



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES February 9, 2016

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Dan George	Gold Ridge
Matt Dahl	SRFD	Darren DiCarli	Bennett Valley
Dave Cornellsen	CSC Fire	Jack Piccinini	SRFD
Jeremy Lawson	CALFIRE	Dan Bull	Sonoma County
Sofia Betts	REDCOM	Mark Gradek	CALFIRE
Kirk Van Wormer	CALFIRE	Bill Shubin	Santa Rosa
Todd Derum	CALFIRE	Spenser Andreis	Sonoma Valley
Scott Westrope	Santa Rosa	Matt Wendrem	San Rafael
Dan Bull	Sonoma County		

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Piccinini called the meeting to order at 0904. Chief Cornellsen arrived and took over running the meeting.
- I. **Self-Introductions:** Dave had everyone to introduce themselves.
- II. **Changes to the Agenda:** Jack asked we add Assistance for Fire Officer Classes under old Business
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion to approve by Jack, seconded by Matt, unanimous vote. Randy reported our balance is \$16,990.91.
- V. **Presentation:** None
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
 - A. **Chiefs:** Dan reported the installation lunch went well. The most relevant topic related to the PCR's. Chief Kahn provided some background on the issue. As it stands now, paper equivalents are being allowed. Chief Dahl added that SB 1129 passed and added language that all patient contacts shall be recorded in electronic format and it must be NEMSA compatible. That was interpreted into what was believed to be a more restrictive format locally. The regs have been captured in CVEMS policies 6000 & 6001A. Santa Rosa will begin entering them electronically. Chief Piccinini added that there remains strong opposition from Volunteers and BLS providers and there is not a provision that requires them to implement it and recommended the committee should hold fast on that issue. More to come.
 - B. **FPO's:** Darrin reported that they are moving forward with the level II Management courses but some have low enrollment so the \$2000 subsidy we offered is helpful. To that end, they may approach us for additional assistance. The group agreed to consider if this happens.

Randy spoke to the same issue that is occurring with the Fire Officer courses and a discussion he hopes to have on this topic later in the meeting.

C. Marin TO's: Randy reported having attended their November meeting. The following items of interest were shared:

- Capt. Bob Lambert from San Rafael presented with Barry Plagan on the Senior Access program that will be presented later at the Sonoma Chiefs. Matt spoke to the pilot program they are implementing in San Rafael.
- A UASI sponsored Water Rescue four day class will be offered in March and open to this group. Contact Graham Gorman at Marin Co, If interested.
- New Officers are Graham Gorman Marin Co Pres; Tim Grasser VP Michael St John Mill Valley Sec and Dave Glenn Kentfield Treas.
- Proposed Goals include: Develop a single county-wide training calendar for the year and make available training materials, recommend qualifications for single resources to the Chiefs & conduct an Active Shooter Training (May in Novato), STL Refresher May 3.
- Matt added they have also combined the meeting days of the OP's & TO's but still have separate e-boards.(Matt is the president of the OP's)

D. Marin OP's: No report

E. CALFIRE: Chief Derum shared a big thank you that came down from his Chief for all the mutual aid help last season. Chief Gradek added that beginning March 15 they will be hiring 35 to serve as Hand Crews doing VMP's. They will be housed at Glen Ellen and will transition to seasonals as the fire season ramps up.

F. NBIMT: .No to report

G. CICC'S: Capt. Thomas reported things are moving forward and is looking to fill the County Fire rep. Chief George said Chief Terrell will be filling the spot. He summarized all the reviews conducted last year. He also spoke to the sub-committee established to deal with Fire Line EMT's consisting of him, Spenser and James Salvante. 11 Medics and 6 EMTs were approved in 2015. The next meeting will follow the TO/OP's meeting in May.

H. Fire Tech Advisory: Randy shared the following:

- The Volunteer Fire Skills course (delivered with a County contract) continues to grow in size with the Advanced section beginning Jan 30 with 32 students enrolled.
- The fall (88th) academy graduated Jan. 8 and the BETA cert test process was used for the first time. From it we learned the test itself will take 24-32 hours depending on the class size. The academy was the first to use the Drager flash-over prop for the live burn exercise which was very well received by the students.
- A stand-alone test course for FFI has been approved and is ready for delivering in case there are any agencies who wish to have their staff tested. However, to get it on our schedule, I need about 4 months lead time. The stand-alone test course for FFII is being written at this time.
- The spring academy began Jan 30 and has 40 students. In addition to conducting the certification skills exam, the final will now be the SFT on-line test. It is the first that will receive the SFT, IFSAC and Pro-Board certificates once the students complete everything required for FFI.

