



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES July 11, 2017

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Travis Collins	Santa Rosa
Jack Piccinini	SRFD	Ken Reese	REDCOM
Dave Cornellsen	Windsor	Kirk Van Wormer	CALFIRE
Justin Fox	Bodega Bay	Spenser Andreis	Sonoma Valley
Gerald Williams	Healdsburg	Darin Bellach	Kenwood
Darren DiCarli	BV/GR	Jeff Holden	Petaluma

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Piccinini called the meeting to order at 0903.
- I. **Self-Introductions:** As everyone knew each other, introductions were skipped.
- II. **Changes to the Agenda:** Chief Bellach asked we add draft SOG's for Large Animal Rescue which were added under New Business
- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion to approve by Chief Holden, second by Chief Van Wormer, unanimous vote.
- V. **Presentations:** None
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
 - A. **Chiefs:** Chief Piccinini spoke to the EMS concerns that will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting. He added the Fire Advisory council had their workshop July 1 and felt there was good dialogue but not a lot of solutions were discussed.
 - B. **FPO's:** No report although Chief Piccinini shared that like us, they are experiencing attendance challenges and asked for feedback from the group on seeking solutions. He suggested for next year to alter our meeting schedule to meet each month for the first part of the year and then taking a hiatus during the summer
 - C. **Marin TO's/OP's:** No report (they are meeting today also).
 - C. **CALFIRE:** Chief Van Wormer shared that locally things are status quo. They do expect to get a Strike Team back tonight. They did send out a mixed Strike Team of "wet" Cal Fire and ABH engines and given this is one of the first times this has been done, it will be watched closely.
 - D. **NBIMT:** Chief Piccinini shared they are still active, train frequently and welcome new members.

F. CICCS: No report

G. Fire Tech Advisory: Randy shared the following:

- Orientation for the 92nd academy is on July 22. For the first time, students will receive a SFT Fire Control 3B certificate.
- A stand-alone test course for FFI has been scheduled for this fall.
- The curriculum for a Burn Boss (S-219) is being written and will be offered next summer.
- The shoring structure part of the USAR prop is being completed this month which is the last phase of the project. The prop is being used to conduct a SFT Confined Space Tech class at the end of the month.
- Curriculum for those core classes required for an AS degree are being updated so by next Spring, all will be available on-line.
- The RIO class has proved so popular, SFT allowed attendance to be increased to 50. Of the 49 who attended, we charged \$170 (\$150 of which went to SFT) leaving us \$20 profit per student for a total of \$980.
- He asked the group what their level of interest would be to subsidize some of the new SFT CO classes if we do not get the minimum 18 students to make it a go. The intent would be to help pay some of the instructor costs so we do not have to cancel any classes and reminded the group that we had done this last Fall when the old certificate tracks were being retired. After a short discussion the general consensus was to move forward with establishing a limit. Randy will draft a report and bring back to the group.
- In conjunction with the County they will also be offering the Volunteer Fire Skill's series (beginning in the Fall and Advanced in the Spring) again this year.
- He ended by sharing the program was fortunate enough to obtain a grant to purchase 2 TIC's, 37 lengths of hose, 8 halligans (they keep getting broke) and 25 SCBA cylinders

H. REDCOM: Ken reported the recent ST and other deployments went well with one small hick-up. He did mention all requests that are received will be printed, scanned and placed in a folder to provide a better history and develop accurate after-action reports. In response to Chief Piccinini's question, he reported MUMs is in place and they are doing testing. If it goes well they will follow-up with a field test. When asked about the status of Imagetrend, he said it will be "kicked into the live environment" Wednesday. Some concerns regarding the lack of support for it were shared amongst the group.

VII. Old Business:

A. Goals Review 2017: Jack shared there have been some successes with Zone training but we could be doing better. Chief DiCarli shared they have a tentative date of Aug 10 for their Zone drill. More information to come.

VIII. New Business:

A. Large Animal SOG: Chief Bellach distributed and reviewed the draft SOG he developed. Some of the highlights include:

- There will be two teams; Hart 1 in Sonoma Valley and Hart 2 in Graton/Sebastopol
- They will use the Active Status
- Responses out of county will be for immediate need only

- Animal Services will be dispatched with each response
- All responses will be Code 2 unless there is an identified threat to life.

See attached draft policy for additional information. In terms of moving forward, once this group approves the policy at our next meeting, the plan is to implement. Chief Piccinini indicated he will share with Chiefs at their meeting tomorrow.

IX. Good of the Order:

- Chief Piccinini expressed interest in arranging a training with Nurse Mary Valance who conducts a popular course on heat illness and firefighter safety. He will look into the feasibility of bringing her to the area..
- Randy shared that in an effort to support Goal II of this group to serve as a “clearing house” for all courses, it was suggested to begin posting all classes of interest to the website to help promote. However, the issue was raised should this include “for profit” firms as once this occurs, we potentially go down that “slippery slope”. To that end, he had raised this issue with the Chiefs and it was suggested to only post those classes that are “sponsored” by the Chiefs or their subgroups. That would permit each group the flexibility to allow any class for which they felt there was a need while providing oversight. To facilitate this process, he shared a draft policy the E-Board asked he prepare for their review. Given the support expressed by the members, Randy said he will begin posting such approved classes to the website once he receives the Chief’s approval.
- Chief Bellach shared Kenwood is fully staffed 24/7 and everyone is using Battalion 3 in the Sonoma Valley

X. Adjournment: Chief Piccinini adjourned the meeting at 10:56

Next meeting: Sept. 11th, 2017 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted July 11, 2017
Randy Collins