



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
March 8th 2017 at 9:30 AM
Hosted By Healdsburg

Attendance:

Jason Boaz	Healdsburg	Jim Coangelo	Consultant to County
Matt Epstein	Dry Creek Rancheria	Steve Akre	Sonoma Valley
Aaron Abbott	REDCOM	Dan George	GRFD/BVFD
Dean Anderson	AMR	Bill Shubin	SRFD/Kenwood/Roseland
Darin Bellach	Kenwood	Bill Bullard	Graton
Bill Braga	Sebastopol	Todd Derum	CalFire - Sonoma
Jack Piccinini	Rincon Valley/Windsor	James Williams	Sonoma County
Max Ming	Forestville/RR	Caerleon Safford	FireSafe Sonoma
Ruben Mandujano	Healdsburg	Greg Martin	Sonoma County
Al Terrell	Sonoma County	Mike Palacio	CHP
Linda Collister	Healdsburg	Mike Mickelson	Wilmar
Taya Levine	HR Matrix	Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa
Mike Bates	RPDPS		

Call to Order: Chief Derum called the meeting to order at 0932

Host Chief Intro/Pledge: Chief Boaz shared logistics

President's Report Chief Derum/Introductions of group

Chief Gossner introduced Taya Levine from Matrix Consulting, facilitator of Fire Advisory Council meeting who spoke briefly of her role in helping with next steps in moving forward.

Approval of January Minutes: Motion was made by Chief Braga & seconded by Chief George. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report as submitted by Hans showed the following balances.

Chiefs General Fund:	\$373.52	Survivors Checking:	\$2,906.77
OP's/TO's Fund:	\$17,355.24	Survivors Savings:	\$110,118.32
FPO Dues			
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	\$17,728.76		\$113,025.09

Correspondence: February 8th letter from Chief Derum to the Fire Advisory Council

Presentations: Ruben Mandujano of Healdsburg Fire Dept. gave a presentation on the role of the Fire Investigation Task Force (FITF).

Requesting the FITF through REDCOM has been a problem. Ruben wants to clarify the procedure and distributed a handout to the Chiefs on how to properly request resources (attached). Ruben noted that bylaws are on the Chief's website and includes a list of investigators. There is a new curriculum for investigators. People need to make sure they stay current and continue to get CEU's through training or workshops.

Aaron Abbott inquired about an SOP for REDCOM dispatchers.

Ruben recommended that agencies pay for Active911 for their members who are FITF members.

Chief Martin thanked Ruben and mentioned that the agency involved has to provide an investigator of record. If none is available it defaults to the agency Fire Chief. Unless there is a fire death or huge loss of property, understand that the investigators might not respond until daylight, so please maintain the scene. If it is in CSA-40, County Fire Services is the inspector of record. Chief Ming questioned if any agencies are billing for services with the answer that it is generally a trade-off.

Chief Derum introduced Caerleon from Fire Safe Sonoma who gave an update on the CWPP. Caerleon talked about the 'Living with Fire' program from Reno and the CWPP template for smaller agencies which she is working to make it useable for California.

Caerleon is also working on CWPP's for Fitch Mountain, Mark West Watershed and Timber Cove area and would like input from Chiefs on the template and how to make it better moving forward. Let her know if you have a neighborhood group who would like to develop a CWPP. She then distributed an information sheet which is attached.

Chief Gossner asked a question on grant funding and PG&E and recommended working with them.

Chief Derum reinforced the importance of working with community groups and possible working in zones.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Training/OP's:** Chief Piccinini, meeting is next week. No report.
- **FPO's:** Chief Collister missed last meeting but mentioned that SoCo Alert gave a presentation. Chief Williams gave a brief synopsis of meeting. Next meeting is at Rancho Adobe. Chief Collister mentioned that FPO's would like to see more Chiefs send staff to their meetings to support succession planning. REDCOM is also working with SoCo Alert per Aaron Abbott. Presentation at the next meeting will be by Talco sprinkler tanks systems that may help with sprinklering ADU's.
- **Fire Districts:** Chief George took over as President. Chief Trainor is Vice President. Ethics and sexual harassment training at 10:00 March 11th at Windsor High School.
- **Volunteer Fire Companies:** Chief Mickelson is the new President of the Volunteer Chiefs. Working on getting everything together for April 1st meeting.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- **Fire Advisory Committee:** Chief Gossner gave update on last Fire Advisory Council meeting. Mentioned that Taya was at the last meeting and assisting group with accomplishing goals. Meeting 3/9 at 0900. Reminded everyone about the April 1st workshop.
- Chief Braga has not been getting notice about the meetings. Chief Gossner noted that the Zone Chief's should be pushing out the information and encouraged everyone to be at the Advisory Council meeting on 3/9 and on April 1st. Will work on better distribution of information.
- Chief Piccinini clarified that the 3/9 meeting is not all-day. Taya will be the facilitator of the 3/9 meeting. Noted the importance of staying focused and on track at both meetings.
- Chief George asked about the Chief's recommendations to the BOS on bylaws. Per Jim Coangelo, they have not been adopted yet.
- Chief Piccinini asked if we have a survey on the possible attendance of the April 1st meeting. Taya mentioned that her feeling is that it will be well attended and has been receiving a lot of excellent input and will report back at 3/9 meeting.
- Chief Derum noted that we all need to remain united and communicate

