



# Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

## Training/Operations Officers Section

### MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2016

#### Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Matt Dahl	SRFD
Dave Cornellsen	CSC Fire	Jack Piccinini	SRFD
Marshall Tuberville	CALFIRE	Gina Peterson	Sonoma County
Scott Westrope	Santa Rosa	Dan George	Gold Ridge
Greg Martin	Sonoma County	Jeff Holden	Petaluma
Jim Cominski	Sonoma Valley		

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Piccinini called the meeting to order at 0900.
- II. **Self-Introductions:** Self-introductions followed. Jack welcomed Jim Cominski back.
- III. **Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion to approve by Scott, seconded by Jeff, unanimous vote.
- V. **Presentations:** None
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
  - A. **Chiefs:** Dan shared the discussion that occurred on the new Task Books the students will be receiving when they leave the Fire Academy. He also reminded folks of the need to complete the salary survey for OES. He clarified there is a difference between the Salary Survey and the Resolution from an Agencies governing board. He also reminded folks tomorrow's Chief's meeting is the election for the OP Area coordinator.
  - B. **FPO's:** No report although Jack reminded folks we did not get the SRA Prevention grant. Dan added the FPO's will be meeting with the Medical Marijuana group to develop some regulations.
  - C. **Marin TO's/OPs:** Jack shared their next meeting date is June 6 at the Sheriff's Assembly Room at the Marin Commons and encouraged folks to sign up to attend their future meetings. Randy indicated he will be at that meeting and circulated the schedule of future meetings which was filled. Their MAD drill is on May 21<sup>st</sup> and they are looking for 2 STL.
  - D. **CALFIRE:** Chief Tuberville reported they are at 1 engine per Battalion and will be going to 1 per station on Memorial Day. He reminded everyone the fuels crew continues to run out of Glen Ellen (who can respond if necessary). A discussion about the status of inmate crews and hiring followed. Aircraft will be on station June 15 (approx.). The no burn suspension is not yet in effect but LE-5 are required in the SRA. In response to Jeff's inquiry, Scott

mentioned SRFD is looking at hosting S-215, 270 & 290 classes. Marshall added Shauna Jones is the new Unit Chief and ended by adding the fuel moistures are all over the map in the unit so fire activity is expected to vary significantly.

**E. NBIMT:** Jack reported they had a training exercise on Monday in Benicia with an oil fire scenario but are now on their summer break.

**F. CICC:** In Jack Thomas' absence, Jack reminded everyone for Type III positions the historical recognition period ends June 30. Applications continue to be processed. He did add the annual meeting is tentatively scheduled after this July TO meeting.

**G. Fire Tech Advisory:** Randy shared the following:

- The RIO class scheduled for June 6 is full and has 14 on the wait list. The good news it will generate \$800 for the group. He requested SFT conduct a second class while they are here but is not optimistic. The Ethics became available for registration only yesterday so it is too early to tell how full it will be.
- The 89<sup>th</sup> Fire Academy graduated last Friday. Dan was the speaker and did a great job. The next academy will begin August 9<sup>th</sup> and will be the Extended (Tue & Thursday nights and all day Sat & Sun).
- Now that one full FFI Certification test has been completed, in order to organize all the resources necessary to deliver a stand-alone for this group, he asked for as much lead time as possible. He added late May, early June and/or January will be the best time to conduct. He will develop a survey determine what the demand for this will be next month.
- He was pleased to report that despite this group willing to subsidize the Fire Officer classes if attendance was low, enrollment was high enough where this was not necessary. However, because he has been querying the students to determine what remaining FO classes they need, Instructor IA & IB has come up. To that end, he asked if this group if they would be willing to sponsor (he will do all the footwork as is done for RIO). He also shared how he has reached out to Mendocino & Marin Counties and asked them to coordinate any offerings they may make so as not to jeopardize them. Mendocino CO. is agreeable and he is waiting to hear back from Marin. He asked this group to be supportive of this approach which they were to the point of subsidizing the class for amount of \$2500 (motion by Dave, second by Dan). Unanimous vote.
- He did share that he convinced SFT to extend the deadline for completing the *Current* Instructor I Task Book which is now Dec 31, 2017. To that end, he is offering Instructor IC this Fall.
- Jack added that at the last Fire Academy graduation the Fire the Advisory Committee recognized Randy for his efforts in moving the program forward.
- Greg Martin spoke to the success of the Volunteer Fire Skills program and they will move forward with the JC to offer again in the fall. On July 15-24 they will be running a DOIB class to make up for the one that was cancelled. Randy added he will contact the DO instructors in the county to set up a meeting to coordinate these offerings in the future.

## VII. Old Business:

**A. Investigation/HIPPA Class:** Matt shared they originally were planning to offer a class for all fire agencies but due to the urging of their HR department will be hosting internally (HR will be handling). However, they are willing to provide a classroom if this group is interested. Dan asked if they would be willing to take outside students. Scott will find out.

**B. Tactical Frequency:** Resolved at the April Chiefs. Can be removed from future agendas.

**C. 2016 Goals:** Jack quickly reviewed the list of goals. All being worked on however the Zone 7 drill has been amended to be a 7 one drill open to outside agencies. He requested the other Zones step up and offer their own. Greg added that concept dovetails into the Regional Concept we are pursuing. Dan asked if the group would be open to providing lunch. He added Zone 8 will be hosting a wildland drill on the Trappe Ranch, date TBA.

**D. Response to Rail Incidents Policy:** No report

**VIII. New Business:** None

**IX. Good of the Order:**

- Jeff added Petaluma is looking at putting on a Command IC class
- Greg shared the County is putting together Burn/WUI kits which follow CALFIRE standards. If anyone is interested, they are welcome to piggy back on their order at their price (around \$50 for the WUI kit). Tomorrow they will be filling their vacant TO
- Dan shared he is looking at holding a Zone Chiefs/REDCOM Duty Officer class.

**X. Adjournment:** Chief Piccinini adjourned the meeting at 10:05

**Next meeting:** July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted May 11, 2016

Randy Collins