



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES November 12, 2019

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Spenser Andreis	SVFRA
KT McNulty	REDCOM	Mike Elson	Sonoma County
Ray Spradlin	Santa Rosa	Nicole Henriksen	AMR
Marshall Turbeville	CALFIRE	Jeff Nicks	Rohnert Park
Ken Reese	REDCOM	Mark Dunn	Sonoma County
Mike McCallum	Santa Rosa	Mike Medeiros	Petaluma
Kirk Van Wormer	CALFIRE		

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Andreis called the meeting to order at 0901
- II. **Self-Introductions:** Were skipped as everyone knew each other.
- III. **Changes to the Agenda:** Chief Andreis added Tablet Command to Old Business.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion to approve by Chief Dunn, second by Capt. Spradlin. Unanimous vote.
- V. **Presentations:** None, but Chief Andreis mentioned Henry One will be presenting in January.
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
 - A. **Chiefs:** Randy shared the following from the September Chief's meeting (October was cancelled due to the PG & E planned outage):
 - Ashley Helmetag from PG&E's Meteorology Operations and Analytics team presented on their real time weather system.
 - The group declined a request from the County to handle LEXIPOL payments
 - Director Abbott reported they did some research into the use of Tablet Command and found there will be some consulting costs, which will be dependent upon the number of endpoints (he did not have a cost estimate but will look into). He added it will be one-way communication. He also shared Imagetrend is almost implemented.
 - Chief Heine shared the Fire Service Working Group is focused on the implementation strategy for the ballot measure and what the funds will be used for. Using focus groups, they have learned if there is any organized opposition or if there are no fire sirens, it will not pass. He added that if there is a competing Mental Health measure, it will create a significant obstacle.
 - Chris Godley shared he has a pot of money available for training.
 - Chief Akre reported the group working on the EMS ordinance visited Con-Fire to learn how their partnership with AMR works and that they have wrapped up the EMS ordinance with the draft just released
 - CHP asked the Chief's help in helping locate a yard for Creams as they are the only company that does vehicle abatement and have lost their lease.

Ken Reese added that they had begun researching Tablet Command but were distracted by the recent fire activity. Chief Andreis moved the item up from Old Business and continued the topic sharing they have about 50 users at this time, org. charts will be developed for the various incident types and Chief Dunn will be taking the lead on implementing.

B. FPO's: No report

C. Marin TO's/OP's: No report.

D. CALFIRE: Chief Turbeville shared peak staffing will remain in place until further notice. He shared the weather forecast shows no rain until Thanksgiving and fuel moistures are at critical & historically low levels.

E. NBIMT: Chief Van Wormer shared the team was initially deployed for the Kincade fire until the transition to the Type I team and were used for a short period in Marin County.

F. CICC'S: No report.

G. SRJC Fire Tech Advisory: Randy shared the Oct 24 advisory meeting was cancelled due to the Kincade Fire and rescheduled for Nov 26 with the following agenda items:

- Implementation of the Company Officer degree which is in the final approval stages. It is an 18 unit program consisting of all courses in the SFT CO track plus ICS-200, Ethical Leadership and a 3 unit Strategy & Tactics class. It will also be transferable to Humboldt State's BA in Leadership, CSU San Marcos's BA in WUI and University of Alaska's BA in Emergency Management (all on-line programs).
- The Volunteer Fire Academy was run successfully for the 7th year but had to end a few hours early due to the Kincade Fire.
- The advisory committee will need to decide how they would like the new FFI & II to be delivered now that it has been modularized to a Structure (FF1A), Haz-Mat (FF1B), Wildland (FF1C) & FFII Structure (FF2A) with the work experience being moved to occur at the end of FFII (a document with flowcharts of the different options was shared). The new curriculum will also include an 8 hour unit on cancer awareness and behavioral health and to help promote the topic, decon procedures will be incorporated into the live burn this semester.
- Interest in the FFI stand-alone certification test has grown so much that a class is scheduled for the week of Dec 16 with a mandatory orientation on Nov. 25 (flyer was distributed).
- The application period for the Fire Tech Director's position closed last Friday and interviews should occur the week of the 20 with the goal of having someone on board the second week in December.
- **REDCOM:** Ken Reese shared Aaron Abbott is leaving to be the managing director of REMSA and they are actively recruiting. KT will serve in an interim capacity.

VII. Old Business:

A. XSN Battalion Coverage: Chief Andreis reported that based on the recent fire activity he has heard little feedback from other agencies so he will move it to be added as a goal for 2020.

B. CIS Debriefing/Resilience: No report.

C. Tablet Command: Covered above

VIII. New Business:

- A. Apparatus Numbering Scheme:** Chief Andreis reported that with the amount of annexations and consolidations, we are running out of resource numbers and to that end, the Chiefs asked this group and the DOAG come up with a plan. Chief Medeiros circulated a numbering scheme himself and Chief Elson developed borrowing some ideas from So Cal. & Sac Metro (see the attachments section of the website for the proposal). Chief Van Wormer commented that if two numbers are used, it will create duplicate numbering with Cal Fire resources. After a short discussion, Chief Elson & Medeiros agreed to research the practicalities of implementing a three digit numbering scheme (including re-numbering costs) and Chief Andreis will broach this approach at the Chief's meeting tomorrow.
- B. Nominations/Vote for Secretary:** Chief Andreis asked if anyone was interested in filling in. After an ominous silence, KT was nominated by Chief McCallum, second by Chief Andreis. Unanimous vote. Congratulations KT.

IX. Good of the Order:

- Chief Andreis thanked Randy for his service to the group.
- Chief Andreis shared SVFRA will be staffing Eldridge beginning tomorrow. It will be the same engine so the identifier will remain the same.
- Randy shared he had received inquiries from outside entities who wished to thank fire agencies for their recent efforts. One flyer from Ukiah Ford for \$50 gift cards is included as an attachment to these minutes
- Nicole Henricksen announced she has taken a promotion with AMR and will be moving to Sacramento but will assist with the transition here in the County
- Chief McCallum reported the Stinger class has been canceled.

Adjournment: Chief Andreis adjourned the meeting at 0945

Next meeting: Jan. 14th 2020 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted Nov 12th, 2019
Randy Collins