

SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION



MEETING MINUTES

Hosted by Sonoma Valley Fire Authority
Sonoma Valley Fire Authority Station 1 - June 9, 2010

Attendance:

Bill Braga	SFD/REDCOM	John Lantz	Rincon Valley
Bob Uboldi	Kenwood	Randy Collins	Healdsburg
Eric Hoffman	Cal Fire	Erne Loveless	Cal Fire
Dan Northern	Forestville	Peter Van Fleet	Glen Ellen
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	Mark Aston	County Fire
Doug Williams	Rincon Valley	Sean Sullivan	SLS
Larry Anderson	Petaluma	Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe
John Zanzi	Sebastopol	Robert MacIntyre	County Fire
Ray Mulas	Schell Vista	Marvin Howard	Cal EMA
Phil Garcia	Sonoma Valley	Todd Derum	Cal Fire
Ron Collier	Windsor	Steve Mosiurchak	County Fire
Caerleon Safford	Fire Safe Sonoma		

Call to Order: Chief Collins called the meeting to order at 9:44

Host Chief Introduction: By Chief Garcia

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve by Chief Williams, with the addition of the moment of silence that was held at the May meeting for Fred Sand retired Fire Chief and Board Member of the Kenwood Fire District, seconded by Chief Mulas, approved unanimously.

President's Report: Chief Collins informed the group that with the retirement of Chief Abshear, Chief Northern will move to Vice President and Shawn Grinnell will become the Secretary/Treasurer.

SCFCA Treasurer's Report as of June 9, 2010:

Chiefs Checking Account:	\$2,097.80	As of 6/8/10
W&O Fund 7 Month CD:	\$116,028.56	As of 5/10/2010
<u>W&O Checking Account:</u>	<u>\$17,649.09</u>	<u>As of 6/8/10</u>
Total:	\$135,775.45	

Motion to approve by Chief Treanor, seconded by Chief Zanzi, approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

- Chief Collins read a letter from Fred Bunker, upon his retirement, thanking the Chief's Association for all of the support over the years. Chief Collins read his letter of response to Fred Bunker thanking him for his contributions to fire service training through the JC program.

Presentations:

- **Radio System Strategic Plan/700 MHz System:** Postponed for another date.

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

- **Training Section:** Chief Treanor – TO's met yesterday. Fred Bunker was awarded a gift card from the TO's. Fred Bunker will retire at the end of the month and will be replaced in August. 107 firefighters attended the MAD Drill at Sonoma State University. Thanks to the Rancho Adobe support volunteers for providing logistics. The TO's are requesting a hyperlink on the Chiefs web site and their contact is Jeff Holden, Petaluma Fire.

- **Prevention Section:** Chief MacIntyre - The big focus of the FPO's is the fire code. Fireworks are coming, rather than pay for a full page ad the plan is to have the group send out press releases. The FPO's are working on a long range plan for deploying and returning the Fire and Life Safety Trailer. The Fire Code Committee is done with its work. Amendments are drafted and they are working with County Building who will move it forward to County Counsel and then to the Board of Supervisors. Two new items, Photovoltaic systems will be added to Chapter 6 and will mirror the SFM Standard. They will also be adopting Radio Communications Appendix J for radio systems for emergency responders in which repeater systems will be required so that unimpeded communications will occur within 90% of a building regardless of height or size. This includes Type 3 winery caves. Chief Collins asked if the cost of a system could be provided as it is anticipated this will be asked during the adoption process.. Chief MacIntyre stated that was difficult to estimate due to the potential size of the building(s). Residential code is being adopted by the State and will be adopted by the FPO's and building officials. The next FPO meeting will be a joint REACO/FPO all day workshop featuring SFM Tonya Hover and former SFM's Ruben Grijalva, Kate Dargan and Ronny Coleman to be held at the Petaluma Community Center. The cost is \$40 and pre-registration is required through Hans Henneberque at: Hans.Henneberque@fire.ca.gov.

Chief Williams - Rincon Valley will be putting together a group order for the new California Fire Code and should be able to beat the ICC member prices. The price list should be available by the end of the month. Rincon valley will be the point of contact.

- **Operations Section:** Chief Lantz – The Ops Section is working on REDCOM SOP number 27 re-write to incorporate the changes to the STL Program. Active status fore STL and Trainees is up and running and working through some bugs. Next meeting on July 19, 9 AM at SR Tower.
- **District Chiefs:** Chief Williams – Guest speaker at last meeting Larry McLaughlin. Larry did a presentation on the nature of closed sessions. Next meeting July 22, 2010 in Forestville, location TBA.
- **Sonoma County VFC:** Chief Collins – Next meeting June 9, 2010.
- **REDCOM:** Director Luttrell – Beginning a hiring cycle for part time help which will take several months. Chief Williams and Ken Reese met to discuss Op Area changes regarding Active Status.
- **CAD Group:** Chief Williams – No meetings since last chiefs meeting. Tim Pudoff feels that everything is on track for maintenance of the maps for next year.
- **Cal EMA Operational Area:** Chief Williams - Active status is up on STL and STL Trainee. Attempting to get the STL list to sort on line. A Zone Chiefs meeting was held on May 26, 2010. Talked about County specific mutual aid along with updates from the Region II meeting. Chief Williams is now the Region 2, 2nd alternate coordinator due to Chief Loveless retirement.

