



# Sonoma County

## Fire Investigation Task Force

Fire

Prevention Officers Association

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**Minutes**  
**October 2, 2019**  
**Department of Public Safety, 500 City Hall DR. Rohnert Park, CA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 10:06 AM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:**

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Self Introductions: Devon Gambonini- Petaluma Fire, Kemplen Robbins- Santa Rosa Fire, Samuel Lashley- Santa Rosa Fire, Trevor Smith- Sonoma Valley Fire, Linda Collister- Healdsburg, Eric Smith- Healdsburg, Nathan DeJung- Sonoma Co Fire, Lorne Davis- Eldridge Fire, Jim Thompson- RPDPS, Darrin DeCarli- Gold Ridge Fire, Ruben Mandujano- Healdsburg, Scott McKinnon- SCSO

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Training topic for YFS

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Sam Lashley, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Eric Smith

**NEW MEMBERS:** Jim Thompson (RPDPS) and Lance MacDonald (HEA) were proposed as new FITF members. Motion made by Darrin DeCarli with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorne Davis to vote them in. Motion passed. Welcome Lance and Jim!

**REPORTS:**

- Treasurer's – Current balance is \$1613.49
- Secretary's – None
- Coordinator's – None

**NOMINATIONS FOR FITF COORDINATOR:**

- Devon Gambonini nominated and motioned for Ruben Mandujano to continue serving as the FITF coordinator. Darrin DeCarli with the 2<sup>nd</sup>. All members in attendance approved. Ruben will continue to serve as FITF coordinator for 2020. (Thanks Ruben!)

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

- Website:– Devon Gambonini will now post updates to the fire chief's website.
- Chiefs: Kemplen Robbins – Talked about the upcoming tax measure and strategic leadership. Nothing that pertained to FITF at the last chief's meeting



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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Advisory committee – Report/updates, etc. – No report
- Education/Training Committee- Sam Lashley – PC 832 will take place at RPDPS with a date to be later announced. The group expressed interest in hosting or finding a FI210 class locally.
- Surveillance cameras – No report
- Youth Fire Setter – Kemplen Robbins – Tabled.
- Grants – Linda Collister – There is currently a fire prevention grant open through CalFire but does not cover fire investigations.

### OLD BUSINESS: None

### NEW BUSINESS:

- REDCOM: Reminder that REDCOM can pull tapes which may be helpful for fire investigations.
- Goals for 2020
  - FITF forms packet Update- Devon
  - FI210 Class
  - Ghostship Talk?
  - New fire investigator track
  - NYFIC evaluation & additional academies
  - Training w/REDCOM/BC's

### CALL OUTS/FIRES:

- Call Outs- 9/24 at 8:16 Coleman Valley- Stuart Baker (1 investigator request) total burn. Graton 9/26 fatal- Linda Collister, Trevor Smith, Scott Maxwell, Scott McKinnon- Single wide mobile home, 55 YOM fatal in the bedroom, no smoke alarms. Occidental 10/1- Scott McKinnon- Was on H1, 85 year old male victim, flown to Davis, well involved structure.
- Graton- Linda contacted the IC directly after the call out for FITF to advise that they were going to need at least 4 members. Original request was for 1 investigator only.
- SR had a fire where there were people living in the attic

Discussion about having a high level presentation to the chief's group regarding what is needed for significant fires, including fatals. Bullet point cheat sheet, on index card. Ruben will create and then distribute to the group for approval. Cards will be distributed



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**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Scene Security- Linda discussed the Graton call out and the forms that Ruben previously provided. Will look at updating the forms to distribute to the membership. Sam stated that scene security isn't the issue for call outs. Membership discussed the need to have some private security companies on retainer

**ADJOURNMENT:** 12:03 PM

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:** January 15, 2020

**TRAINING:** None

**COMPLETED BY:**

Devon Gambonini