



# Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

## Training/Operations Officers Section

### MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2019

#### Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Gina Petersen	Sonoma County
Ron Busch	Windsor/RV	Spenser Andreis	Sonoma Valley
KT McNulty	REDCOM	Ryan Lantz	Russian River
Darren Dunn i	GR/BV	Nicole Henricksen	AMR
Mike McCallum	Santa Rosa	Jack Thomas	Santa Rosa
Marshall Turbeville	CALFIRE	Matt Eggleston	Forestville
Tom Knecht	CALFIRE	Paul Lowenthal	Santa Rosa
Ken Reese	REDCOM	Doug Williams	SMART
Tim Snyder	CHP		

- 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. There were none.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** A motion to approve the December 2018 minutes was made by Chief Peterson, second by Nicole Henricksen. Unanimous vote.
- V. **Presentations:** Chief Andreis shared Sam Wallis from Emergency Services had reached out to him for assistance supporting the forward Command Post at Graton given Emergency Services has only a skeleton crew. For flood events, there are a considerable number of triggers that occur when a 40' river level is predicted. During the recent floods, this trigger was reached but there were few available to staff the CP, which created an obvious need to address this shortcoming. A discussion about staffing, logistics and communication needs followed including questions on who will be handling command for events such as Gran Fondo and others. Chief Petersen shared Permit Sonoma will continue to review event applications and condition them. The outcome of the discussion was to establish a "meet and greet" in late fall for interested parties to prepare for future staffing. Chief Andreis will also work on updating the County Flood plan, which is due to expire this year.
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
  - A. **Chiefs:** Chief Andreis shared the following from the last Chief's meeting:
    - The Red Cross gave a short presentation about the services they offer.
    - Doug Williams spoke briefly on SMART and indicated they welcome any training activities with the fire community.
    - A considerable amount of the meeting was occupied by the report from the SLG and the events that led up to and transpired at the January BOS meeting.

- He also reported on the Draw-Down policy being approved by the DOAG and the STL/Overhead Refresher has been scheduled for May 29.
- Chief Akre reported the County has put a pause on the EMS Ordinance process and she was scheduled to share the reasoning for this at an EMS meeting later in February.
- Zach Hamill shared the NIXILE guide that has been developed and that he expects to have a training developed for fire agencies on how to utilize the system prior to the start of fire season

**C. FPO's:** No report (meeting was cancelled)

**D. Marin TO's/OP's:** No report

**E. CALFIRE:** Chief Turbeville shared Ben Nicholls has replaced Todd Derum as the OP's Chief for the unit. April 1<sup>st</sup>, one engine will be staffed with one engine per station by mid-May and full staffing in June. Aircraft will be available mid-June including one C-130 that will have a CALFIRE paint scheme. Chief Knecht shared statewide, they will be getting seven C-130's which will be State owned. Above average fuel loading is expected and a fuels advisory bulletin is expected soon. They are transitioning radios from Kenwood's to BK touch screens. You should also start seeing Blackhawks deployed this season, which will have night flying capability. Chief Knecht added they are in the middle of their training season and hiring is two weeks behind due to the weather. Re-hire/new-hire training will also be longer due to new SCBA's, enhanced chain saw instruction and more structure training.

**E. NBIMT:** Capt. Lowenthal shared they have had a busy season, are doing cross training with Sacramento and Jason Jenkins has also joined the team. He also reported they have been working with Santa Rosa, Law and the County on violent incident procedures. In response to Chief Andreis' question, he will find out if they need assistance filling specific positions.

**F. CICC'S:** Capt. Thomas shared the committee meets after this one and there is one opening for a CALFIRE rep. One topic to be discussed is making our program consistent with the 2018 CICC'S guide, especially for out-of-county deployments.

