



# Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

## Training/Operations Officers Section

### MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2013

#### Attendance:

Tony Gossner	SRFD	Jack Piccinini	SRFD
Dan George	GFD	Randy Collins	SRJC
Spencer Andreis	SVFRA	Dave Cornelsson	CSCF
Mike Parkes	Cal Fire	Joe Giordoni	CSCF
Mike Elson	CSCF	Jason Jenkins	CFD
Doug Williams	CSCF	Mike Jones	SRFD
Eleanor Ratliff	So Co Fire	John Marty	Rohnert Park
Wes Kitchel	So Co Fire	Mark Basque	SRFD
Rob Daugherty	Cal Fire		

**I. Call to Order:** Chief Gossner called the meeting to order at 0909

**II. Self-Introductions:** Self introductions waived by Chief Gossner

**III. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes proposed.

**IV. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Dan & a second by Ken. Unanimous approval

#### **V. Liaison Reports:**

**A. Chiefs:** Tony reported on the March meeting. The ST SOP was approved by the group. He also summarized the photovoltaic discussion in which the outcome was that no decision on a uniform standard occurred. A presentation was also made on the county's FIT testing program

Doug reminded the group that now is the time to make updates to their run maps for the CAD with the deadline being May 15. Tony reminded the group that haz-mat data can be made available through CERS and I-mobile systems.

**B. FPO's:** Tony reported the big push for the group is the Code adoption with a Nor-Cal Code adoption class scheduled for Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> in San Rafael.

**C. Marin TO'sOp's:** Dave reported on the Feb meeting with the big topic the MAD drill which is being coordinated by Jeff Davidson and is a Wildfire Evacuation Exercise. Tony reported they are looking for 5 Type III engines from Sonoma Co. Commitment is until 1 PM. Currently SR, Gold Ridge, Forestville, Valley Ford have committed at this time. Marin will be hosting a STL refresher class on May 6 in San

Rafael. Joe reminded folks to RSVP to CSC Fire for the Sonoma Co STL refresher class on May 7 & 8.

- D. SRJC:** Randy reported the committee met last Thursday and the following topics were covered. Volunteer Fire Skills is moving forward and will be offered in the Spring as a credit course through the County and Zone 3. He also circulated a flyer with all of the "In-service" service courses with Fire Investigation 1A being a new offering for the fall.

The wildland component of the fire academy will also be able to be taken as a "stand alone" class but the instruction will remain integrated within the Firefighter I academy. Because of this, enrollment will be very limited (3-6 students). The academy will be moving to IFSTA's Essentials 6<sup>th</sup> edition this fall. The academy also received a donation of over 70 Mask Mounted Regulator (MMR) MSA SCBA's from San Luis Obispo Co and they will be integrated into the Fall semester and the really old MSA 401's retired. He encouraged all to the graduation ceremony on May 17 at 1000 with Chief Gray from San Rafael giving the keynote speech.

He circulated the flyer for the Regional Instructor Orientation (RIO) and Ethics classes which will be offered on June 12 and 13 and asked if the group wanted to try to make a few dollars or offer at our cost. The group elected to offer at our cost. Randy reminded the group not to confuse this course with the SFT Instructor Update course (like SRFD is offering on May 14 & 15).

Randy also mentioned that Curtis Newsome will be retiring at the end of the year and he hopes to have an announcement to replace his position within a couple of months.

Lastly, he added that the College is undertaking a Planning process and is conducting regional workshops to get feedback from the community at locations around the County. The next is scheduled for May 16 from 11-2 at the PSTC and he encouraged the group to attend.

## **VI. Old Business:**

- A. STL Update:** Now that the changes to the STL were approved at the Chief's Meeting, Dave will get them to Randy for posting on the website. Any conduct issues will follow procedures as dictated by the FFBOR and reflected on the considerable discussion that occurred on the topic. CICCS will review all ST documents and if they are not submitted, STL's will be removed from the response matrix. At this point, no more action is required by this group. He added that himself, Dan and Jack will manage the Active Status website. Tony reminded the group that despite best efforts there will be some hiccups and to be patient. The good news is most currency issues were resolved with last year's fire season so hopefully these should be minimized. A discussion about currency, trainees and the reduction of Management teams followed. Dave confirmed for Mike that all ST paperwork gets submitted to the local CICCS chair.

