



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES May 8, 2018

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Gina Petersen	Sonoma County
Dave Cornelssen	Windsor/RV	Travis Collins	Santa Rosa
Justin Fox	Bodega Bay	Spenser Andreis	Sonoma Valley
Jason Jenkins	Santa Rosa	Ken Reese	REDCOM
Marshall Turbeville	CALFIRE	Jeff Holden	Petaluma
Jack Piccinini	Retired		

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Andreis called the meeting to order at 0901
- II. **Self-Introductions:** Were not necessary as everyone knew each other.
- III. **Changes to the Agenda:** Chief Andreis asked if there were any changes. There were none.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Chief Petersen, second by Chief Andreis. Unanimous vote. Randy reported that the balance in our checking account as reported by Hans is \$17,593.79 reflecting a \$1,916.79 payment to Sonoma Valley for the Overhead refresher Class.
- V. **Presentations:** None
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
 - A. **Chiefs:** Randy shared the following from the last Chief's meeting:
 - He made a presentation on the FFI Cert test process
 - Chief's Gossner & George reviewed **D-RiSC** (*Disaster Readiness for Safer Communities*) (a joint effort by the League, OES, CPFF, Fire Districts, Cal Chiefs & CSFA) who are pushing for the \$87m for pre-positioning on Red Flag days & \$13m to update ROSS. Their website is located at www.d-risc.org and is used by Santa Rosa and some media and lawmakers as primary information source. It also serves as an advocacy portal for sending grassroots communications to lawmakers and the governor through the "Take Action" page, which will also enable visitors to send a letter-to-the-editor to their local newspapers. Outcome of the conversation included; having Chief's George, Gossner & Andreis explore options to recommend to the group for Red Flag Days, work more closely with the County (involve Chris Godley) and establish a standing "Resiliency and Recovery" item on our agendas. Chief Andreis shared
 - Chief George made a suggestion that we consider hosting a FFBOR class (see new business).
 - B. **FPO's:** Randy shared Chief DeCarli has been working with Brandon Austin of the SO on the

Active Shooter program and there will be a presentation on it at Graton Fire on Thursday 5/24 and a second at the Sonoma County Office of Education on 8/3 with 2 – 4 hour sessions (one in the AM & one in the PM). He will share further information including any PPT's, handouts, etc as it becomes available.

C. Marin TO's/OP's: Randy shared they are meeting today and their next is June 4 at the Marin SO's office in the Marin Commons building. Their STL/Overhead refresher class is next week (May 15). Wildland Mayday and PPE policies have been approved and passed on to the Chiefs.

D. CALFIRE: Chief Turbeville shared their second re-hire academy is in progress and a wind event is expected this Friday. June 6 is when the air base will be staffed with staffing for the unit scheduled to last until December 4. Its Wildfire Awareness week and a resolution is going before the BOS and an event scheduled at the airbase. Due to changes in criminal sentencing, the north part of the state will lose approx. 26 inmate crews. There is baited anticipation of the May revise.

E. NBIMT: Chief Piccinini reported it continues to run strong and has conducted a few trainings.

F. CICC: No report.

G. Fire Tech Advisory: Randy shared the following:

- The structural deficit has had little impact to the program with the exception of causing the college to scrutinize low enrollment. To that end, the practice of running SFT classes with fewer than 15 will be difficult (more on this below).
- The 93rd FFI academy graduated with 31 students last Friday. Chief Welch from Mill Valley gave the keynote speech which included his activities in Coffee Park Oct 8 & 9. The fall academy already has 36 enrolled with another month left to register so a full academy (40) is anticipated.
- He shared flyers for the following classes scheduled to be hosted by this group in June
 - Regional Instructor Orientation: Tuesday June 19.
 - Ethical Leadership in the Classroom: Wednesday June 20
 - Skills Evaluator: Monday June 18.

He shared he has obtained a grant funding from the Bay Area Public Safety Regional Joint Venture to reimburse any students affiliated with a community college fire program for any of these classes. Both the RIO & Ethics have been set up to earn the TO's \$25 per student. Because he had not obtained the group's approval to run the classes, he asked for their blessing now. Subsequently, a motion by Chief Holden, second by Chief Piccinini, unanimous vote

- SFT Courses delivered this semester included: DOIA & IB, S-290, Inst I, CO 2C & CO 2E two of which (2C & 2E) were ran with low enrollment. For the investigation activity required for the 2C class, a burn box replicating a room was built, furnished and ignited.
- SFT Course Offerings for this fall include:
 - Command 2A Human Resource Management for CO's (Fire 271.1) Date TBD
 - Command 2B Admin Functions for CO's (Fire 271.2) Date TBD
 - Driver Operator IA (Fire 241) Dates Dec 7,8,9 & 14,15,16
 - Command 2D All Risk Command Op's (Fire 270.1) Nov 2,3,4 & 9,10,11
 - Command 2C Insp & Invest. (Fire 272) Nov 14,15,16,17 & 18

With the budgetary issues mentioned above, if low enrollment forces him to cancel any, he asked if this group could sponsor and circulated a proposal (enclosed). After a short

discussion, the group agreed to financially support up to 4 classes one year and the remaining 4 required in the SFT CO track the following year