REDCOM:

- Aaron Abbott mentioned that REDCOM fees will be out by April 1st.
- REDCOM board of directors meeting is tomorrow in Santa Rosa.
- Dan George is working on how to streamline dispatch fees, possibly an SOG with REDCOM board.
- 5262 not going to be maintained through CFS anymore. Aaron has been working with John Salvate on options for keeping unit in the county. Used the unit during a power failure at REDCOM and it worked well.
- Dispatch appreciation week is the week of April 10th. It is a big deal and a big celebration. This would be a good week to stop by REDCOM and say thanks for all of their hard work.

- Chief George mentioned that Chief Turbeville noted his desire to keep 5262 in County. A letter will be required. Chief George mentioned that it is like other OES units and needs to be staffed.
- Chief Martin- Minimum staffing is 2. Need to be a tech-spec. County can no longer handle the obligation as of May 1st. County has a lot of funds invested in the unit in communications equipment but decided to leave in place rather than strip down. If interested in having the unit, please contact John Salvate. REDCOM would like the decommissioned unit when replaced.
- Chief George noted that only one F-42 will be done for the unit, so if agencies cross-staff they will need to work on reimbursement themselves.
- Chief Martin mentioned some of the issues with labor and volunteers on staffing the unit with different agencies. Different personnel end up getting reimbursed at different rates.

Improving Efficiencies:

Customer Service/Good of the Order:

- Chief George- Hired Sheply Scroth-Cary at Goldridge
- Chief Bullard, talked about image trend and CAD, looking for direction from Fire Chief's. Large animal rescue team is in place. Working on SOP and inquired about the process. Chief Derum suggested to bring it to the TO/Ops group. Problem is that it needs to get through 911 at SCSO and CHP. They have not been sending it to fire.
- Chief Mickelson asked about new ABH contracts this year. Chief Derum clarified process. Agencies will need to send invoice directly to headquarters.
- Chief Gosssner- AFG grant supposed to post on March 3rd. Not out yet. Forwarded Randy Collins legislative update. AB-1578, marijuana and cannabis. Community paramedicine bill also in there.
- CHP – Mike Palacio mentioned that is there are issues with the communications center please let him know and he will work it out. Lots of new people. Please call him also with any issues in the field.
- Chief Piccinini- May 20th and 21st, hosting a Company Officer academy training. Will include a presentation on Tactical communications by Andy Dutch, Butte County SO. Chief Piccinini will send out invitations by the end of the week.
- Chief Braga wanted to thank organization for donation for Hans Henneberque's wife Marlene in the amount of \$1000. Read a thank you letter from Hans.
- Dean Anderson- mentioned email from CVEMS about draft policies, please look at them and comment. The Iron man event has been scheduled for May 13th with the full Iron-man on July 29th. A very large crowd is expected. May 21st-27th is EMS week with all normal activities. World CPR challenge- hands only CPR will be a week-long event from IAFC, AMR and Physicians. Encouraged holding a hands-only CPR event.
- Dan George asked about a radio plan for special events. Aaron answered not yet.
- Chief Epstein introduced himself and expressed his thanks for being part of the group and looks forward to working with the group. Noted that he is on the board of directors for CSFA. Mentioned that there are still a lot of funds available
- Chief Boaz- FF job announcement for Healdsburg Fire, Introduced FIDO bags. Chief Bullard to take on project.
- Chief Derum- IMT was deployed to Butte County to Oroville spillway incident. He suggested building a framework to house maps, plans, agency contacts prior to an emergency and have them available online. Chief Piccinini suggested having templates for the documents available.
- Chief Akyre asked about on update on EPCR. Aaron Abbott stated that they are working on it but does not have an update at this time.
- Chief Bullard spoke to the hacking of printers in the fire stations and potential solutions.

Closed Session: There was no closed session.

Adjournment: Chief Derum adjourned the meeting at 11:21

Next Meeting: April 12th, Gold Ridge

Respectfully Submitted: Jason Boaz