



**SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS  
ASSOCIATION MEETING  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
December 9, 2020 at 8:30 AM  
Conference Call In**

**ATTENDANCE**

Daren Bellach	Kenwood	Ron Busch	Sonoma County Fire
Cyndi Foreman	FPO's	Mark Heine	Sonoma County Fire
Bill Bullard	Graton	Bonnie Plakos	North Coast Fire
Jeff Schach	Petaluma	Kempen Robbins	FPO's
Scott Westrope	Santa Rosa	James Williams	Sonoma County
Steve Akre	Sonoma Valley Fire	Ken Reese	REDCOM
Mike Mickelson	North Bay Fire	Marshall Turbeville	North Sonoma County
Chris Godley	So. Co. Emergency Mgmt.	KT McNulty	REDCOM
Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa	Brian Henricksen	AMR
Doug Williams	SMART	Bill Braga	Sebastopol
Jason Boaz	Healdsburg	Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay
James Salvante	Coastal Valley EMS	Todd Derum	PG&E
Mark Courson	OES	Mike Nicholls	Cazadero
Ron Lunardi	Occidental	Mike Bates	RPPS
Ron Bush	Sonoma County Fire	Steve Herzberg	Bodega Bay
Ben Nicholls	CALFIRE	Steve Suter	Santa Rosa
Spencer Andreas	Sonoma Valley Fire	Matt Epstein	DCRFD
Jason Jenkins	Cloverdale	Shepley Schroth-Cary	North Bay Fire
Matt Gustafson	Sonoma County Fire	Abraham Ho	Ring
Dave Franceschi	Forestville	Tim Mattos	RPPS

**Call to Order:** Chief Boaz began the meeting at 0931 and led the pledge.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chief Boaz

**Host Chief Introduction:** Chief Boaz welcomed everyone on the Conference Call

**Presidents Report:** None

**Changes to the Agenda:** Add: Presentation from Ring. Add: To New Business COVID-19 Vaccination update from Chief Suter. Add: To New Business consideration for the Carl Harrison Award.

**Approval of Minutes:** No approval of minutes. Will be done in January meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** Submitted by Hans reported the following:

Chiefs General Fund:	\$865.88
Survivors Fund:	\$105,896.31
OP's/TO's Fund:	\$19.92
TO's Command Grant	\$0

FPO Safety Trailer:	\$10,456.90
Career Succession:	\$875.64
FPO General Fund:	\$2834.08
Youth Fire Setter Fund	\$1,041.53
FITF	\$1,913.49
Safety Pals Gen. Fund:	\$23,200.47
Safety Pals Trailer:	\$2,500.00
	<b>\$143,804.22</b>

Command Tablets purchased, several fire agencies owe the Chiefs \$5800.00 for individual department additional licenses. Total purchase was \$36,400. \$25,000 from grant, \$2,300 from Chief's General Fund, \$3,300 from TO's General Fund & \$5800 from Fire Agencies.

**Correspondence:** None

**Presentation:** Abraham Ho – Ring: Mr. Ho presented information on Ring Door Bell. How to use this device communicating with residence, using videos to help solve crimes and detect fires using the free Neighbors App.

**Old Business:** 2021 Installation Ceremony: At this point we will skip the luncheon due to COVID-19. We will hold a virtual meeting and do the Installation of Officers. The FPO's had their meeting and also agreed.

Nomination and Vote of the 2021 Officers: Chief Gossner, Chief Doug Williams and Chief Braga presented their recommendations. The VP position was the only position to be vacant. Chief Jenkins, Chief Bates and Chief Epstein were nominated. Chief Akre was also nominated, but due to him being President of the SCFDA the group thought it was not right to have him as president and VP of both groups. The committee felt that Chief Jenkins would be the best for the VP position and recommended him. Chief Heine will be moving into the Presidents role with Chief Bellach continuing as Secretary and Hans continuing as Treasurer. Chief Heine moved to put the three candidates forward for nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Williams. Group voted all in favor for Chief Jenkins as the new VP.

**New Business:** 2021 Meeting Agenda: Chief Bellach proposed that we continue with the current agencies and locations for the 2021 meeting schedule due to the COVID-19 restrictions and not knowing what the future may hold. Chief Heine suggested that maybe we need to start the meetings earlier at 0830hrs rather than 0930hrs due to our agendas becoming so full. Chief Grinnell stated that when we do get back to normal in person meetings, travel time may be an issue. Chief Boaz suggested that we start the 2021 schedule at a 0830hrs start time and adjust as needed.

COVID-19 Vaccinations-Chief Suter- Two vaccines will be coming out. One from Pfizer and one from Madera. Both vaccines will require two shots about three weeks apart. Vaccine needs to be kept at -35 degrees. 4,875 vaccines will be coming to the County next week. Studies show after the second dose flu like symptoms with a fever are common. Priorities will be given to hospitals, assisted living staff and Medics and EMT's. This will be Phase 1A, Tier 2 will be given to police and firefighters. Priority is given to people who give patient care first. Chief Suter asked the group to complete a survey on who wants to receive the vaccine, how many total personal, how many EMT's and Medics and who wants to receive the vaccine by Monday. The survey will be put up on the Active Status page on the Chiefs website for everyone to fill out. The survey needs to show everyone with in your agency.

Carl Harrison Award – Chief Grinnell- Wanted to create a process on creating the nominees for the award and be able to present it to the E Board as well as updating the bylaws to reflect this.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Fire Service Working Group:** Chief Heine reported they will be having a meeting later to discuss today and looking at current LAFCO Sphere of Influence and ways to support those agencies. Talking about replacing Chief Gossner's seat and looking at what a new Measure Z would look like.

**SMART:** Chief Williams reported, passenger loads are still way down, still getting Marin County connected. SMART has been through a lot of changes with staff and board members. Transition to freight service has been approved. Possibility of more freight activity in Marin and Sonoma Counties. Chief Williams thanks Chief Gossner for years of service and working together.

**PG & E:** No Report

**Sonoma County Emergency Management:** No report

### **Regional Zone Reports:**

**CALFIRE:** Chief Nicholls reported still maintaining one engine per station due to the current weather through Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. Fixed wing aircraft are available from Mccullin and Chico. Lifting of the burn suspension will be left in place unless we get some fire related weather.

**Zone 3:** Chief Akre reported Schell Vista had a working fire the other night and wanted to thank everyone that helped. Sonoma Valley is currently testing for FF Medics this week and next week testing for Battalion Chiefs

**Zone 4** No Report

**Zone 5:** No Report

**Zone 6:** Chief Epstein reported by the end of the month their new EOC/Training center will be open. If anyone is looking for a place to train please contact Chief Epstein. Open house to follow.

Chief Jenkins reported Marshal is leading a bunch of North County prescribed by burns and apologies for any smoke put out by those burns. Thank you Chief Boaz for all your work as President.

Chief Boaz reported that the City Council has approved the purchase of a new ladder truck. 107 Ft.

Chief Heine reported they are also hiring, they have received 35 application for 9-12 applications. Currently in the LAFCO process to bring Forestville on board. July 2020-21 go live date.

**Zone 7:** Chief Gossner reported they are also hiring, currently have 5 entry level positions in background. Had 5 laterals go live last month. At the end of December will be looking at 5 or more vacancies. 3-4 Captains, an Engineer and Chief Gossner's position. Also will be

hiring a new inspector to institute a new vegetation management program. Chief Westrope will be taking over for Cal Chiefs North Div. Dist. 6. Chief Gossner will be leaving December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The City manager will be announcing an interim Chief next Monday. Tony thanked everyone for all the support and hard work over the years.

**Zone 8:** No Report

**Zone 9:** Chief Schach reported, Petaluma was awarded the Pete Pertoca Award for the sheltering operations the City has done. Jeff Duvall has free MRE's if anyone is interested. Three FF's will be finishing their academy tomorrow. The City will be losing a Fire Inspector as well.

**OES:** Chief Bellach reported for Chief Courson, in winter mode now. The last County Pre Position was very beneficial and is working on closing out the last of the F-42's.

**Training OP's:** Chief Andreas reported Tablet Command is progressing. Entered into a contract and started a work group. Emails to follow to start collecting data from the users. Should be up and running by summer of next year.

**FPO's:** Kemplen reported they will meet next Wednesday and will be doing the nominations for their officers. Dr. Mace did some revisions to the outdoor dining document, the updated document has been sent out to all the groups. If anyone needs a copy, reach out to the FPO's. If anyone has any nominations for the Harry Quinlan Award contact the FPO's.

**Fire Districts:** Chief Akre reported, OSHA regulations on COVID-19, Workers Comp and FASIS are looking into the policy. FASIS, FDAC EBA held a joint board meeting and directed staff to continue on the merger between the two agencies/JPA.

**Volunteer Fire Companies:** No report

**Vegetation Management:** Chief Williams reported, looking at the abatement process, have been working with Napa County to look at the best practices. Moving forward for next seasons Vegetation Management Program.

**Coastal Valley EMS:** James Salvante thanked Chief Gossner for his service and it has been a pleasure working with you. Working with COVID-19 and implementing the vaccinations. The website has been re-done and is up and running.

#### **Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:**

**Fire/EMS:** No report

**County Alerting System:** No report

**Sonoma OP Area Up-Staffing Plan:** Chief Gossner reported, CALFIRE is working on the document from the Glass incident in regards to the cost share.

**REDCOM:** Ken Reese reported, the quotes are in for the Tango Tango App. Contact Ken if you would like to get the pricing. 50-100 users is about \$5,500.00 a year. 25-50 users is about

\$2,000.00 for a single channel. Old OES 5262 has been surplused. REDCOM may be interested in getting it. An offer was made to purchase it. OES has accepted the offer to at least secure it for now and later work on putting it in service.

**Closed Session:** None

**Good of the Order:** Chief Williams thanked Chief Gossner for his service and has enjoyed working with him. Household hazardous waste will be concluded this week. Phase II will be a 6 month period to remove ash and other debris. Chief Nicholls stated the draft AOP should be available for review by late January. Chief Boaz thanked everyone for letting him serve as our president.

**Adjournment:** @ 11:30

**Next Meeting:** January 13<sup>th</sup> at Petaluma

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daren Bellach  
SCFCA Secretary