



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Hosted by Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District

January 13th, 2010 0930 HOURS

Attendance:

Randy Collins	Healdsburg	Dean Anderson	AMR / SLS
Chuck Abshear	Cal Fire	Al Ramos	Two Rock USCG
John Lantz	Rincon Valley	John Marty	Rohnert Park
Dan Northern	Forestville	Mark Aston	County DES
Paul Pigoni	Geyserville	Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	Larry Anderson	Petaluma
Ron Collier	Windsor	Phil Garcia	Sonoma Valley
Peter Van Fleet	Glen Ellen	Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay/Russian Rvr
Andy Pforsich	Gold Ridge	Bob Uboldi	Kenwood
Ken Reese	REDCOM	Doug Williams	Rincon Valley
Jack Rosevear	Rohnert Park	John Zanzi	Sebastopol

Call to Order:

- Chief Collins called the meeting to order at 09:44 AM.

Host Chief Introduction:

- Chief Treanor welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes:

- No changes to the December minutes as presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Chief Williams, second by Chief Treanor. Approved Unanimously.

President's Report:

- Nothing significant to report.

Treasurer's Report as of December 30th:

- Chiefs Account = **\$1,391.47**. W&O Fund Total Balance = **\$133,173.35** (\$115,535.22 7-month CD + \$17,638.13 checking account = \$133,173.35)

Correspondence (can also be found on web site):

- A thank you letter was received from the National Alliance on Mental Health Sonoma County for our donation in Doc Mc Clary's name.

Presentations:

- Carl Harrison Award – Given to Fred Bunker, Santa Rosa Junior College
- Harry Quinlin Award - Given to Rubin Mandujano, Healdsburg Fire Department

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Pending Presentations for Future Meetings:

- None

Committee Reports:

- **Training Section:** Chief Treanor – Chief Treanor attended a meeting January 12, 2010 regarding the MAD Drill which will be at Sonoma State University on May 8, 2010.
- **Prevention Section:** Chief Collins – A holiday luncheon was held at Sebastopol. Working on amendments to the code adoption and selecting a new coordinator for the fire investigation task force.
- **Operations Section:** Chief Lantz – Next meeting January 25, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Santa Rosa Tower.
- **District Chiefs:** Chief Garcia – Next meeting on January 28, 2010 at Rancho Adobe Station 1. The guest speaker will be LAFCO Executive Officer Rich Bottarini.
- **VFC Association:** Chief Aston – No meeting since the last Chief's Meeting.
- **REDCOM:** Dick Luttrell – Phase 1 of REDCOM expansion has been completed. Due to the cost of the remainder of the project it is not likely to occur for some time. Allocations committee will be reporting new Allocations formula to the BOD at the January 14th 2010 meeting. The 10/11 Preliminary Budget will also be presented. There will be a COM CON Drill on January 27th in the AM, this will be a transparent exercise for field units. REDCOM is requesting that departments do not use Dispatch to send out informational radio pages such as reminders for drills, dinners or other events.
- **CAD Group:** Chief Williams - Off season vegetation assignments will be changed soon and will be limited to one engine. Next version of the County Run Maps will be out soon.
- **Cal EMA Operational Area:** Chief Williams - John Cleary in attendance. Attended winter Region 2 meeting. The transition from Contra Costa County to Alameda County Region II Dispatch is in process. Sonoma County STEN Refresher scheduled for March 24, 2010, location to be determined. Los Angeles TF 2 on standby to go to Haiti, no others California resources have been requested at this time. Chief Sheldon Gilbert, Alameda County, has been elected as the new Cal EMA Region II Chief and Erne Loveless has been elected as the 1st alternate.
- **County DES:** Chief Aston - San Francisco UASI Super UASI is holding a meeting to get a sense of the Regional Programs/Requests that the North Bay agencies would like to bring into the program, Chief Zanzi and Chief Aston will be representing Sonoma County Fire Agencies and attending a January 18th meeting. Radio interoperability and infrastructure is the priority for Sonoma County.

