



# **SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION and SONOMA COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES ASSOCIATION**



## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Hosted by Forestville Fire Protection District  
at  
Forestville Station 1 - April 14, 2010**

### **Attendance:**

Bill Braga	SFD/REDCOM	John Lantz	Rincon Valley
Bob Uboldi	Kenwood	Phil Garcia	Sonoma Valley
Bruce Varner	Santa Rosa	Randy Collins	Healdsburg
Chuck Abshear	Cal Fire	Ron Collier	Windsor
Dan Northern	Forestville	Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	Ron Albini	Bodega
Doug Williams	Rincon Valley	Erne Loveless	Cal Fire
Jack Piccinini	Santa Rosa	August Grube	Knights Valley
Fred Meyer	Camp Meeker	Nick Silva	Lakeville
Jason Jenkins	Cloverdale	Steve Baxman	Monte Rio
Paul Pigoni	Geyserville	Lori Glenn	San Antonio
Peter Van Fleet	Glen Ellen	Eleanor Ratliff	SCDFES
Dan George	Gold Ridge	Mark Aston	SCDFES
Al Mello	Wilmar	Robert MacIntyre	SCDFES
Duane Rosengren	Wilmar	Lori Anello	Two Rock VFD
Loren Davis	Mountain	Michael Gevas	Valley Ford
Ron Lunardi	Occidental	Steve Ginesi	Fort Ross
		Christopher Colgan	Geyserville

### **Call to Order:**

- Chief Collins called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

### **Host Chief Introduction:**

- Made by Chief Northern

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- SCVFCA - Motioned by Chief Mello seconded by Duane Rosemgren, approved unanimously with correction regarding OTS grant submittal.
- SCFCA - Motioned by Chief Williams seconded by Chief Collier, approved unanimously.

**President's Reports:**

- Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association – Nothing to report.
- Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association – Nothing to report.

**SCVFCA - Treasurer's Report as of March 31st 2010:**

Savings: \$1,642.01  
Checking: \$1,103.33  
**Total: \$2,745.34**

**SCFCA Treasurer's Report as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010:**

Chiefs Checking Account:	\$2,191.72	As of 3/31/10
W&O Fund 7 Month CD:	\$115,931.66	As of 3/13/2010
<u>W&amp;O Checking Account:</u>	<u>\$17,644.41</u>	<u>As of 3/31/10</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$135,767.79</b>	

- **A reminder that the SCFCA Dues for 2010 are due.**

**Correspondence:**

- SCVFCA – None
- SCFCA – Received a letter from IRS regarding approval of 501 c3 status for the Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association.

**Presentations:**

- **Active Status:** Chief Northern - reviewed Active Status Keeping for Personnel & Resources, Strike Team Leaders and Trainees. Item to be placed under Old Business for the May meeting for approval.

**Committee Reports:** (Share what was not included in any minutes that have already been published)

- **Training Section:** Chief Northern for Chief Treanor - If your dues are paid up to date, you can send members to the MAD drill at SSU at 0800 on May 8th. Please notify Herb Wandel at [hwandel@rafd.org](mailto:hwandel@rafd.org) regarding what you are sending, apparatus and personnel. Lunch is catered in a bag. The TO's are putting on level 1 and 2 classes and members receive a discounted price. They would like to either put the class announcements on the Chief's web site or have a hyperlink from the web site to their site so that the info can get out.
- **Prevention Section:** Chief MacIntyre for Chief Zanzi – Working on the code adoption with the committee. Moving forward with a county resolution on Arson Awareness Week May 2 though the 8th 2010.
- **Operations Section:** Chief Lantz – Met last month on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Reviewed the 2010 Draft Revision to CICCS and compared it to the current Chief's SOG. Also working on a rehab policy to meet NFPA requirements. Next meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am the Santa Rosa Tower.

