



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES

Dec 11, 2018

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Gina Petersen	Sonoma County
Justin Fox	Bodega Bay	Spenser Andreis	Sonoma Valley
KT McNulty	REDCOM	Ryan Lantz	Russian River
Darren DeCarli	GR/BV	Nicole Henriksen	AMR
Mike McCallum	Santa Rosa	Jason Hatfield	San Rafael
Brad Caldwell	CALFIRE	Matt Eggleston	Forestville

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Andreis called the meeting to order at 0900
- II. **Self-Introductions:** Were made as there were a few new faces
- III. **Changes to the Agenda:** Chief Andreis asked if there were any changes. Officers for 2019 were added under new business.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Chief Petersen, second by Captain Eggleston. Unanimous vote.
- V. **Presentations:** See below
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
 - A. **Chiefs:** Randy shared the following from the last Chief's meeting:
 - Roberta MacIntyre & Vern Losh from Fire Safe Sonoma presented on the updated *Living with Fire* booklets they will be printing and the on-line/social media efforts they will be making on Wildfire Safety. These efforts are being funded by the \$50K PG&E grant.
 - Elections for 2019 Officers will be held tomorrow. Nominations include: Jason Boaz President, Steve Akre or Mark Heine VP, Randy as Secretary and Hans as Treasurer.
 - The groups goals for 2019 that will be voted on at the next meeting include:
 - Formally supporting the BOS Silver Plan as well as Strategic Leadership Group
 - Improving the website
 - Requesting specific goals from the sub-groups and having each assign a liaison to attend their meetings
 - Explore switching the installation luncheon to a dinner meeting with a social component and awards ceremony
 - A long discussion on the various funding measures that were on the November ballot. Individual Zone (Region) reports were also provided as a standing agenda item.
 - A report from Chris Godley on the after action report for the County Alerting System and the shortcomings that were revealed during the test.
 - A report from Chief George on the Up-staffing efforts (\$191k has been invoiced) and the usefulness of the Monday Conference call.

- B. FPO's:** Darrin reported they met in Healdsburg and focused on Youth Fire Setter Program which included a class that was held with good cross representation of Social Service agencies.
- C. Marin TO's/OP's:** BC Hatfield shared the following:
- Block Training will continue as in years past
 - Regional Recruit Academy will run April – June
 - Specialty Courses they will be pursuing include Surf Rescue & S-290 (March) and a firing workshop – might defer to SRJC & Zone 6 for CA-219 class
 - Tentative goals for 2019 include Mutual aid policy for Active Shooter, Hydrogen Cyanide overdose kits on engines & assisting College of Marin examine feasibility of Medic Program
 - BC Michael St. John retired from Mill Valley and Chief Roach from Marinwood
 - Their Response to Violent Incidents Policy has been finalized and is going to the Chief's for approval
 - Officers for next year are Matt Barnes as President, Tommy Helyer VP & Dave Glenn Sec/Treasurer.
- D. CALFIRE:** Chief Caldwell reported that Seasonals will get laid off next week. With Chief Gradek's retirement, Chief Sam Lazarich will take B 1410 & Fleckenstein will move to B 1413. Since fire season has no end, they are calling this period "Winter Staffing".
- E. NBIMT:** No report
- F. CICC'S:** 2018 Guidelines are in effect. Chief DeCarli asked if ST leader also qualifies you as a TF leader. Chief Andreis replied that only in our OP area. If you go out through a ROSS request you need to be qualified as both.
- G. SRJC Fire Tech Advisory:** Randy shared the following:
- The college has begun to deal with their budget deficit and as a result have had to cancel one class each semester. In spring it will be Fire Behavior (72) and in the Fall it will be Fire Service Orientation (71). On-line sections of both classes will continue.
 - Last week they took delivery of a Draeger Phase II prop and conducted training for their burn cadre
 - The 94th FFI academy has completed all testing and will hold their live fire this weekend using the Drager prop. All are welcome to attend the graduation on Dec 21 at 1000. Chief Derum will be the speaker. All are welcome to attend the advisory meeting that follows and lunch will be served.
 - To help develop a path for academy students, we will be hosting the FCTC written test on Jan 12 at the PSTC. If you have any volunteers who may be interested, it's posted on the FCTC website.
 - All but two of the Forcible Entry props have been delivered. They are mounted and were used by the Academy and Wes Kitchel's Rohnert Park Truck class. Speaking of, the Truck Academy class is scheduled to be delivered the week of May 6 & 13.
 - The jointly sponsoring CO SFT course offerings include:
 - Command 2B Admin Functions for CO's (Fire 271.2) did not have enough enrollment for the JC and was run through this group with ten. The net cost was \$540.
 - Command 2A Human Resource Mgt. for CO's (Fire 271.1) was rescheduled for the weekend of Jan 4 & 11 (Jack was at the Camp Fire)
 - SFT CO courses for the CO cert will be offered Spring semester 2019 including:
 - S-290 (Fire 219)

