

# SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION



## MEETING MINUTES

Hosted by Cloverdale Fire Protection District  
at  
Cloverdale Station 1 - March 10, 2010  
Meeting begins at 9:30

### Attendance:

Bill Braga	SFD/REDCOM	Jack Rosevear	Rohnert Park
Bob Uboldi	Kenwood	John Lantz	Rincon Valley
Bruce Varner	Santa Rosa	Paul Pigoni	Geyserville
Chuck Abshear	Cal Fire	Randy Collins	Healdsburg
Dan Northern	Forestville	Ron Collier	Windsor
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	Brian Elliott	Cloverdale
Doug Williams	Rincon Valley	Larry Anderson	Petaluma
Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe	Ray Mulas	Shell Vista
Mark Aston	SCDFES	John Zanzi	Sebastopol
Kent Coxon	SCEMS	John Clary	Cal EMA
Dean Anderson	AMR		

### Call to Order:

- Chief Collins called the meeting to order at 9:40

### Host Chief Introduction:

- Made by Chief Elliott who offered the new facility training room to any fire agency that would like to use it.

### Approval of Minutes:

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

### President's Report:

- Nothing to report,

### Treasurer's Report as of January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010:

Chiefs Checking Account:	\$2,286.72	As of 2/28/10
W&O Fund 7 Month CD:	\$115,931.66	As of 3/13/10
<u>W&amp;O Checking Account:</u>	<u>\$17,642.41</u>	<u>As of 2/28/10</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$135,860.79</b>	

- A reminder that the SCFCA Dues for 2010 are due.

**Correspondence: None**

**Presentations: None**

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

- **Training Section:** Chief Treanor – Dues for TO's Association dues are due. May 8<sup>th</sup> MAD Drill at Sonoma State.
- **Prevention Section:** Chief Zanzi – No Report
- **Operations Section:** Chief Lantz – Meeting next Monday, Classroom 1 at 10:00
- **District Chiefs:** Chief Northern - Next meeting March 25, 2010 at Kenwood Fire District. Guest speaker Herb Williams from the Delphi, The West Coast's resource for government relations and integrated communications strategies.
- **Volunteer FF Association:** Chief Aston – Currently 90% attendance at Volunteer Chief's meetings. Focusing on liability issues with volunteers and insurance coverage including vehicles. Updated steering committee implementation plan. Next meeting will be a night meeting with the SCFCA at Forestville on April 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm (dinner will not be included).
- **REDCOM:** Director Luttrell / Reese/Braga – 6 dispatchers are attending ROSS in Sacramento. A budget proposal will be made by the Allocations Committee at the REDCOM meeting on March 11th. The committee will be recommending that the budget remain flat and that member agencies pay the same in 2010/11 as they did in 2009/2010.
- **CAD Group:** Chief Williams – Last meeting was a follow-up on the newest editions of the maps. Maps have been mailed to all agencies on CD. The CUPA data will now ultimately be updated online by the individual businesses. The group is working on a process to integrate the on-line site holding the data with symbols on the maps so information can be downloaded in the field.
- **Cal EMA Operational Area:** Chief Williams – Not much activity. Next month the terms for the Sonoma County Cal EMA Op Area Coordinators expire. The SCFCA Eboard will manage the nomination and election process.
- **Cal EMA:** Chief Clary - Cal EMA in process of hiring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Region 2 Assistant Chief. John will be taking the southern area. CICCIS - there is a new draft of the 2010 California CICCIS is out. STEN Trainees will have to go through PEER Review at the local level and DIVS/GRP will now be approved at the Region level. A training class on the new system will be provided before the changes become effective. At this point the training will be in Foster City. The Sonoma County Chief's were expressed their appreciation of Chief Clary's support of our association..
- **County Department of Fire and Emergency Services:** Chief Aston – Updated Board of Supervisors recently with progress made by the steering committee and their priorities. The key to the future of CSA 40 will be the completion of the Standards of Cover document. This will be worked on over the next several months. Homeland Security Grant, still waiting for approval. A Homeland Security audit is coming for 2007. County is \$63,000,000.00 in the hole for the upcoming budget period or \$163,000.00 to SCDFES.

