



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION & SURVIVOR'S FUND ANNUAL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

December 9th 2015 at 9:30 AM

Hosted By Santa Rosa

Attendance:

Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay Fire	Mark Freeman	Sonoma Valley
Randy Collins	SRJC	Leonard Thompson	Petaluma
Dave Kane	Petaluma	Bill Shubin	SRFD
Ray Mulas	Schell Vista	Dean Anderson	SLS
Dan George	Gold Ridge	Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe
Doug Williams	CSCF	Jack Piccinini	Santa Rosa
Scott Westrope	Santa Rosa	Bill Bullard	Graton
Todd Derum	CALFIRE	Jason Boaz	Healdsburg
Aaron Abbott	REDCOM	James Williams	Sonoma County
Bonnie Plakos	Sea Ranch	Keith Flood	SRFD
Bill Braga	Sebastopol	Tony Gossner	Healdsburg

Call to Order/Pledge: Chief Braga called the meeting to order at 0935 and led the Pledge.

Host Chief Introduction: Chief Shubin welcomed all, explained logistics and expressed his appreciation to Shelly for the excellent refreshments.

President's Report Chief Braga recognized Mike Palacio the new CHP Commander who gave a brief background on himself and expressed his appreciation at being a part of this group. Self-introductions followed. Bill then reminded the group of the new format to the meetings that will begin next month and today represents the last 930 start time. Randy added he will send an email requesting reports from the respective standing committee chairs and if he receives none, the item will be skipped. Bill added it will be incumbent upon the host agency to identify (not necessarily provide) a lunch option and also try to provide a meaningful presentation. In addition, the night meetings have been eliminated and Chief (James) Williams indicated he will make sure this change is disseminated to the Volunteer Chiefs. Retired Chief's and guests will be paid by the Chiefs.

Approval of Chief's Minutes Motion to approve the November minutes by Chief George, 2nd by Chief Treanor. Unanimous vote.

Approval of Chief's Planning Session Minutes: Motion by Chief Shubin, 2nd by Chief Treanor. Unanimous vote

Approval of Survivor's Fund: Motion by Chief, George second by Chief Shubin. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Randy shared the report provided by Hans which included the following:

Chiefs General Fund	\$460.78
Operations Fund	<u>\$17,049.97</u>
Totals	\$17,510.75
Survivors Checking	\$7,536.40
Survivors Savings	<u>\$117,353.57</u>
Total	\$124,889.97

Frank made a motion to approve the report, second by James, unanimous. Responding to Chief George's inquiry, Chief Braga spoke briefly to the how money is transferred between the Chief's and Survivors fund.

Correspondence: None.

Presentations: None

Old Business:

- **Nominations/Elections of 2016 Officers:** Chief Williams made a motion that we accept the slate of candidates for 2016 (Bill Braga President, Todd Derum VP, Randy Collins Sec, Hans Henneberque Treas) Second by Frank. Unanimous vote.

New Business:

- **Annual Donation to Survivor's Reunion:** Chief (Doug) Williams provided a brief background on the donation. After answering some questions regarding the procedures for making disbursements, Bill asked for a motion to support the reunion. Chief Williams made a motion, second by Chief Kane. Unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

- **Training/Operations Section:** Chief Piccinini shared he has sent a reminder out to the group soliciting ideas for the drill activity that has been made a goal of the group for 2016. He also asked the group to encourage their training officers to attend the next meeting. He also shared the flyer from the JC for all the Fire Officer classes being offered next year. Randy added a flyer for the Level II courses for those needed to complete their Chief Officer classes prior to the Dec 31, 2016 deadline is also on the table
- **Prevention Section:** No report
- **District Chiefs:** Chief George reported on being pleased on receiving \$800k from the BOS but added we still have a way to go in getting \$9M. He did say there is a genuine interest from the BOS in dedicating some TOT funds to fire agencies. He added Chris Thomas did a good job representing us. In response to Chief Braga's question, Chief Williams reminded the group that the REDCOM Board will really see no difference and only the source of the funds is different. He added the important outcome was the dialogue that occurred and that we have now engaged the group. He emphasized that another outcome was the dedication of funds to implement LEXIPOL. He ended with the message that we need to continue this dialogue and work as a group to fund the RMS component of REDCOM. Chief Shubin complemented those who spoke as doing so in a professional manner and staying on target. Chief George added there is some residual funds from the study that will be used to develop a Standards of Cover study for those who do not have one. Chief Williams added that another outcome was a pending feasibility study for the CSA 40 departments.
- **Volunteer FF Association:** No report
- **CAD Group:** Chief Williams reported the meeting was postponed and asked that this group appoint a replacement with his upcoming retirement. He shared the main focus is the run map project which enjoys wide support with law due to the mutual benefits shared. He also clarified that the Chair is a rep of the Fire Chiefs. Arron Abbott expressed interest in stepping into the Chair's role. A motion was made by Chief Braga, second by Chief Thompson. Unanimous vote. Thank you Aaron.
- **OP Area & Region:** Chief Williams reported for Dan since he missed the last meeting. At it, Dave Rocha (Alameda County) was appointed Region II Coordinator with Aaron McAllister (Dixon) 1st Alt and Jason Weber (Marin) 2nd Alt. He added all are well suited to make positive contributes and our OES reps should be static for the next year and reflected briefly on the year's activities. Chief George added that reimbursements are coming through and OES is working overtime to process them. Chief Williams ended by speaking to the challenges working with the Feds.
- **County Fire:** Chief Williams spoke to the fire service study for which the goal is to finish by July. They will open the recruitment for the Op's Chief position in Jan-Feb. They are also still working on a weed abatement ordinance and the complexities of working with many stakeholders. Bill asked the structure of the agency. Chief Williams indicated Greg Martin has stepped up to fill the open position.
- **EMCC:** Chief Kane shared that they have not met since the last meeting and on the information side of things (electronic PCR process) is slowly progressing.
- **Legislation:** No report
- **Grants:** Chief Freeman is trying to ascertain if the Homeland Security grant has been approved. He will be firming up the composition of the committee for dealing with pads and holding a meeting hopefully early next year. Chief Thompson asked about the status of funding for the Emergency Trigger Button. Chief Freeman said he was confident the funding will be approved. Chief Derum asked if he had seen the email about the FPO's utilizing State Fire Prevention grant to develop Pre-Fire attack plans (\$50,000 available). Chief Freeman recommended we push this to the prevention officers. Randy reminded the group it has already been adopted as a goal of the FPO's. Chief Van Wormer suggested we have the work done by a vendor and

much of the information is already with County GIS and it will be an exercise in working well with them. It was suggested there are several good vendors available.

- **SRJC Advisory:** Randy shared we have begun the testing phase under the new curriculum which has been a bit of trial and error but overall it has gone well. At the same time they began implementing EVALs.net to record the student's performance which has proven very beneficial in validating the student's performance. The Live Burn for the academy will be held next Thursday and will use the Drager Flashover prop for the first time (you are welcome to come and participate if interested). The graduation will be on Friday January 8th and Assemblyman Jim Wood will be the speaker and encouraged all to attend. The next academy begins on February 8, 2016. He added that last week he participated in the site visit for SFT's Pro-Board accreditation as a representative of the Community College Fire Programs. The visit was very positive and he said he has since learned SFT will be recommended for accreditation at the group's annual meeting in January.
- **CHP:** Commander Palacio commented he is getting up to speed on how things operate and welcomes any feedback from this group and his door is open. At Chief Williams' suggestion, he added he is open to having a rep from this group. Bill asked he send him a list of staff meeting dates to distribute.
- **Red Cross:** Gary reported they have conducted 5 call-outs and have just completed a smoke detector campaign in Petaluma with the Fire Dept.
- **Marin Chiefs:** No report
- **Fire Safe Sonoma** Chief (James) Williams reported they are working to try and complete the CWPP early next year. Chief Derum emphasized the importance of having one to be eligible for grants. Chief Williams said he will make some inquiries and report back at the February meeting. Chief Freeman suggested it be made into a presentation.
- **CALFIRE:** Chief Derum reported Chief Upton has taken a promotion to Sacramento and the position is currently vacant. Last Monday marked the official transition to their winter season. He added that since they are committed to prevention activities during the winter, you will still see engines staffed. This will include Santa Rosa and Healdsburg (drought augmentation engines). They will be monitoring REDCOM and will be responding. Their prevention Chief is training and Marshall Turbeville will be filling in. May 14-19 they will be hosting a Type Level I All-Risk Incident Commander course at McClellan and are looking for role players. He added Eric Hoffman will be retiring at the end of the month.
- **SMART:** Chief Williams reported they are testing units in the south-county and Marin and still have plans to operate service at the end of 2016. The big projects that remain are station construction. Safety and orienting the public to the operation of units remains a big concern. Chief Kane shared that they will be discussing train operation at their Zone 9 drill.

Improving Efficiencies: None

Customer Service/Good of the Order:

- Chief Plakos shared that LAFCO will be hearing their petition for Sea Ranch to become a district today.
- Chief Freeman asked if this group will be recognizing Chris Thomas for all his work. Chief Freeman made a motion, Doug seconded. Chief George will get a plaque for Bill to present at the installation lunch. Chief (James) Williams will make sure Chris attends. Chief Freeman spoke to a homeowners group that wants to create a vacation rental exclusion zone and one of the criteria is identifying a significant fire hazard due to vegetation, topography or other factors. He asked if this is something we want to address (open ended). He also shared they have had three saves using a strap based "thumper" device known as an "Autopulse" by Zoll. A discussion on their benefits followed. Chief Shubin spoke to the benefits of the Lucas Device SR uses and the patient protocols of having patient care for 10 minutes before applying.
- Chief Mulas asked if anyone is having issues with vacation rentals and encountering large scale events at them.
- Chief Kane said Mike Maderos will be their new BC and they will be promoting a Captain. They will also begin using Image trend with Sonoma for their incident reporting and inquired if anyone else is interested so they can generate some buying power with the vendor. He is willing to share any and all information with those interested.

REDCOM: Aaron thanked for our patience with the group paging issue. They are moving forward with "Mobile Responder" so they can begin using tablet devices. Chief Williams reminded the group that Connie has been a big help and will be retiring at the end of the month. In the process to replace her, we cautioned the group of the need to be connected to the process. In response to Chief Gossner's inquiry of Chris Thomas' and Doug's retirement, Chief Williams explained how replacements are appointed to the REDCOM board.

Closed Session: There was no closed session.

Adjournment: Chief Braga finished the meeting at 11:41 and reminded the group of the change of time at the next meeting. Chief George made a motion to adjourn, second by Chief Treanor. Unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: January 13th, Petaluma, Installation luncheon.

Respectfully Submitted: December 9th, 2015

Randy Collins,
Acting Secretary