Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association
Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2015

Attendance:
Mark Gradek      CalFire      Darin DeCarli      Goldridge
Marshall Turbeville CalFire      Bill Shubin      SRFD
David Cornelssen  CSC Fire      Jack Thomas      SRFD
Jeff Shock        Petaluma      Ken Sebastiani     SRFD
Jack Piccinini    SRFD          Dave Kahn        Petaluma
Jeff Holden       Petaluma

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Dave called the meeting to order at 0905.

II. Self-Introductions:

III. Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda

IV. Approval of the Previous Minutes: Motion by DeCarli, 2nd by Shubin, unanimous vote.

V. Presentation: There were no presentations.

VI. Liaison Reports:

A. Chiefs: Dan George that there was nothing to report

B. FPO's: DeCarli reported normal business and nothing notable.

C. Marin TO's: No Report

D. Marin OP's: No Report

E. CALFIRE: Turbeville reported they are ramping up early with staffing station name vs numbers CDF air to ground CDF air to ground 2 in this area on local IA; All of the above information has been or will be distributed with details to all departments.

F. NBIMT: Training session was conducted in the first part of March. There are two more all day sessions scheduled for May 11 and May 18. The May 11 session will be a railroad incident and held in Marin County. The May 18 session will be a wildland fire in Santa Rosa and will be held and the SRFTF.

G. CICCS: No Report

H. Fire Tech Advisory: Randy shared the following items by a written report:

   • The program’s accreditation was unanimously approved by STEAC in January and was supposed to be approved by the State Board of Fire Services at their Feb meeting but was cancelled due to a lack of quorum so he will have to wait until their May meeting.
• Also during the January STEAC meeting, the matter of removing the Prevention I prerequisite for the Command IA course. While the group did not vote in favor of this, they did direct SFT staff to work with Randy to develop a list of equivalencies that would be acceptable including 4 hours of building construction as delivered in a FFI academy. Once this is approved, Randy will bring back to the group. In the meantime, if a student is a fire academy graduate, he has been allowing them to attend Command IA.

• At the same STEAC meeting, it was unanimously voted to approve the FFI certification testing process. The IFSAC/Pro-Board reciprocity for FFI was also approved as a VOLUNTARY option. These have significant ramifications for anyone who conducts FFI training and he encourages folks to attend the SFT Certification Update Workshop being hosted next Thursday at the PSTC.

• The Academies continue to move along nicely under Kim Thompson’s supervision. The 86th is in its tenth week with the 87th (intensive) is in its 5th week. We are looking for agencies who would like to assist with the two live burn dates which will be April 24 and May 9. Let Randy know if you are interested.

• Because of the fire season that continues to grow, this fall he will be cutting back on the number of In-Service class specifically, the three command series (IA, B & C) and the DOIA class.

• Speaking of SFT classes, we will be hosting a RIO class here on June 17 with any moneys going to the organization. The Ethics class will be held on June 18 with registration through the college. Flyers for both are on the website next to the agenda for this meeting.

• The next Fire Tech Advisory meeting will be on Thursday April 2, 10 AM at the PSTC.

VII. Old Business:

A. Goals 2015:
1. DO Training Program; developing list
2. MAD Drill - May 30 Multiple topics
3. Host SFT Cert Workshop- scheduled for March 12, 2015
4. Host RIO & Ethics Classes – Scheduled for June

B. Active Status:

VIII. New Business:

A. Engine Boss Requirements: Discussion led to clarification on the CalFire Fire Control 2.
B. Zone Training Discussion:
C. Approvals for:
1. Lunch for ST Refresher Course: $500 Motion by Piccinini, 2nd by Thomas – Approved.
2. Lunch & Refreshments for SFT Certification Training Workshop: $750.00 Motion by Andreis second by DeCarli - Approved

IX. Good of the Order:

• No report

X. Adjournment: Cornelssen adjourned the meeting at 1045

Next meeting: May 12, 2015 0900 SRFDTT