FCAPC MEETING

MINUTES OF May 16, 2018

 LOCATION: 313 W 2nd St., Casa Grande, AZ 85122

HOSTED BY: David Jacobelli, AMR Food provided by AirEvac

Roll: Morey Morris, Dave Kean, Kelly Weddle, Patrick Abel, Jeff Heaton, Amy Brooks, Brian Delfs, Brian Gilbert, Mark Dillon, Dave Strayer, Cassie Peters, Barbara Rice, Jeff Charnoki, Kenny Pentoja, Ted Beam, Glenn Boothe, Barbara Elliott, Steve Kerber, Tony LaFalce.

CALL TO ORDER: Called to order at 1315 p.m.by Dave Kean (President). Thank you to AirEvac and AMR for hosting the meeting and providing food.

PRESENTATION: Erica Aydelotte, First Responder Task Force: Introduced insurance product that is typically available only to veterans but is now offered to first responders. The armed forces benefit association offers coverage that replicates what is offered to military veterans. It is available to sworn, civilian, administrative and volunteer members regardless of medical conditions up to the age of 60. She discussed coverage available to spouses and scholarship programs.

MINUTE APPROVAL: The minutes from our meeting of February 22, 2018 were tabled. Will be emailed and approved at next meeting.

SEC/TREAS REPORT: Barbara Rice: Balance in the checking account is currently $20,235.93. The balance in the grant account is $3,266.73. Motion to accept treasurer’s report made by Steve Kerber and seconded by Kelly Weddle.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: (Morey Morris, Chief-At-Large). Nine bills have been presented and passed by legislators and signed by the Governor. He discussed House Bill 2502 regarding PTSD that is supposed to go into effect 90 days after legislature adjourns. Chief Kean shared information regarding peer counselling led by Captain Woodward and that it is available to any of our partner agencies. Morey asked that our group members, particularly districts, share what issues regarding legislature they would like to be brought forward.

GRANT UPDATES – SAFER and AFG grants have closed. Prop 202 grant is open until June. Dave Kean shared information regarding allocation of funds at the local homeland security level and shared that most funding appears to go to law enforcement agencies. Mark Dillon felt county organizations received a large portion of the funds. Funding was approved to upgrade radio infrastructure. Barb Elliott obtained VFA grant for East valley fire departments wildland gear and equipment. Pinal County matched the grant of nearly $10,000.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Kean discussed meeting attendance by East county organizations. Chief Abel said Golder Ranch Fire District would host an evening meeting if it would help those organizations. He shared that Chief Kerr has been meeting with agencies in the Copper Corridor to help them with resource needs. GRFD has been providing engine bosses for those organizations. He is asking group if we would request they relax rules for those organizations who did not have engine boss resources. Dave Kean said he went to a meeting shared the same concerns regarding the state policy that without a qualified engine boss the organization takes liability.

* Pinal County Emergency Management Update – Barbara Elliott. Pinal County close to getting ready to purchase a Firewise trailer. She discussed a mass care exercise this month. Oracle and Maricopa CERT teams just received instruction on setting up shelter for mass care. Country Thunder utilized Everbridge for Public Safety notifications such as traffic, maps, etc. and survey response was positive. Over 2000 people signed up for the notifications for Country Thunder. They were in the interview process for a new emergency planner.
* Pinal County Public Health Update – *Barbara Rice for* *Kore Reddon*: There is an Ebola Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo.  As of Sunday, May 13, 2018, there are 39 suspected cases, 19 are deaths for a case fatality rate of 49%.  The World Health Organization is working with the Congo Government to contain the virus.  The CDC is monitoring this outbreak closely.  Keep in mind that all ports of entry are monitored.  Anyone coming into the United States from Congo would be assessed and temperature monitored for 21 days.  Plans and procedures are in place as a result of the last major outbreak.  The multi-state *E. coli* outbreak linked to romaine lettuce from Yuma continues.  The CDC, FDA, and Arizona Department of Health Services continue their investigation.  One case in Pinal has been linked to this outbreak.  Our Environmental Health Services is ramping up for mosquito season.  Our health department has just received additional funding from the CDC to purchase more testing supplies and mosquito traps.
* Department of Forestry and Fire Management Update – Cassie Peters passed out information regarding AFG Grant recipients and requirements for reporting NFIRS at state and national level. Data is to be reported by the 20th of the month for the previous month. He also passed out activity information for Pinal County. Quarterly reports will be given to the group. Every agency will be notified as to their reporting. Many agencies are not reporting to guidelines and there are some glitches depending on systems used. Important that when information is uploaded you review bulk report success. Cassie is happy to support with custom report and information needs. He can help provide county information. This year’s focus is to be sure guidelines are being followed for accuracy and quality of data. All departments in our organization have user accounts.
* AFCA – Pinal Co. Region Reports – *Kelly Weddle:* He attended the Board meeting April 13. $75,000 spent as pre-conference deposits for the July conference. New Board appointments are: Paul Luizi, EMS Section; Todd Canelli, Military Federal Section; Santa Cruz representation still vacant. Yavapai Chiefs Association are consolidating east and west divisions. The Leadership conference will be July 10-12. Expo will be Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. AFSAP meeting will be July 12. Registration is available on the AFCA website. The golf tournament will be held on Friday the 13th. The organization has renamed the Fire Officer of the Year award to the Alan Brunacini Officer of the Year award. Reports from the statewide mutual aid committee, that has been reinvigorated by Chief Kazian, revealed the system did not work last year and they are revamping it to be sure it is effective. Chief Kean asked if there was an AFCA rep regarding wildland. Kelly Weddle will find out.
* FCAPC Safety Trailer Update – At Superstition Fire and Medical.
* Training Committee Report – *Brian Gilbert:* Discussed Nozzle 4 concept and looking at bringing that to CAC and will provide more information regarding the cost to host it. Chief Kean said Captain Melissa Phillips with Casa Grande would be holding rescue task force drill May 23, June 6th and 20th. We will rotate as many departments as would be interested. Instructors are from PCSO swat.
* Fire Investigation Task Force Update – *Barbara Rice:* Trailer has been completed.
* CAC-Amy Brooks said the schedule has been very busy and agencies need to let them know if they need to cancel facility use. There has been an issue with equipment being stolen. Please contact her if there are any issues. The tower is completely repaired and a new heat monitoring system has been installed that can be monitored remotely if there is an issue. Rules and parameters have been sent out but book now because it is scheduled for live burns.
* FCAPC Golf Tournament & Scholarship Report – *Scott Miller:* No new information.
* Individual agency updates were provided by attending members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being for the good of the order, the meeting was adjourned at 1511 P.M. (3:11) with a motion by Barbara Rice and a second by Kelly Weddle.

Next Meeting: Possible Golder Ranch at 6 p.m. TBD

The aforementioned is a true and accurate record of the formal meeting of the Fire Chief’s Association of Pinal County and certified to be correct.

Barbara Rice, Secretary-Treasurer