABLE