



Sonoma County

Fire Investigation Task Force

Fire Prevention Officers Association

Minutes

January 15, 2020

Department of Public Safety, 500 City Hall DR. Rohnert Park, CA

CALL TO ORDER: 10:05am

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Devon Gambonini-Petaluma FD, Ruben Mandujano- Healdsburg FD, Scott McKinnon-SCSO, Kemplen Robbins-SRFD, Sam Lashley-SRFD, Jon Kempf-RPDPS, Jim Thompson-RPDPS, Cyndi Foreman-SCFD, Jason Piloni-SCFD, Kyle Steis-CalFire, Jason Stayton-SVFRA, Scott Maxwell-SVFRA, Eric Gromala-RAFD, Trevor Smith-SVFRA

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: October 2, 2019 Motion by Cyndi, Scott McKinnon 2nd. Approved

REPORTS:

- Treasurer's - \$1294.09
- Secretary's – No report
- Coordinator's – Wants to revisit the BDU/uniform and hats for FITF members. Sam said that SRFD just purchased BDU's. Sam Lashley and Jon Kempf will do some research to present back to the group. Kyle Steiss will provide CalFire's spec to Sam to evaluate.

ACTION ITEMS:

Membership approval for new members:

~~John Teague, Graton Fire Dept~~ Application not processed yet. Will be brought to the next FITF meeting.

Matt Larson, Healdsburg Fire Department: Motion by Sam Lashley, 2nd Trevor Smith. Approved. Welcome Matt!

LIAISON REPORTS:

Website: Stuart Baker, Devon Gambonini- Website updated with forms

Chiefs: Cyndi Foreman- Measure G was talked about at the last meeting. Strong push for the half cent tax increase which will go on the ballot during the March election.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Advisory committee – Report/updates, etc.- No report.
- Education/Training Committee – Sam, Jon: Goal was set to host the F210 course in 2020. Sam will meet with Charlie Laird with CalFire to see about hosting it regionally. Jon will reach out to his



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contact through the insurance agencies, to see about doing a training burn locally. Interview and Interrogations course in RP in August. Another being held in SR. Will attach registrations to the website. Advanced BHO class in Windsor on Jan.23

- Youth Firesetter Intervention (NYFIC) Program – Kemplen: Next academy in May. Location to be determined
- Grants: No report
- Scene Security – Sam, Jason, Matt: Brought up that having just a private security company hold a scene will not hold up in court. There has to be a representative from fire or PD that stays on scene with the security company. CalFire uses private security if a scene has to be held for an extended time, but leaves a FF in a marked pick up with the security company.

OLD BUSINESS:

[HTTP://WWW.SONOMACHIEFS.ORG/](http://www.sonomachiefs.org/)

Send e-mail with information to FITF Coordinator Ruben Mandujano on FITF call outs

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

CALL OUTS/FIRES:

-Sam: Multiple incidents involving Molotov cocktails but all tied together. Under investigation but believed that all incidents are tied to the same person.

-Jason: Fatal fire in Sonoma in November. Fire possibly started a couple days prior and snuffed itself out. Found vic in the house on the bed. Under investigation.

-Jason Piloni: Fatal in a condo. Smoker. Burned for quite a while before the fire was noticed and 911 notified. Space heater and multiple extension cords in AofO. Under investigation.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

-Cyndi wants to bring up the possibility of having an on call calendar for county wide availability at the next FITF meeting

-Scott McKinnon reminded the group about the use of H-1 as a tool for fire investigations and on fire incidents. If they are up in the air, they will automatically respond but if they are in the hangar, they can be requested and are happy to help fly the scene to assist in suppression and investigation efforts.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:11 AM MOTION KEMPLER, 2ND JASON STAYTON. ADJOURNED.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:

April 1, 2020. Department of Public Safety, 500 City Hall DR, Rohnert Park, CA

TODAY'S TRAINING:

Scott McKinnon - Presentation on interviewing law updates and tactics for juveniles. Presentation is located on the website as an attachment to today's meeting minutes.