- **EMCC:** Dean Anderson – Next meeting April 26<sup>th</sup>. Napa Co. just released their RFP for ambulance provider.
- **Legislative:** Chief Collier – Wow! ERI may be history due to it being considered a tax. LAO is recommending going back to SRA fees. LA County is sponsoring legislation to put code 3 lights on public works vehicles. There may be an issue with the new legislation, Jefferies Bill, replacement program for the DL70 FF Class B licensing. The Jefferies Bill is being fought by Southern California because they feel that it puts liability on the Fire Chief.
- **Grants:** Chief Zanzi – 2009 Homeland Security Grant in process. Hoping for approval of expenditures by the end of the month. 2010 grant cycle is just beginning. The Gang of 5 will be meeting soon to refine the submittal process. Cal EMA has identified priorities and the Gang of 5 will be looking at those requirements. Quite a bit of money received from UWASI. Bay Area divided into 4 regions to share the funds. Sonoma received one half a million dollars to continue to look into the 700 mhz radio system. Healdsburg FD is sponsoring a workshop for AFG Grants, March 19 from 1 to 4 pm.
- **SRJC Advisory:** Chiefs Williams and Collins – Next meeting in April.
- **CHP Liaison:** Officer Evans – Not present no report
- **Red Cross:** Roger Doncaster – Not present no report
- **Marin Chiefs Liaison:** Chief Northern – Marin County Fire Agencies are looking at the REDCOM model as an opportunity to leave the Marin County Sheriffs Dispatch System. FAIRA 2010/2011 budget update: No increases over 2009/10.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Discussion regarding moving the Chief's Web Site:** Chiefs Zanzi and Abshear, will be working with Mike Johnson to make the site more useable.
- **Chief's Association Goals for 2010 - Up for Approval:** Chief Collins reviewed the 2010 Goals as introduced at the February meeting. Motioned by Chief Treanor seconded by Chief Elliott , no discussion, approved unanimously.
- **Updated Team Leader SOG by SCFCA Operations Section - Up for Approval:** Chief Lantz provided some background on the history of the document. A discussion was held regarding the need to adopt the document in light of the new CICC plan. Chief Collier motioned to adopt the SOG with the provision that the new CICC plan be reviewed by the SCFCA Operation Section and any necessary changes be brought back to the Chiefs for approval, second by Chief Treanor, approved unanimously. Item to be placed under Old Business for the April Meeting.
- **Apparatus and Equipment Identification by SCFCA Operations Section - Up for Approval:** Background provided by Chief Lantz. Motioned by Chief Collier seconded by Chief Williams, approved unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

- **EMS Fees:** Chief Zanzi – Chief Zanzi explained his position paper on the new EMS Fees regarding EMT Certification and Re-Certification. The fees are going to the Board of Supervisors for approval in April. Chief Zanzi is questioning the hours required to process applications however; County EMS feels that the time is accurate. It was not clear if the new system does or does not grandfather, on a permanent basis, those individuals who's agencies that utilize arrest notification as being exempt from being Live Scanned for criminal offender history during the renewal process. Kent Coxon will try to

arrange some type of a meeting to discuss the fees with Brian Cleaver to discuss the issues of concern to the Fire Chiefs. Chief Collins and Zanzi will represent the Chiefs. Item will be placed under Old Business for the April meeting.

**Improving Efficiency:**

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

**Customer Service:**

Chief Abshear - Cal Fire open hiring for Captain has now been placed on line by the State Personnel Board. Anyone with the requisite experience who is looking for a Cal Fire position, in the Camp environment, should check out the State Personnel Board On Line site for the application for Cal Fire, fire captain.

**Good of the Order:**

Chief Lantz - Reported that there will be a STL refresher class on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Rohnert Park and that Strike Team Leader and trainee renewal forms are due to Chief Aston chair of the SC Op Area CICCS Peer Review Committee.

Chief Collins - Stated that if your agency is covered by another agency that will be amended your storm water permit you need to talk to that agency to include the standards developed by the chief. The State has established a Task Force to look into discharges related from firefighting. In the unincorporated area of Sonoma County is covered by the Sonoma County Water Agency.

**Closed Session (if necessary):** None

**Next Meeting:** Forestville, April 14, 2010 at 7:PM in Forestville, a joint meeting with the Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Chiefs. No dinner.