- **District Chiefs:** Chief Northern - Herb Williams from Delphi was the presenter at last meeting. Mr. Williams discussed the process to successfully pass special tax measures.
- **Sonoma County VFC:** Lori Anello - 2010 Dues Update, 11 departments have paid 4 have not.
- **REDCOM:** Director Luttrell – All dispatchers and supervisors have completed ROSS Training. Users of MDCs' or Netviewer must change their passwords by May 1, 2010, contact John Lantz or Ken Reese with any issues that you may have. It is EMS Week if you talk to any of the dispatchers please thank them for their efforts.
- **CAD Group:** Chief Williams – No meeting since the last Chief's meeting. Run Maps have been distributed on CD. The group is still working on enhancements to the mapping system including haz mat information. The next step will be pre-fire plan information.
- **CalEMA:** Chief Williams - The Spring Meeting for Region 2 will be May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services Dept.:** Chief Aston
  - SCVFC - Steering Committee Report – Group of VFC stakeholders that are working on the implementation plan of the fire study completed last year. Defining how to implement the recommendations identified in the study. Identified 5 focused work areas. Key projects include Standards of Coverage and Fire Service Agreement revisions and completing the Need and Justification assessment for apparatus and facilities committee that is currently taking members.
  - SCVFC - Vehicle Safety and Maintenance, nearing the May 1 deadline for receipt submittal. Program will end May 31<sup>st</sup> for all members.
  - SCVFC - SOP Safety Committee has produced 2 sops. Goal is to standardize sops within the VFCs
  - Budget - The County is about 61 million in the red. Most departments have entered 20% reductions. Fire and Emergency Services is eliminating 5 positions, 3 are already vacant (130K reduction in property tax for CSA #40 and 169K reduction in General Fund).
- **EMCC:** Kent Coxon – No Report
- **Legislative:** Chief Collier – DMV DL 70 Program Bill (Jefferies) LA Co Fire is opposed to any amendments but Northern California fire agencies are supportive. The process places more control in the hands of the local agencies. Members will still have to take DMV written test but all other testing will occur with the member's agency including the fire chiefs approval. It is unknown if the State will be looking for more funds from local government this year to balance the budget. The Legislative Committee is tracking about 125 bills that may have an effect on the fire service. Chief Collins discussed supporting the DL 70 bill. Chief Collier recommended waiting until there is further information available.
- **Grants:** Chief Collier - The two OTS Grants submitted by Sonoma County have been combined together. OTS was very receptive and more information should be available in July.

Chief Aston - Homeland Security Grant Update, 07 audit completed last week, no discrepancies. UASI grant funds have been allocated to the North Bay Counties for the 700mh backbone system. This system will be used to improve mutual aid communication capabilities for large scale emergencies in the North Bay Area. This grant will dovetail into the Sonoma County needs assessment for the new 700mh system. One million has been allocation for 2010 Homeland Security Grant. The Gang of 5 is considering using some of the funds to purchase 700mh radios to be used with the new backbone system. **Will agenda a presentation for the May Chief's Meeting.**

Chief Abshear - VFA (Volunteer Fire Assistance) Grants are being worked on by CalFire in Sacramento. Expect a 2 month process.

- **SRJC Advisory:** Chiefs Williams & Collins - Nothing to report, next May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **CHP Liaison:** Officer Evans – No Report
- **Red Cross:** Roger Doncaster – No Report
- **Marin Chiefs Liaison:** Chief Northern – No Report