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- **EMCC:** Dean Anderson – EMCC has not met since last Chief's Meeting. Heads up on the new EMT Cert changes in July.
- **Legislative:** Chief Collier – Updates have been sent out. This is Chief Collier's last year as the Leg Rep. Expect more budget cuts. Several retirement initiatives are being proposed and some will likely make it to the ballot. Also expect some legislation on retirement system benefits.
- **Grants:** Chief Zanzi - REDCOM Backup Committee met with Cal Fire regarding REDCOM Backup Dispatch center at Cal Fire St. Helena. Working to add a REDCOM Dispatch Moducom Computer to the St. Helena ECC. Sonoma County Homeland security grant submitted to the State. Will not hear from the State until June or July regarding the grant. AFG should be coming out soon. OTS grants still open.
- **SRJC Advisory:** Chief Collins - Nothing to report. Next meeting this January 15, 2010. Fred Bunker, Academy Graduation of the 70th academy before the January 15th meeting. Fred Bunker passed out a handout on new core classes for Fire Technology Degrees from California Junior Colleges beginning in the Fall semester 2011, Principles of Fire & Emergency Services Safety & Survival was added.
- **CHP Liaison:** John Evans - Officer Evans thanked everyone for assisting with trees down and traffic control work, no other issues.
- **Red Cross:** No Report
- **Marin Chief's Liaison:** Chief Northern – No major concerns / issues.

Old Business:

- **April and October Meeting Dates and Times:** Chief Collins recommended holding 2 joint night meetings with the Volunteer Chiefs Association, one in April in Forestville beginning at 7 pm, dinner will not be provided, and one in October beginning at 6 pm, dinner will be provided, at Gold Ridge. The regular September meeting will now be hosted by the Coast Guard.
- **Chief's Association Web Site:** Chief Zanzi will meet with Mike Johnson from Santa Rosa Fire Department to discuss updating the site and making changes. Chief Zanzi will report back at the next meeting. Chief Abshear volunteered to help.

New Business:

- **Incident Command Support Team:** Chief Lantz brought forward last months request from the Ops group to establish a Sonoma County Incident Command Support Team. Applicants must either be certified for the position or have the requisite classes to be considered a trainee. Motion to approve by Chief Williams, second by Chief Aston, carried unanimously with the changes recommended by Chief Pigoni.

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- **Donation to Survivor's Reunion:** Chief Williams presented the annual request to support the Survivor's Reunion that recognizes that an intervention saved a life has been received. A number of organizations support this event including the SCFCA. We typically donate \$300.00 to program. Motion by Chief Williams, second by Chief Collier, passed unanimously to donate \$300.00 to the Survivor's Reunion.
- **Chiefs Association Goals for 2010:** Chief Collins stated the paperwork from the Planning Meeting was received this morning. The intention was not to review the Goals at this meeting. The E-Board will meet to review and narrow the focus for adoption at the next meeting.

Customer Service / Good of the Order:

- Chief Grinnell - Russian River is bringing forward a request to the RRROC for the purchase of an ambulance which is not applicable by law. They will be going to the Board of Supervisors as early as March. Russian River is looking for support at the meeting.
- Chief Aston – A pre-employment physical for a volunteer that came back with a hearing issue. Chief Aston asked for input on other agencies experience. According to Chief Pforsich the only hearing aids that work are about \$7,000.00. The question is how the reasonable accommodation requirement fits into the process and who would have to pay for the cost of the hearing aid.
- Chief Aston – Sonoma County Fire Steering Committee Vision 2020, going back to the Board of Supervisors for an update on January 24, 2010.
- Chief Anderson – A Local CERT Program was using a City facility for the program. One of their CERT members was involved in an accident while travelling to a meeting. Litigators are attempting to implicate the City of Petaluma. Chief Anderson asked if anyone had any experience with a similar issue.
- Chief Collins – Last year the SCFCA sent a letter to Assemblyman Jefferies. Senator Jefferies has convened the Rural Fire Protection Summit that includes three items. DMV employer testing program for fire agencies, use of private foam applicators, Volunteer Firefighter Training and Standards. Several Sonoma County fire representatives will be attending. Chief Collins also thanked everyone who helped with the barn fire.
- A plaque awarded to past President Chief Zanzi or his last two years of service as the President of the SCFCA.

Closed Session:

- N/A

Next Meeting: February 10, 2010 – Hosted by Windsor Fire Protection District

Meeting adjourned: 11:26 hrs

- Respectfully submitted – Dan Northern, Secretary / Treasurer, January 13, 2010.