- The curriculum for a proposed 2 week Truck Academy to mirror Rio Hondo's is going through the approvals process with the goal of being offered in Spring of 2019
- He shared he has received the following grants
 - \$13K for Ladders and Fire Shelters
 - \$17K for hose and appliancesHe hopes to hear next week on the outcome of a \$200K grant for the next generation Draeger prop and \$55K for Forcible Entry Props and Tools
- He shared one of the challenges he has in the FFI academy is running out of working SCBA's. We use the low pressure MSA Firehawk and if you have any that you will be surplus, it would be a huge help if you consider donating to the JC.
- Thanks to CALFIRE and Geyserville, S-219 is set for May 24, 25, 31 and June 1 with the burning to occur at Lake Sonoma (alternate burn days are June 7 & 8) and he circulated the flyer. He added that at the price it is a steal as the only other one being offered this spring is for \$575 in Vacaville. To that end, if it is successful and we want to make it an annual event, this group should consider sponsoring to generate some revenue (we can still run through the JC to get units).
- He ended by sharing that the program had recently been awarded Silver Star recognition by the Chancellor's office for having their program have 91% of their students obtain fire service jobs with over 73% achieving a "living wage".

H. REDCOM: Ken shared the following:

- They are running their staff through fire priority dispatch training which will have protocols much like EMD. Bob Stratton will be the "Go to Guy" for any questions
- May 10th they will be testing their conductivity with St. Helena. Chief Andreis inquired into the feasibility of tracking (seeing resources) in both systems. He says it is supposed to work that way but will "wait and see". A short conversation followed.
- They will be making appropriate changes to Active Status. Chief Turbeville suggested to perform a test "Quick Call". After a short discussion it was agreed to conduct one each Wednesday at noon for the month of May. Chief Turbeville asked what the designator will be for the Type VI engines. Right now they would fall in the 40 range. Chief Andreis asked it be agendized for the next DOAG meeting.

VII. Old Business:

A. 2018 Goals Discussion/Adoption: Chief Andreis reviewed the goals.

- Review of Deployments (completed at the March meeting)
- Continue to maintain training calendar on the website (on-going)
- Continue liaisons with Chiefs, Marin & FPOs (on-going)
- Host a RIO & Ethics course (scheduled for June 19 & 20)
- Encourage the concept of zone drills (on-going)
- Host a STL/Overhead refresher course (conducted April 23rd)
- Work with FPO's to pursue common terminology and procedures for evacuation.
- Recognize staff achievements at the Chief's Installation luncheon
- Implement a single "All-Call" page. Chief Andreis shared it is done and they are waiting for individual agencies to program their respective paging systems
- Develop a Tactical Response to Conflagrations course (conducted in STL/Overhead refresher course April 23rd)
- Develop a Tactical Response to Mass Shootings course (upcoming presentation May 24 at Graton)

- Develop Drawn Down protocols: Chief Andreis shared he reached out to the Zone Chiefs and has heard back from Zones 3, 6 & 9 and will be following up with the rest. Once that occurs, a draft policy for the Chief's review and then send to the DOAG

B. Drawdown Procedures: (discussed above)

VIII. New Business:

- A. Amend By-Laws section 3.4:** Chief Andreis reminded the group this was proposed at the previous meeting to allow Randy to continue to serve as Secretary after his status was called into question by Hans. Because changes to the By-Laws must be introduced at one meeting and carried over to the next, the matter before us is to vote for the changes recommended at the March meeting. Randy circulated an amended copy of the By-Laws that included the following sentence added to the end of this section: *The position of Secretary may be filled by an Associate or Honorary member at the pleasure of the President.* After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Chief Holden, a second by Chief Cornelssen, Unanimous vote.
- B. Nomination of Randy Collins as Honorary Member:** Chief Andreis shared this was the second action that is required to allow Randy to continue as Secretary. A motion was made by Chief Piccinini and second by Chief Cornelssen to make the change. Unanimous vote. Randy thanked the group for their help in resolving this issue.
- C. Sponsoring FBOR Class:** Chief Andreis began by saying he was approached by the Chiefs to host this. The cost is \$1500 with no limit on students. It was agreed to hold at no cost to member agencies (Chief's TO's FPO's) and charge \$50 to others. Motion by Chief Collins, second by Chief Holden.

IX. Good of the Order:

- Randy shared sad news of Tom Forster's passing
- He also shared being contacted by two of his instructors who had attended the Bay Area Firefighters Conference May 3-7 in Livermore – Pleasanton. They spoke highly of the training and while it will most likely be hosted by Contra-Costa next year, suggested the TO's/OP's consider hosting in 2020.
- Chief Andreis shared the Active Status page (resource section) has been tweaked slightly to merge with the Region's spreadsheet. It should expedite the process of filling orders. Chief Piccinini reminded the group that it will be necessary for the REDCOM Duty officer to be cognizant of these changes
- Chief Cornelssen asked if anyone has communication pagers as they will be testing them.
- Chief Jenkins shared he is looking forward to being able to receive pages on his Iphone
- Captain Fox shared he is working to put on some boat classes using the new SFT curriculum

Next meeting: July 10th 2018 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted May 8th 2018
Randy Collins