#### **Old Business:**

- **SCFCA - Discussion regarding moving the Chief's Web Site:** Chiefs Zanzi and Abshear - One meeting has been held to look at options and to determine if there is an economical upgrade option for the site, more to follow.
- **SCFCA - EMS Fees:** Chief Zanzi, Collins - A teleconference was held with Kent Coxon and Brian Clever of County EMS. It was the opinion of the Chiefs' that the fees relative to work flow tasks did not reflect the economy of scale. All parties agreed to disagree regarding fees. Apparently recerts can tend to take longer to process due to CE review requirements and discrepancies that require contacting the applicant. Approval of the fee increase will occur at the April 20th Board of Supervisors Meeting. EMS will send out a template letter for current employees, who are currently being backgrounded by their employer, so that EMS will not have to conduct backgrounds on them as long as they stay with their current employer. If you renew your EMT Cert between now to June 30 it will be under the current fee scale.
- **SCFCA - CICC:** Chief Lantz - Update on the changes in the 2010 CICC Draft document. More positions are moving into the 300 level position that will require approval of the Sonoma County CICC Peer Review Committee. Some 300 level positions are moving to 400 level such as Division Group Supervisor and will now be approved at region level. The 2010 document has been adopted by the FIRESCOPE Board, as a draft, however there are no anticipated changes. The 2010 document will take effect on July 1, 2010 for new Strike Team Leaders or those that fall out of compliance. A orientation class on the new 2010 CICC requirements, hosted by CalEMA, will take place in Petaluma on June 15<sup>th</sup> all day.
  - Changes added to STL requirements for any new applicants or anyone who does not maintain the 5 year currency requirement:
    - S-270 - Air Operations
    - IS 800 - National Response Plan
    - S-234 - Firing
    - New STL, may not take trainees until they have completed 2 qualifying assignments.
    - All fitness moved to arduous.

- **SCFCA & SCVFCA - Sonoma County Cal EMA Operational Area Coordinator and Alternates:**  
Nominations and elections (a minimum of 20 Sonoma County Fire Chief's must be in attendance). A roll call was taken and it was established that there were 22 Sonoma County Fire Chiefs present. A sufficient number to conduct nominations and a vote.
  - Nominations for Op Area Coordinator: Chief Williams was nominated by Chief Collier, second by Chief Varner. Vote In Favor - 22, Opposed - 0
  - Nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate: Chief Abshear was nominated by Chief Williams, second by Chief Northern. Vote In Favor - 22, Opposed - 0
  - Nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate: Chief Northern was nominated by Chief Varner, second by Chief Davis. Vote In Favor - 21, Opposed - 1 (Chief Northern)

**New Business:** - None

**Improving Efficiency:**

- Chief Williams - Discussed the concept of a blanket JPA for sharing resources, purchasing, services etc. Chief Williams recommended looking at existing programs that other agencies are using such as Marin County where Fire Prevention services are being shared between several agencies. The Eboard is discussing further options and how the concept may work for Sonoma County.
- Chief Varner - SRS resources were recently typed by CalEMA as Type 1, 2 and 3 Rescues. The rescue unit was typed as a Type 1 Rescue, both trucks have been typed as Type 2 Rescues and all engines have been typed as Type 3 Rescues. Santa Rosa is looking to possibly expand the tower site and offer additional lower cost training at the training center.
- Chief Williams - Discussed pooling orders for new fire codes to achieve discounts for everyone.

**Customer Service:** - None

**Good of the Order:**

- Chief Lantz - At the last REDCOM Meeting the DOAG gave a report on narrow banding radios. Beginning January 1 2013 all radios must be narrow band capable. Apparently most radios are currently capable however, some pagers are not. The Minitor V and Swiss Phone pagers are the only pagers, in use in the County, with narrow band capability. If the County Radio shop works on your equipment you will receive a bill.
- Chief Abshear - CalFire is updating SRA/LRA boundaries and some agencies may have been contacted. This is part of the every five year SRA/LRA boundary update.
- Chief Collins - One of Fire Safe Sonoma's revised goals for 2010 is to enhance their relationship with the SCFCA. The Eboard will be meeting to discuss the options. Fire Safe Sonoma will be hosting a golf tournament on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Closed Session (if necessary):** - None

**Meeting Closed at:** 8:36 pm

**Next Meeting:** May 12, 2010 – Hosted by City of Sebastopol Fire Department