- **Sonoma County Fire:** Chief Aston – Homeland Security grant has State approval. Authorization will occur with the approval of the County budget. There have been several requests for the chippers. Looking at a Stimulus Grant for vegetation management to help break up areas that have continuous fuel beds effecting access/egress along roadways. Annapolis fire company has been re-established. County fire has put a rescue unit there and will be providing them with an existing type III engine currently assigned to Camp Meeker.
- **EMCC:** Zanzi – No meeting last month.
- **Legislative:** Chief Collier – Met with the Leg group two weeks ago and spent very little time on the budget. Talked mostly about the Weight Limit and DL 70 bills. Cal Trans has dropped the objection to the Weight Limit Bill.
- **Grants:** Chief Zanzi – 2009 WMD Grant to start in July. Gang of 5 met yesterday with reps from law and public health. The Gang of 5 established priorities for the grant funds including, interoperability Logicom to the CalFire ECC at St. Helena, \$40K CAD GIS and a 700 mhz radios for communications between EOCs within in the County via the existing 700 mhz backbone system. Fire will receive a balance of 200K. Agencies will be responsible for obtaining prices and making purchases then requesting reimbursement from the County. Chief Garcia suggested that someone or committee should be established, to represent the SCFCA, to deal with communications issues as these systems move forward. Chief Collins asked for volunteers, Frank Treanor, Steve Mosiurchak, Phil Garcia, Mark Aston, John Lantz, Dick Luttrell. Chief Zanzi volunteered to be an alternate.
- **SRJC Advisory:** Chiefs Williams & Collins – No meeting since last chiefs meeting. Last Academy Graduation under Fred Bunker occurred last week. The JC is still looking for a replacement for Fred Bunker. Applications are available on line.
- **CHP Liaison:** Chief Collins - The burn run went well.
- **Red Cross:** Roger Doncaster – No Report.
- **Marin Chiefs Liaison:** Chief Northern,
- **Fire Safe Sonoma:** Caerleon Safford and Todd Derum reported that Fire Safe Sonoma has grants for chipper programs and will send out contractors to chip piles, there is plenty of money available. Applications can be made on the web site. Chief Derum, 2010 goals for fire safe Sonoma: Updating the web site, increase membership, fundraising and to enhance the relationship between Fire Safe Sonoma and the SCFCA. The first draft of the CWPP is being edited and will be available soon along with a mechanism to provide feedback to Fire Safe Sonoma. It will likely be put out via SharePoint on the web for comments. Chief Derum is now a Board Member and would like to assure that Fire Safe Sonoma works hand in hand with the SCFCA.

Old Business:

- **Update on the Fire Chief's Web Site:** Chiefs Zanzi – Met with Mike Johnson SRS, he was asked about updating the site. Mike suggested a commercial web site vendor. Mike has been busy at SRS but now has time to work on the project. Chuck Abshear will work with Mike to look into the project which appears to be modular. There will be a cost associated with this project. Discussed adding REDCOM to the site.
- **AFG Pager Grant:** Dick Luttrell and Bill Braga – Grant submitted, thanks from Dick and Bill for the assistance from fire personnel to provide the data needed to put the grant together. The value of the grant is \$750,000 to replace non-narrow band pagers. Sonoma County Fire will host the grant. If this grant does not fund pagers will be a priority for next years WMD Grants. Thanks were expressed from the Chief's Association to Dick and Bill.

New Business:

- **Ratification of Op Area Vote:** Chief Williams – With Chuck Abshear's retirement the Eboard recommends that Chief Northern move to the Sonoma County Op Area First Alternate and Chief Aston to the Second Alternate and that Cal Fire remain involved. A vote was called by President Collins and approved unanimously.
- **Updates to Mutual Aid Dispatching:** Chief Williams – The current rule states that Immediate Need requests are limited to any location within 100 miles of Sonoma County. Immediate Need requests beyond that distance are treated as Planned Need requests. Chief Williams recommend modifying the 100 mile rule to include only adjacent counties, Mendocino, Lake, Marin, Solano and Napa. Beyond that the Planned Need Active Status list would be used. Chief **Collins** asked for an endorsement vote. Motion by Chief Treanor second by Chief Aston, approved unanimously.
- **Chief Williams** – Next Tuesday is the CICCIS Seminar in Petaluma. There are 40 signed up as of today. At the Petaluma Community Center. Chief Williams asked of the SCFCA could provide refreshments for the meeting not to exceed \$200.00. The logistics will be handled by County Fire. Motion by Chief Garcia, second by Chief Treanor, approved unanimously.

Improving Efficiency:

- Chief Williams – Stated he is soliciting documents from other Counties regarding JPA services and the regionalization of services. Looking at Marin and Napa county programs.
- Chief Northern and Collier are working on RFP for Audits. Anyone interested in joining the RFP should contact Chief Northern or Collier.

Customer Service: None

Good of the Order:

- Chief Loveless - Eric Hoffman has been selected to replace Chief Abshear he has same office number but his cell phone number will change and will be emailed to all. There was no word on Chief Loveless's replacement.
- Flowers were sent to CHP Officer Todd Overzet, injured in an on-duty motorcycle accident on May 14, 2010, \$63.92 with reimbursement to the FFPD.
- Chief Howard -The 2010 California Fire Assistance Agreement has been pulled back and the current agreement remains in place. You can update your salary survey on the Cal EMA Web Site. They will continued be sent out via mail also.
- Chief Garcia – Sonoma Valley took possession of a 105' aerial ladder and it is currently being placed in service.
- Chief Collins – Zone 6 B/C is up and running modeled after Zone 7. Healdsburg, Cloverdale and Geyserville are involved with the Cal Fire B/Cs as alternates.

Closed Session (if necessary): None

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:42

Next Meeting: July 14, 2010 – Hosted by Rohnert Park Public Safety. Presentation: John Haig – Energy Efficiency program for public facilities.