



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

PLANNING SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Rancho Adobe FPD
November 8, 2016, 11:00 am

Attendance

Bill Braga	Sebastopol	James Williams	Sonoma County
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Greg Martin	Sonoma County
Max Ming	Forestville/RR	James Salvante	CVEMA
Dean Anderson	AMR	Aaron Abbott	REDCOM
Steve Sutter	Santa Rosa	Jason Boaz	Healdsburg
Darren Bellach	Kenwood	Fran Treanor	Rancho Adobe
Matt Atkinson	Glen Ellen	Jack Piccinini	Windsor/RV
Bill Shubin	Santa Rosa/Kenwood	Doug Williams	Retired
Al Terrell	Sonoma County	Jeff Schach	Petaluma
Dan George	Gold Ridge	Mark freeman	SVFRA
Mike Parks	CALFIRE	Kirk Van Wormer	CALFIRE
John Salvate	CAL OES	Cyndi Foreman	Windsor/RV
Linda Collister	Healdsburg		

President Braga opened the meeting at 10:58 hours. President Braga explained his Draft goals as well as the 2016 goals and solicited comments from the group. President Braga also reviewed the meeting schedule and Hans Henneberque's proposal for combining the Chief's non-profit with Survivors Fund non-profit, both items for consideration as goals for 2017.

CHP Officer John Evans-asked how things are going with CHP and reiterated his pledge to ensure we maintain our good working relationship.

Chief Braga allowed Chief Piccinini to go out of order due to a scheduling conflict he had and asked that Ops/TO's and FPO's to submit their Goals for 2017. Chief Piccinini reviewed the 2016 Goals of the Ops/TO's group. Unless there are any questions about the 2016 Goals he then moved onto suggestions for 2017. Ops/TO's would like to improve meeting attendance; Get MUM's (Move up and cover) up and running if possible; and create a few more event types so we do not roll a full alarm assignment for those call types the do not require that kind of response. Director Abbott explained that he hopes to provide a presentation early next year on the progress of MUMS and dispatch protocols.

President Braga reiterated his desire to have each Sub group submit their goals for 2017 prior to the December meeting for the Chiefs to vote on.

Chief Piccinini said we chiefs have been vocal about the goals but we still need be more united as we tend to be fragmented in our message. This translates into making clear to the advisory council what our message is. He believes that the group has lost some momentum and has expressed concerns about the council. A goal for 2017 should be to work on a United Message. Get involved-we are the experts in our field. Chief Treanor said we have an opportunity, we need to look at the pots of money

to subsidize what we need to subsidize. Chief Boaz suggested that we add a standing item to our agenda in order to come together on items headed to the Fire Council.

FPO's

Chief Piccinini suggested that FPO's look at VRBO's issues and a united Code adoption process that FPO's agrees upon and settle the issues raised by differences of opinion of County and Fire District code adoption processes.

Cyndi Foreman reported that FPO's were focused on code adoption process and thanked Ian Hardage and Steve Mosiurchak for all their help. Most of the fire codes are aligned, the issues has more to do with if District should or should not adopt their own code.

The CWPP was formalized and adopted by the Supervisors. This makes the education component of wildland education (need to add to 2017 goals) much easier. The Level 2 management classes were completed using Elite Training. SMART education also continues to work primarily through safety pals. Linda Collister submitted a grant under the Chiefs non-profit for the mapping project. The completed CWPP should help us, we find out in June if our grant was accepted.

A discussion regarding funding for the FITF was initiated by Chief James Williams who inquired if the grant Chief Collister had prepared was a FITF grant (it was not) since he indicated he was studying funding for FITF and the impact on County Fire. Chief Doug Williams provided some background on the FITF prompting a discussion regarding the financial commitment to FITF. Many members suggested various approaches and previous support; it was decided this could be a proposal to approach the Fire Council with.

Linda Collister said there is a need to support the juvenile fire setter program. BC Schach suggested this is another good proposal for the Fire Council, perhaps as a reimbursement program of sorts. Cyndi Foreman added that Chief Doug Williams had suggested this as a shared on-call fire investigator and perhaps even a PIO.

Chief Doug Williams added there are models out there that appear to be working well such as in Central Valley. BC DeCarli asked if they are looking to cover the costs of an Investigator of Record or to cover the costs of an investigation from the beginning to end?

Chief Martin suggested that a FITIF rep to come a meeting to review the various procedures of FITF. County Fire is getting tapped out quite often, which is the big issue for us. We should review this. A prevention goal perhaps.

Chief Martin added that HazMat 29 will be changing to Prevention 29.

Chief DeCarli asked if this is regional issue or opportunity? Chief George suggest this sounded more like a REDCOM issue. Chief Martin further added that representation is not countywide but it should be re-evaluated.

FPO's will meet next week to establish their goals and forward them for next month's meeting. Chief Freeman asked there is funding for pre-attack plans (wildland); Chief James William's said the that Fire Safe Sonoma is working on templates that can be used for local agencies to adopt.

After returning from lunch, Chief Braga reopened the meeting and re-explained he has developed. They include; A return to the 9:30 meeting time. The time frame for presentations was kicked around and it was decided that some subjects may require more than 30 minutes. Chief Williams said the ISO presentation might need more time but otherwise no issue with the allotted time. The Goal to revise

the By-Laws remains from last year and still needs to be completed to simplify auditing, Terms of office, Tax filings, etc. Chief George suggested that Active Shooter be added to the list of goals and moved to approve the list as presented along with Chief Piccinini's desire to see us get more involved and aligned (see attached Appendix A for a list of the draft list of goals). Cyndi Foreman said that FPO's gives Han's a gift card to Cattlemen's for all the work he does for the association. Chief Treanor reiterated the good work he does including providing a Bond in order to be our treasurer and supported the idea of the gift card.

President Braga suggested an Open goals quorum. Linda Collister said there is a need for more SFM approved skills examiners. Chief Doug Williams offered a simple goal-just trying to keep connected to our history like Tom Foresters project in Marin County and suggested that Tom might help us. Chief Bullard offered the Graton Fire Station as a future meeting location.

Aaron Abbott asked what the process was making presentations to the Chiefs. President Braga said to email him of the Secretary (primary) for inclusion in the next appropriate agenda. Linda Collister suggested March as a good time for the FITF presentation.

Adjourned at 1 PM

Submitted by:

Sean Grinnell
Past President



APPENDIX A

SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS PLANNING SESSION 2017 Draft Goals

1. Change start time back to 9:30am. Continue 30 minute presentations.
2. Update By-Laws to effect the following:
 - a. Combine Chiefs Association and Survivors Fund
 - b. Update By-Laws Officers "Terms of Office" to reflect a 2-Year Term for President and Vice President positions with the Secretary & Treasurer fixed
3. Conduct an annual audit of financials with Treasurer and third party.
4. Conduct Committee Reports on an "as needed" basis only if the committee Chair submits their agenda item to the Secretary one week prior to each scheduled meeting.
5. Continue to support the SRJC PSTC Fire Academy FFI & FFII testing activities by providing SFT Skills Evaluators.
6. Add County Fire Advisory Committee on the agenda under New Business (*Bill would not this be more appropriate as a standing agenda item?*) and post their meeting minutes on Chief's Website.
7. Develop an "Active Shooter" policy and obtain approval from the Sonoma County Police Chief's organization.
8. Review Draft 2017 Meeting Schedule & Locations. Make any necessary changes or modifications.
9. Support efforts to develop a Sonoma County Fire History project
10. TO's/OP's Goals (to be added)
11. FPO Goals (to be added)