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

- The 95<sup>th</sup> academy completed midterms last week and is in the middle of wildland week. Two changes this year include; a more aggressive forcible entry component (using all the props we received last year) and use of the Drager Phase I with the fire behavior unit to reinforce that topic and the Phase II at the end of the semester with live fire evolutions to bring everything together.
- Chief Henie will be the speaker at the graduation on May 3 at 1000, followed by a lunch advisory committee meeting weekend. All are welcome to attend.
- The Truck Academy is coming together and will be held 8-5 the week of May 6-10 & 13-17. The instructors include Wes Kitchel, Tom Siragusa, Frank Cercos, Nate Girard, Ryan Tokuda, Sean McCarthy, Jack Thomas and Dan Bull. Registration is through Heather, opens March 18 at 9 AM and is on a first come, first serve basis.

- He distributed flyers for the RIO class June 18, Ethics June 17 and Skills Evaluator June 19. He is also working on a Fire Control 3B class with tentative dates of June 7-9

- A Company Officer Associates Degree following the SFT CO courses is in the final approval stages at the Chancellor's Office. Once this occurs, he indicated he will develop a degree program that follows it at the JC.
- Of the SFT courses we have partnered on, the following were sponsored by this group:
  - Command 2A Human Resource Mgt. (Fire 271.1) Jan 4-13.
  - Command 2D All Risk Command OP's (Fire 270.1) Feb 1-10
  - Instructor II (Fire 273.2) Feb 18-26

The three remaining SFT courses we have in the schedule are:

- Wildland Inc OP's (Fire 270.1) Begins Friday March 15
- Insp/Investigations for CO's (Fire 272) Begins Saturday March 28
- CA-219 (Fire 283) Begins May 29
- On the State Fire Training front, he shared a number of relevant changes including:
  - FFI & II are in the process of being updated and the first reading will occur at the April STEAC meeting, on vote in July and adopted by the fall. In response to the horrific level of fire activity and the conclusive studies that firefighters are twice as likely as the general population to receive a cancer diagnosis, both a cancer awareness and behavioral health component will be added to the curriculum. To that end, I have arranged for a member of the NFPA 1851 committee who deals with this subject to give a presentation on the changes to 1851 at the May Chief's meeting.
  - SFT's fee study is complete and will also be introduced at the April STEAC and voted on in July. If approved, FSTEP will rise to approx. \$60-70 and CFSTES to \$140. The effective date would be Jan 1, 2021.
- **REDCOM:** Ken Reese shared you may start seeing notes pop-up in the CAD which indicate a call has been generated for CALFIRE which should become more frequent as fire season progresses. KT shared the EverBridge system (see attachment last page of these minutes), which will be used to help conduct up-staffing and wet hires, streamlining the Duty Officer's job of contacting resources. Chief Andreis will review this at the Chiefs meeting tomorrow. It will not replace Active Status.

## VII. Old Business:

- A. 2019 Goals Update:** In reviewing the 2019 goals, Chief Andreis
  - I. Conduct a review of deployments (need to do)
  - II. Continue to maintain a training calendar on the website and coordinate all outside trainings through the group (on-going)
  - III. Continue to maintain liaisons with the Chief's, FPO's & and Marin TO's/OP's (on-going)
  - IV. Host a RIO & Ethics class (scheduled for June)
  - V. Encourage the concept of Zone drills (continuous)
  - VI. Host a STL/Overhead Refresher Course (scheduled for May 29)
  - VII. Develop a Tactical Response to mass shootings (being pursued by DiCarli (TBA))

## VIII. New Business:

- A. Graton ICP Staffing:** Discussed above. Let Chief Andreis know if you are interested.

**B. Tablet Command:** Chief Andreis asked if there was interest in implementing. BC Dunn indicated they are exploring. It is an I-PAD based product with tactical worksheets that expands from a simple APP to a comprehensive documentation of incidents. The vendor is interested in conducting a webinar at our May meeting. BC Dunn will arrange for this to occur.

