



**of Palm Beach County, Florida  
Incorporated**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2006 - 12:00 NOON  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Hosted by: Palm Beach County Emergency Management  
Location: Palm Beach County EOC, 20 South Military Trail, West Palm Beach**

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

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Members (30) and Guests (2)

Guest Speaker – **Larry Johnson**, Asst. Director of Palm Beach Co. Water Utilities Dept. and **Greg Balicki**, line operation maintenance director of Palm Beach Co. Water Utilities Dept. provided handouts, a PowerPoint presentation and discussion regarding the potential for terrorist threats to water utilities facilities. Palm Beach County has developed a new program: “Hydrant Awareness & Lines Threat prevention (HALT)”. They will be hosting a two-day EPA workshop and tabletop exercise to prepare for a response to intentional contamination of public water supplies on December 12 & 13, 2006.

**III. SECRETARY’S REPORT (Donatto)**

October’s Minutes (previously distributed by email) - approved

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT (Blockson)**

Account Transactions and Balances

Savings - \$8,403.89      Checking - \$14.38      Total - \$8418.87

**V. COMMUNICATIONS READ AND DISPOSED OF (Bingham)      None**

**VI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Bingham)**

Chief Bingham will provided Notes from recent Congressional Fire Service Institute CFSI meeting. There was a large loss of members at the CFSI Dinner due to the elections. Chief Bingham discussed the Paramedic Shortage Survey. This is a state initiative by DOH who has not been able to get a handle on this issue. Chief Bingham asked that each organization complete the survey which has a deadline of December 15 so that a report may be made available at the January EMS Advisory Council Meeting.

## VII. ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Training Officer's Association of Palm Beach County – (Capt. Houston Park) – meeting will be held the following week – no report.
- B. Palm Beach Community College (Val Williams / Shari Turner) Val reported that two classes will be graduating in December. The paramedic program will also be graduating a class in December. PBCC is starting a new Emergency Management certificate program with the first course delivery in January 07. Val reported that the Dean over Fire Programs is not opposed to the proposed changes in the point system. Val also reported that PBCC's lease of the airport property will conclude in July of 2007. The college must move the entire fire program from the site by July 23, 2007. They are in the process of securing a location on the central campus grounds.
- C. State and County EMS – (Div. Chief Rob Moreland) Chief Moreland reported on the adult immunization project. Chief Moreland also echoed Chief Bingham's request that all organizations participate in the Paramedic Shortage Survey. Bob Butterfield will be retiring soon.
- D. Emergency Management – (Bob Rehr) – Chief Rehr reported on the SERDSTF Mass Migration Exercise. Any Chiefs wishing to involve their organizations in this exercise should complete the Agency Participation Intent Form that was distributed. He suggests that coastal cities should be involved.
- E. American Red Cross – (Mary Blakely) – no report
- F. RDSTF Region 7 – (Dep. Chief Carter) – Chief Carter reported that Palm Beach County has been weakly represented at the Fort Lauderdale UASI meetings. He asked that Fire Rescue organizations in Palm Beach County send a representative to the meetings. Chief Carter advised that there are no Fire Rescue representative on the Fort Lauderdale UASI. **Motion by Chief Tom Wood and second by Chief Larry Fauci to send a letter from the Association requesting that a representative from Fire Rescue be included on the Fort Lauderdale UASI. PASSED** Chief Carter reported that there is an effort to implement an Asset Tracking system through the RDSTF. Many agencies have received a lot of grants and equipment and there needs to be a comprehensive list of those resources that are available in our region. There is funding available through the RDSTF for Hazardous Materials Technician Level training and maybe for operations level as well – contact Chief Carter for more information. Chief Wood reported that through the encouragement of Chief Carter and Captain Park, Boca Raton now has 4 people signed up for RDSTF working groups.
- G. Hazardous Materials Oversight – (Dep. Chief Carter) – there has not been a meeting since the last report. WPB & PBC teams were inspected and evaluated by the FBI and National Guard team – they scored in the 98% or above range. Delray Beach and Boca Raton to be evaluated by the State soon.
- H. Local Emergency Planning Committee – (Asst. Chief John Johnson) – Chief Johnson reported on the November 2, 2006 LEPC meeting. The LEPC is working on SOG/SOP Field Operations Guide that will be available in approximately 6 months. The State is looking at certification for Tox Medics. The LEPC will be conducting an exercise in St. Lucie County (HF Acid Leak).
- I. Fire Marshal's Association of Palm Beach County (Susan Hall) - Fire Marshal's will be tomorrow – no report

J. Level of Service Committee – (Chief Brice) - The LOS Committee will revisit the cities who have not yet demonstrated compliance in March of 2007.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**

A. Installation Luncheon Details (Carter) – Susan Hall has done tremendous work on this endeavor. She has obtained the Polo Club of Boca Raton as the site. She needs a count and names for security at the site. RSVP by December 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be 10.00 per person with each of the three associations picking up and splitting the difference.

B. Countywide Fire Rescue Boats Committee Report (Wood) – Chief Wood reported that the Fire Rescue Boats Committee met on November 9, 2006 at Palm Beach Fire Rescue. Several topics were discussed including whether Fire Rescue should have and operate Fire Boats or whether we would be better off sharing Police resources. The committee agreed on a need for Fire Rescue to have fireboat assets and resources. Captain Houston Park will be working on obtain information from Jacksonville who just recently purchased a boat. Chief Wood asked for an endorsement by the association to continue the pursuit of this project. **Motion by Fauci, Second by Weinand to provide associations endorsement of Chief Woods reports and for Fire Boats Committee to continue their efforts. PASSED** Chief Southard stated there is a concern for funding this project. Captain Park voiced concern that we should not write off any cooperation with law enforcement for sharing of assets.

C. Countywide SOG on Personnel Accountability Committee Recommendations (Bergel) – The only feedback received was from West Palm Beach Fire Rescue who stated that they currently use the Seattle system and plan on continuing to use that system in the future. Chief Tomaszewski of Delray voiced a concern over the use of Rank Identifier versus color coding. **Motion by Chief Tom Wood, second by Chief Herman Brice to accept the Training Officers Association recommendations for a countywide Accountability System to be used by all fire rescue agencies in Palm Beach County. PASSED.**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Paramedic Shortage Survey (Bingham) – distributed by Chief Bingham

B. Roster for 2007 meeting locations passed around and completed by members.

## **X. GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION / MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. PBCFR will host an ICS 300 on April 19 and 20 at the EOC (Park)

## **XI. DESIGNATION OF THE NEXT MEETING PLACE AND DATE**

December 14, 2006, 12:00 noon at Polo Club of Boca Raton which is located off of Jog Rd south of Linton and west on Champion

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**