



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES February 12, 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
Bill Braga	SFD	Jason Jenkins	CFD
Ken Reese	REDCOM		

Call to Order: Chief Gossner called the meeting to order at 0903

Self-Introductions: Self introductions were made by those in attendance

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the Dec. meeting were not approved

Liaison Reports:

Chiefs: Randy reported the last meeting was the Chief's Jan 14 Planning session that was held at the PSTC (to be covered under New Business)

Prevention: No report

Marin Op's group: No report. It was shared that Mark Brown workload has increased and he is looking for assistance so to attend these meetings.

Fire Tech Advisory: Randy reported two fire academies are currently in session and going well under Kim Thompson's supervision. He shared he is aligning the offering of Level I courses so all that are required for a Company Officer Certificate will be offered within a calendar year. The last to be brought on line is Investigation IA which will be offered in the fall. He also reported he has been going into each one of these courses to explain the changes occurring to the certification tracks as part of SFT alignment process. In response to an inquiry from Spenser about conducting Level II courses, he indicated that because they are difficult to meet the enrollment threshold of 18, he has focused on the Level I's. He encouraged the group to offer those at their respective agencies and leave the I's to the JC so we do not compete with each other for students.

In response to a question regarding changes at State Fire Training (SFT), he provided the following update (also see copy of Ken Wagner's Power Point distributed with Chief's Feb. meeting agenda).

Currently the SFT alignment process is divided into the following groups: *Recognition, Curriculum, SFT Reconfiguration and Cross Generational Marketing*. Following an update meeting held Feb 6, each group reported on the following progress:

Recognition Ken Wagner (Chair) reported they are making good progress with FFI and have developed policies to be consistent with Pro-Board & IFSAC and attended the Pro Board Conf. in San Diego to promote this process.

Cross Gen. Marketing The group (Randy is involved with) is working with SFT to Implement a subscription service to disseminate information about the changes occurring on a monthly basis to all fire service stakeholders. The concept is to use this as a dynamic tool (as opposed to the website being a static tool) and allow anyone who wants the information to receive via email on a regular basis. Enrolling will have no cost associated with it.

Curriculum: Bill Vandevort (Chair) reported their goal is to update and make SFT standards consistent with NFPA. To that end a Curriculum Development Guideline Handbook (2012 version) has been created that will be used by Sac State & their work group. They are currently moving forward with 6 new curriculums as well as FFI and CTS. Most of the work is to be done by a professional editor and a development team. It will then be reviewed by a larger Review Team (with N & S representation). Goal is to have it take more than a couple of months to develop a new course curriculum. Randy added that SFT & Cal State Sac are looking for participation for this review and he shared an application with the group. The applications can also be found under the Hot Topics section on the website.

SFT Reconfiguration: Due to retirements in the group, there was little to report.

He ended by adding that Friday Feb 15 the PSTC will be conducting training on their New Car Fire Prop and although the time was limited to the size of the propane Cylinder and the fuel available, all were welcome to attend.

Old Business:

STL SOP: Jack shared the background on the project and spoke to the changes that have been made to align the document with all current CICC standards. The hope is to get the Chief's approval tomorrow and bring the matter to a resolution. A discussion regarding on how to best disseminate information between this group and the Chief's followed. Randy suggested given some of the issues that were raised it might be beneficial to have a meeting between the TO's & Chief's E-Boards.

Jack also spoke to a *County Strike Team Requests* document that he, Ken Reese and Doug Williams had developed to clarify deployment procedures. Ken arrived a few minutes later and reviewed the document. Some of the Issues that were identified

- how to deal with Zone 6 since they share a BC;
- assignment of the closest BC which might result in a non-qualified person being sent
- Possible need to provide more depth oversight.
- Clarifying the change-out process

It was asked that the membership ***please review the document and get back to Ken by March 12.***

STL Refresher Class: Jason reported John Clary has new info to present and that they are looking at May 7 & 8 as tentative dates at Windsor. Other topics will include a review of local policies by Doug and lessons learned from last season. The class will be open to Trainees. Jason added that he is looking for some input for the Calfire component.

A discussion about revising the 30 day deadline for submitting evaluations & After Action Reports evolved. Regarding these and other issues, Randy suggested that the meeting he recommended earlier might help resolve these issues.

Photovoltaic: Item is tabled to see if some direction will occur at the presentation on this topic at tomorrow's Chief's meeting.

New Business:

Planning/Goals for 2013: Randy spoke to the issues relevant to this group that the Chief's brought up in their Jan 14 Planning session. They included:

- **MAD Drill Participation:** In the discussion that followed, *Joe agreed to be a liaison with the Marin TO's on this matter and report back.*
- **Type III Management Team Participation:** As a current member of the process, Jack reported the current team structure is mostly Marin and Napa with a little from Sonoma. Has strong EOC representation. *Jack agreed to be the lead for the group in this project.* Mike Parkes reported that Calfire has the resources internally and have not been as involved as others in the process.
- **LEXIPOL (investigating the feasibility of implementing and reporting back):** *Jason provided some background into the project and indicated he would serve as lead since he is already examining the topic.*
- **Sponsor Tech 101 Class(s).** Randy indicated the idea that was broached by rhw Chiefs was to look at the technology any one may be currently using, determine if there is a value to conducting training and if so, implement. *Tony asked the group to consider technologies they are using or contemplating and make suggestions as to whether the topic would be appropriate for a course at the next meeting*

Good of Order:

Randy: Minutes/Agendas: He will be post minutes to the Chief's website 1 week after each meeting and the agenda's 1 week before the meeting.

Dan: BAAQMD July 1 changes to open burning. Will cost \$98 Shirley Zane is our rep. on BAAQMD if you want to respond.

Jack: Proposed conducting a refresher training for REDCOM duty officer. A discussion evolved on what the expectations of the position are or even is there a need to continue to have a duty officer? Matter will be brought to the DOAG with Chief's CC'd. He also made a recommendation that Tactical channels be recorded. Both issues will be asked to be agendaized for March 26th DOAG meeting in Geyserville. He also shared that during the RP fire an assignment was made using a Text which did not follow protocols. Dave indicated he will talk to John.

Mike: Calfire is looking at developing a plan for rescues west of Hwy 1. The unit hopes to have its vacancies filled before fire season.

Tony: April 26th SRFD's academy starts for new hires. Engine 10 will be back in

service early May thanks to SAFER grant.

Dave: Provided an update on the VHF radio system that the Casino will be installing for their use and that attention should be made to ensure it does not conflict with those frequencies we use.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:25

Next meeting: April 9 0900 Santa Rosa Training Tower

Respectfully submitted:
Randy Collins, Secretary
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