**C. Engine Identifiers:** Given the changing landscape of fire agencies in the County, Chief Andreis added this to plant the seed so we start thinking about how this will impact us (for example, what happens when agencies have more than 10 of a specific type of engine). Capt. Thomas suggested looking at what other Counties have done to address this issue (although because of our large volunteer base, may be difficult). If you have ideas, please let Chief Andreis know.

**IX. Good of the Order:**

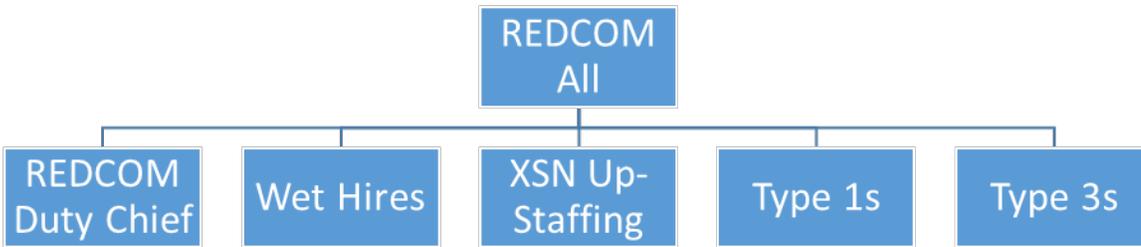
- Chief Williams introduced himself as SMART's new Fire Service Liaison and spoke to the agency being very receptive to training opportunities with this group and building relationships.
- Chief Turbeville shared CALFIRE has new shrouds and lightweight pants.
- Ken Reese shared they are in negotiations for their CAD upgrade which includes an I-pad product (a simplified MDT) which should be available in July
- Capt. Lantz thanked all who helped with the floods. Clean-up is expected to take two weeks.
- Jeff Nicks from RP spoke to their command re-structure and shared he has been tasked with training and coming to these meetings.
- BC Dunn shared the I-Pads price is \$500 and the license for 50 is \$9,000
- BC Busch shared they have started the hiring process for 14 positions soon and plan to make the transition to the Sonoma County Fire District April 4. In response to his Image Trend question, Ken indicated he can help.
- Tim Snyder shared they have a new Commander (Ari Wolfe) which may be brief. He offered to holding freeway safety training and to contact him if interested at: [tsnyder@chp.ca.gov](mailto:tsnyder@chp.ca.gov)
- Chief Peterson shared this will probably be her last meeting as she will be taking a position in southern California.

**Next meeting:** May 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Randy Collins

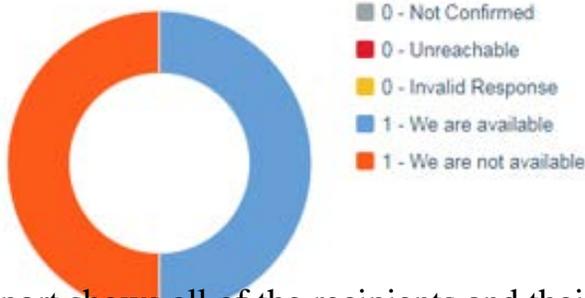
# EverBridge Paging

1. All agencies will be included in the REDCOM Main Group.
2. Agencies or Overhead will be added to applicable resource groups.



3. Messages can be sent immediately or scheduled for a particular time through a REDCOM Dispatcher or Duty Chief.
4. Messages can include a polling question.

5. The results are visible in a chart form.



6. Report shows all of the recipients and their responses to the question. As well as any recipient that did not receive the message.

Confirmed	Contact Name	Confirmed Method	Confirmed Method Value	Confirmation Time	First Attempt Time	Response
+ Y	KT McNulty	Work Cell Text	+17072303951	2019-01-30 10:18:45 PST	2019-01-30 10:15:33 PST	We are not available
+ Y	Kenneth Reese	Personal Cell Text	+17073960672	2019-01-30 10:19:48 PST	2019-01-30 10:15:34 PST	We are available

7. Can build message templates.