- In order to deliver the certification testing for FFI & II, staff who participate in that process will need to have Inst. IA, IB, Ethics and a SFT Skill's Evaluator Course. He shared that he has arranged for SFT to deliver the Skills Evaluator Course on Saturday April 2 which will be followed by Ethics. Because this training will also be needed for FFII, he asked if agencies have staff who wish to attend this training so they can assist the Fire Program deliver the FFII testing, to please let him know before the end of the month.
- A RIO class has been scheduled for June 6 which he asked to be run though this group as has been done over the past two years. He also has an Ethics class scheduled (through the college) on June 7 with both to be offered at the PSTC.
- Projects currently in progress for the academy include a 4' x 4' propane fire extinguisher pan, a compressed gas cylinder fire prop (for FFII testing) and an interior natural gas sofa fire prop (for both FFI & II testing).
- The next Fire Tech Advisory meeting will be on Thursday April 7 at 1000.

I. **REDCOM:** Sophia reported they are conducting Evacuation drills with St Helena and everything works. They are also working with SMART to coordinate the impending rail traffic.

VII. Old Business:

- A. **Goals Review 2015:** Dave shared what we accomplished last year.
- B. **Election of Officers:** Dave reminded the group the nominated officers included: Jack Pres, Greg Martin VP, Randy Sec. Individual elections were made and the votes were unanimous.
- C. **2016 Goals:** Jack quickly went through the goals. Specific discussions included:
- Serving as a clearinghouse for classes to avoid duplication (DOIA). Jack suggested putting on future agendas as a standing item.
 - Host an Ethics and RIO class (which Randy shared has been scheduled for June 6 & 7)
 - Host a zone drill with a cafeteria style selection of classes involving the PSTC. A long discussion followed regarding different deliveries. The outcome is the goal will be modified to meet our needs but will likely be conducting the drill(s) at the zone level
 - Conduct a ST Refresher course.
- D. **Emergency Button Committee:** Jack provided some background. Dave shared that there has been some difficulty implementing due in part to the CAD upgrade. Mike will work directly with REDCOM to implement once the funds from the Gang of Five are released.
- E. **Confirm Donation to FPO's for Level II:** Darrin shared some specifics provided by Han's as to enrollment and the costs. After a short discussion it was confirmed to commit \$1400 to the FPO's to provide scholarships/reimbursements for FPO members in good standing.

VIII. New Business:

- A. **Investigation Training Proposal:** Matt Dahl shared that he has an interest in hosting a class on conducting internal investigations and HIPPA. He has some ideas and would like to bring them back to the group. Jack agreed and asked Matt to return with a proposal. The general idea it would be similar to a Leibert/Cassidy training that many in the group have attended in the past. It was also agreed to widely distribute the flyer once the class is established.
- B. **Spring Training (MAD Drill):** Jack began the discussion by reviewing what we have done in the past. After a long discussion it was agreed to allow each zone to continue with their own efforts (also see the 3rd bullet point under 2016 goals)..

- C. FPO's Mapping Project:** Darrin shared the grant has been turned in and has several letters of support so we are in the "wait and see" mode.
- D. Tactical Frequency:** Spenser shared that as we have grown if anyone else has recognized the need to establish tactical frequencies by zone. He said two zones (7 & 6) already have done this so it would be formalizing this for the rest of the county. Ideally he would like to do this before fire season so we clone our radio's only once. There appeared to be interest from the group. Spenser will put together a proposal with specifics in March and once approved take to the Chiefs and the DOAG.
- E. Supplementing Level I Courses:** Jack provided some background as to the Level I courses that have been experiencing low enrollment and that the college may have to cancel. Rather than leave the student in a Lerch, the course would be run through this group. However, to provide reasonable compensation to the instructor, it was asked if this group commit \$150 per student in the event cancellation occurs. Matt made a motion to augment the course costs by \$150 per student if the class is cancelled by the JC due to low enrollment. Dave seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

IX. Good of the Order:

Jack Piccinini reported he has updated the Active Status page to include a place for the REDCOM duty officer to indicate that the roster is set for the week. He also shared a story where at a duplex fire, PG & E pulled a gas meter for the undamaged part of a duplex while the electric side of PG & E was ok with it.

Jack Thomas reminded folks that historic recognition for type III positions was extended to July 1.

Dave reported on Feb. 18th, 20th & 22nd, Petaluma is hosting an Active Shooter class. It is 4 hours and is the same class on each day. Jeff Shack will be handling RSVP's.

Darrin asked for clarification if the commitment for the level II was \$1400. The answer was yes

X. Adjournment: Jack adjourned the meeting at 11:10

Next meeting: March 8th, 2016 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted Feb 8, 2016

Randy Collins