- Instructor I (Fire 273.1)
- Instructor II (Fire 273.2)
- All Risk Command OP's (Fire 270.1)
- Wildland Inc OP's (Fire 270.1)
- Insp/Investigations for CO's (Fire 272)
- CA-219 (Fire 283)
- For those who are interested in pursuing a Bachelor's, HSU has an on-line Leadership program, which an articulation agreement has been developed so units taken in fire courses and General Ed at the JC can be applied to their program. In order to maximize the number of units that can be transferred, he will be re-numbering many of the SFT courses (usually in the 200's) to be below the 100 range (I.E. SFT Ethical Leadership is going from 202 to 50).
- The Chancellor's Office has changed the formula used to fund Community Colleges with an emphasis on only paying for those who complete degrees, certificates and/or transfer to a four year college. This is one reason the articulation agreement with HSU has been developed and why he is working with a State group to approve the delivery of a Company Officer degree using the SFT CO courses.
- Eleanor Ratliff just completed Tenure
- The Mike Haberski Scholarship was awarded for the first time this semester to a deserving fire academy student
- On the State Fire Training front, he shared a number of relevant changes including:
 - SFT is going to Digital Course returns and handed out a bulletin explaining the process
 - They are in the process of doing a fee study and they can be expected to go up in 2021
 - Effective Jan 1, anyone who instructs FFI or II will need to be an Instructor I. For those who are not, a historical recognition process has been developed and he circulated the SFT bulletin. If you have an interest in working in our program and would like to be included in their list of "Historically Recognized" instructors to let him know.
 - SFT has begun using their new ACADIS RMS which allows each SFT student an on-line portal where you can access your educational history (transcripts) and even print certificates (soon to be called diplomas)
- **REDCOM:** KT shared they have been focusing on EMD implementation and quality assurance. They will also be doing active shooter training in January

VII. Old Business:

A. 2018 Goals Discussion/2019 Goal Setting: In reviewing the 2018 goals, Chief Andreis identified almost all have been completed with the exception of the SOP on Tactical Response to Violent Incidents, which is primarily due to events beyond this group's control. Chief Andreis opened the floor for the group's feedback on goals for 2019. After a brief discussion, the following were agreed upon:

- I. **Conduct a review of deployments**
- II. **Continue to maintain a training calendar on the website and coordinate all outside trainings through the group**
- III. **Continue to maintain liaisons with the Chief's, FPO's & and Marin TO's/OP's**
- IV. **Host a RIO & Ethics class**
- V. **Encourage the concept of Zone drills**
- VI. **Host a STL/Overhead Refresher Course**
- VII. **Develop a Tactical Response to mass shootings**

Presentation: The group broke to observe the demonstration by Pump Pods on their hose/fire streams reclamation system. Their website is: <http://pumppodusa.com>

B. FBOR Class: Chief DiCarli shared it was a good class taught by Kevin Johnson but they did lose a large number of students to SV's structure fire.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Drawdown Policy:** Captain Fox shared the draft policy has a lot of flexibility with much discretion left to the REDCOM Duty Officer. Each Region has "must covered" stations identified. Chief Andreis indicated he did not hear back from many Regions and had to make some assumptions and therefore considers it a "living", draft document. The ultimate goal is to send it to the DOAG and become a REDCOM SOG. Chief Andreis will review with KT, make some edits and then have posted on the website for final comments with the intent of taking to the Chief's in January.
- B. Strike Team Leader SOG:** Chief Jenkins asked if the language in our ST policy is strong enough as it pertains to Captains being ST leaders. There are concerns they may not have the command experience needed. At this time, it specifies "extensive experience" if the candidate is not at the BC level. After some discussion, it was agreed to keep as worded. A second discussion regarding clarifying the travel distance guidance. Chief Andreis indicated he will also make edits and return to the group.
- C. Officers for 2019:** Chief Andreis opened the floor for nominations for 2019 officers. Chief Jenkins nominated the existing slate of officers be kept for 2019 (Andreis President, Petersen VP, Collins Secretary & Henneberque as Treasurer). Second by Chief DeCarli. Unanimous vote.

IX. Good of the Order:

- Chief DeCarli inquired about transitioning from "up-staffing" to "assignments" for the purpose of keeping the rotations on ST lists fair.
- Randy reminded the group the Chief's installation lunch is January 9th and we should be present to make a brief report on our 2018 activities. Since Chief Andreis will be on vacation, Chief Petersen indicated she would cover.

Next meeting: January 8th 2019 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted December 11th 2018
Randy Collins