**B. Photovoltaic:** As discussed above

**C. Goals 2013**

**1. MAD Drill:** As discussed above

**2. Type III Management Teams:** Jack reported that the push is really for non-operational background positions to be filled (Finance, Planning, etc) and they will be meeting again next week. After the question was raised as to what the specific goal for group should be, the following was agreed to: "Support as needed the Type III Management Team concept in Sonoma Co".

**3. LEXIPOL** After Tony provided some background on LEXIPOL, Dave reported on the meeting he attended in Marin Co. In a discussion about the cost of the program, Doug indicated he spoke to the vendor at the Fire District's conference and CSC's cost is about \$10k. There are 3 categories of SOP's: Case law, SOP you can modify and your own. Jason shared that he spoke to Merced City who have implemented it and indicated there is a lot of up-front work but the subsequent time savings are enormous. John M. spoke to the law side and that you get updates automatically which is tremendous. He added the price is negotiable. Tony suggested having a rep from LEXIPOL make a presentation to the group. Jason will work with Matt G. to contact the rep and set it up at a separate meeting

**4. Tech 101:** Randy provided a background on the intent of the Chief's goal but in the subsequent conversation, it was agreed that the topic is so large, it is hard to nail down. Dave suggested Active 911 (thru I-phone) or R-U-Responding. Jack observed that sometimes we tend not to commit because we expect another technology to eclipse it and that we just need to act regardless of other potential technologies. After a discussion on Active 911, NICS and MDC, since REDCOM already supports Active 911 Dave indicated he would arrange to have a short presentation at our next meeting on this topic with potentially REDCOM, Geyserville and Kenwood.

**D. DMV Licensing:** Dave reported that in the licensing process he learned everyone is approaching this a little differently and felt it important to revisit. Eleanor reported the current requirement is 14 hours of drive time and 16 hours of classroom or DO1A if you are going the Class C w/endorsement route. She also shared the policy and forms the county use. She also spoke to the instructor approvals process. Since it recognizes training programs approved by a Co. Training officer's group, she was looking for validation from this group. Since she has been instrumental in developing this, if you have an interested instructor to submit your application to her. A discussion about the differences between the Class C w/FF endorsement and Class B and the instructor process followed. Eleanor agreed to act as clearing house for those who use the Co Eleanor will send all the policies to Randy for posting to the website.

**VII. New Business**

**A. REDCOM SOP's:** Dave reported that given the changes that have occurred and in an

effort to minimize radio traffic, all the REDCOM SOP's are being reviewed by Wes with recommendations to be made to the DOAG.

**B. REDCOM Duty Officer:** Jack shared that he carried this topic to the DOAG meeting to ask about updating the position's responsibility since the role has changed over the 10+ years of operation.. DOAG suggested looking at the current SOG and having Jack's subcommittee message as needed and bring back with recommendations at the next TO's/Op's meeting.

#### **VIII. Good of the Order:**

- Jack reported the DOAG will look into the logistics of recording the tactical frequencies but would not commit at this time.
- Ken: SRFD will be hosing SFT Instructor Update course on May 14 & 15 (same class both days). Registration link is on the website. Confined Space is being offered May 20-24 & Trench Rescue June 24-26.
- Mike indicated the coast rescue plan is moving forward (for any inc's west of Hwy 1)..
- Darrin asked if anyone is interested in S-230 & 231 classes? (they are hard to get). Rob said he will look into hosting preferably on the weekend.
- Rob offered to conduct a Calfire RT-130 class with any agency interested. He also shared his experience being trained in NICS and him and the other BC's are getting Hire Agreements with local agencies.

**IX. Adjournment:** Motion by Dan, 2nd by Tony at 11:14

Next meeting June 11, 0900 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted:  
Randy Collins, Secretary  
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