

SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION



MEETING MINUTES

Hosted by Windsor Fire Protection District
at
Windsor Fire District Station 1
February 10, 2010 at 9:30

Attendance:

Bill Braga	SFD/REDCOM	Jack Rosevear	Rohnert Park
Bob Uboldi	Kenwood	John Lantz	Rincon Valley
Bruce Varner	Santa Rosa	Ken Reese	REDCOM
Chuck Abshear	Cal Fire	Paul Pigoni	Geyserville
Dan Northern	Forestville	Phil Garcia	Sonoma Valley
David Cornelssen	Windsor	Randy Collins	Healdsburg
Dean Anderson	AMR / SLS	Ron Collier	Windsor
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	Wilbert Horne	Mayacamas
Doug Williams	Rincon Valley		
Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe		
Jack Piccinini	Santa Rosa		

Call to Order:

- Chief Collins called the meeting to order at 09:38

Host Chief Introduction:

- Made by Chief Collier

Approval of Minutes:

- Motioned by Chief Williams seconded by Chief Horn, approved unanimously.

President's Report:

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report as of January 31st 2010:

Chiefs Checking Account:	\$1,936.72	As of 1/31/10
W&O Fund 7 Month CD:	\$115,535.22	As of 1/11/2010
<u>W&O Checking Account:</u>	<u>\$17,640.38</u>	<u>As of 1/31/10</u>
Total:	\$135,112.32	

- **A reminder that the SCFCA Dues for 2010 are due.**
- We will allow the Widows and Orphans Fund CD matures on 3/13/10. We are currently earning 1.390% interest, unless there is an objection we will let it roll over.

Correspondence:

- The SCFCA donated \$350.00 to the Survivor's Reunion, \$50.00 of which was a personal donation from Chief Williams.
- IRS – Chief Collins received a letter regarding the 501c3 application indicating that the IRS is prepared to make a favorable decision on the application but needed more information which has been submitted by Chief Collins.

Presentations:

- None

Committee Reports (Share what was not included in any minutes that have already been published)

- **Training Section:** Chief Treanor – TO's met on February 9, 2010. Plans for the MAD Drill on May 8th at SSU include: confined space, ropes, firefighter safety, commercial roof ventilation. TOs will be underwriting several level 1 and level 2 classes this year. There are several departments that are way behind in paying dues to the TOs. Chief Treanor will send an email to those agencies.
- **Prevention Section:** Chief Zanzi - Not present, nothing to report.
- **Operations Section:** Chief Lantz – The Ops Chiefs met January 25, 2010. They finished STL program update and it is being presented at today's meeting.
- **District Chiefs:** Chief Northern - Meeting held at Rancho, Rich Potterini from LAFCO was the guest speaker. LAFCO is not interested in forcing consolidations but are there to help with consolidations. Any fire district can approach LAFCO regarding establishing policies that guide the LAFCO decision process.
- **Volunteer FF Association:** Chief Horne - Peter Van Fleet is doing well. Next meeting tonight.
- **REDCOM:** Director Luttrell / Reese/Braga - The REDCOM Dispatcher Training Officers met with several fire agencies in an effort to build a direct connection between field fire operations personnel and the REDCOM Training Officers. February 16, 2010 REDCOM will be dispatching for Petaluma for a few hours so that they can make updates to their system. Bill Braga discussed the proposed allocations system for the REDCOM budget and the draft budget for FY 10/11. REDCOM is in the process of adopting an allocations methodology and budget for next fiscal year. It will be important for all Chiefs to pay close attention to the allocation and budget process because the cost of RECCOM is going up.
- **CAD Group:** Chief Williams – Scheduled to meet on the morning of February 23, 2010. Talking about next phase of map roll as well as progress on the Haz Mat COPA program. The next map roll may be available at the meeting on CD.
- **Cal EMA Operational Area:** Chief Williams– The change has been made from Contra Costa to Alameda for Region II Dispatch.
- **County DES:** Chief Horne – Slight name change from Des to Department of Fire and Emergency Services. The Vision 20/20 Steering Committee will be issuing a news release on their progress soon.

- **EMCC:** Dean Anderson – Met last month, nothing new to report other than access to the Sonoma County Airport regarding non-emergency transports from air ambulances, escorts are now required when going through the access gates.
- **Legislative:** Chief Collier – Last night at the Windsor Chamber Expo, starting to see the impact of commercial foreclosures at the rate of 40%. Many stable commercial businesses are starting to fail. Legislative issues are being sent out via email.
- **Grants:** Chief Zanzi – Not present. Chief Collier reported that a nine department collaborated on an OTS grant with Windsor taking the lead.
- **SRJC Advisory:** Chiefs Williams and Collins – The group met January 15, 2010. The Dean reported that the JC should do well in this cycle, expecting only a 3% cut. All Fire Tech courses are full with up to 50 students per class.
- **CHP Liaison:** Officer Evans – All is going well, nothing to report.
- **Red Cross:** Roger Doncaster – Not present, no report.
- **Marin Chiefs Liaison:** Chief Northern – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- **Discussion regarding updating the Chief's Web Site:** Chief Abshear nothing to report, will re-agenda for next meeting.
- **Chief's Association Goals for 2010:** Chief Collins reviewed the 2010 Draft Goals. No issues were identified. The 2010 goals will be up for adoption, as read, at the March meeting.
- **Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association - Incident Command Support Team:** Chief Lantz reviewed the item up for adoption. Motion to approve by Chief Williams, second by Chief Treanor. Appreciation expressed by Chief Garcia for the work done by the Ops Group. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **Updated Strike Team Leader SOG by SCFCA Operations Section:** - Discussion led by David Cornelssen, no specific questions were presented. This item will be up for approval at the March meeting.
- **Apparatus and Equipment Identification by SCFCA Operations Section:** Discussion led by David Cornelssen, no specific questions were presented. Special resources such as "jaws of life" should be entered in CAD if you would like them available for Mutual Aid, in addition if you are requesting, as an example, "jaws of life" you should ask specifically for them. This item will be up for approval at the March meeting.

Improving Efficiency:

- New agenda item to discuss issues in which we can save money or improve efficiency by sharing ideas or resources between agencies.

Customer Service :

- Nothing to report

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- Chief Horn - Mayacamas is purchasing a new water tender to is purchasing a 2200 gallon water tender.
- Chief Rosevear - Fire Safe Sonoma CWPP should be finished within the next month. It will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval. This plan will be the basis for future grants.
- Chief Piccinini - Santa Rosa is decommissioning a patrol unit, skid mount pump and tank and four wheel drive. It will be available to a Sonoma County Fire Agency.
- Chief Collins – Attended the Rural Fire Caucus in Sacramento, advocated for the DMV DL70 Program. He asked to eliminate the 90 day requirement to give a test, the option to test neighboring agencies, latitude in identifying the routes used in the test. Healdsburg received a Fire Act Grant for Turnouts and SCBAs. Healdsburg as a result of budget issues the City will be looking at hiring a Public Safety Chief to be in charge of Police and Fire. Chief Collins will be retiring as of June 30th of this year.

Closed Session (if necessary) - None

Next Meeting: March 10, 2010 – Hosted by Healdsburg Fire Department