

# SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION



## MEETING minutes

Hosted by Coast Guard Fire Petaluma  
At the Club – September 8, 2010

### Attendance:

Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Randy Collins	Sotoyme
Lori Anello	Two Rock	Kyle Kortie	Coast Guard
Billy Sorenson	Coast Guard	Dean Anderson	SLS/AMR
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	Ken Reese	REDCOM
John Marty	Rohnert Park DPS	Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe
Bill Braga	SFD/REDCOM	John Zanzi	Sebastopol
Mike Mickelson	Cal Fire	Caerleon Safford	Fire Safe Sonoma
Paul Pigoni	Geyserville	John Lantz	Rincon Valley
Dan Northern	Forestville	Kent Coxon	Coastal Valleys EMS
Bob Uboldi	Kenwood	Peter Van Fleet	Glen Ellen
Ray Mulas	Schell-Vista	Todd Derum	Cal Fire & Fire Safe...
Steve Countouriotis	Coast Guard Director of Emergency Services		

Call to Order: 09:42

**Host Chief Introduction:** Chief Collins introduced Kyle Kortie who introduced Steve Countouriotis Director of Emergency services at Coast Guard Petaluma.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chief Williams moved and Chief Zanzi seconded, no discussion. Motion approved by all.

**President's Report:** Chief Collins commented that when he announced his retirement at Healdsburg, his staff suggested they would probably have more fires due to his prevention background and that sentiment recently came true when the Healdsburg's Post Office burnt down. He proceeded to thank those present for the mutual aid that most agencies committed resources to and was glad that the injured Windsor Firefighters are recovering. He also reported that his transition with his new position at the Training Center is going well and reiterated that the success of the Fire program is due to the commitment that is provided by those agencies within the County and that he looks forward to working with everyone in his this capacity in the future.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of Aug 31, 2010:

Checking: \$2453.37    W/O \$17,655.77    W/O-cd \$115,808.18

**Correspondence:** nothing received...Chief Collins reported he did send REDCOM letter out requesting an increase in the Analyst's hours (approved by the membership last month).

**Presentation:** Bill Myatt: Volunteer Center of Sonoma County on the 211 System.

Chief Collins introduced Bill Myatt of the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County and the Program Director of the 2-1-1 system which is a non emergency sister to 911. The goal of the system is to provide a one stop call center and provide information on just about every topic, relieve the 911 system of inappropriate calls and cover 92% of the country by the end of 2010. Among the benefits to fire agencies is it can act as a useful reference tool when encountered with social issues fire personnel encounter day to day (such as homelessness and other social problems) as well as act as an information center for the public during a disaster. The system operates 24/7 and is a multi-lingual service. It also has a website which is:

[www.211wc.org](http://www.211wc.org)

Mr Myatt ended by answering a few questions and encouraging all fire staff to distribute the 211 information to those we encounter in the field who may be in need of its services. Chief Williams commend him for the system and the benefits it provides.

### Committee Reports:

- **Training Section:** Chief Treanor reported there has been no meeting since last Chiefs. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 12 at 9:00am.
- **Prevention Section:** Chief Zanzi reported – the Norcal FPO Symposium was very well attended. The next meeting will be September 24, Hawaiian Shirt day and you must RSVP. The new code language is out, ICC codes need to be adopted by January 11, final copy coming soon. Some discussion took place for the need to work with building officials for inspection of 13d sprinkler systems.
- **Operations Section:** Chief Lantz reported the next meeting will be held on Sept. 20, at 10 am @ SR training tower, Guidelines on rehab and helo ops should be ready for next chiefs meeting.
- **District Chiefs:** Chief Northern reported the Districts meeting this month will be on the 23, at the new Windsor Fire Station Number Two, and the topic will be green fire stations.
- **Sonoma County VFC:** Chief Collins reported the last meeting was held Aug. 11. The next meeting will be the evening meeting at Goldridge on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Station Two. The VFC's are still working on the strategic plan, and it should go to the BOS by end of this month. Standards of Coverage should go in March. County is using Extra help positions to work on implementing the vehicle safety program and is moving forward to hire an Ops Chief.
- **REDCOM:** Dick Luttrell reported that REDCOM is in the recruitment and training mode for new employees. Ken Reese reported that he returned from Intergraph conference, REDCOM had struggles from reporting, but after meeting and training with the vendor, he is now able to pull info from the system...data is now easier to retrieve. The next upgrade is (vendor is making upgrades) will occur in about 18 months. Bill Braga reported that an RFP for auditing services was sent out last week, two backed out, 6 are still out there including one from the County. Quotes expected on annual and biennial basis. Due Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, not in time for next REDCOM Board meeting..
- **CAD Group:** Chief Williams reported no meeting; next meeting will be Oct 12, in Windsor, @ 9 am (tentative).
- **Cal EMA Operational Area:** Chief Williams-Not much to report, we are still in fire season, even though not much going on, so please do not get complacent...it can change very quickly.
- **County Fire:** No report.
- **EMCC:** Kent Coxon reported the next meeting will be Oct 25. Cloverdale is hosting an advanced EMT discussion/kickoff meeting scheduled from 10 to noon on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Posting of MCI plan to the website has occurred, roll out is expected on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Legislative:** No report
- **Grants:** Chief Zanzi reported that SAFER is still open (closes soon-15th), prevention section is going for AFG grant for a Firehouse inspection/preplan software that will allow for data collection in the field (contact Linda Collister at Healdsburg if interested). Chief Collins added, since the grant would serve all agencies, it is very consistent with our 2010 goal of sharing resources. Chief Zanzi asked about Sonoma Valley's tie into REDCOM and Firehouse where info that populates into in NFIRS reporting, Ken Reese reported it could be possible to tie into, Sonoma uses it and it seems to be working well, but it is not cheap. County is looking into CSA 40 departments ability to use the system as well, expected cost of \$50,000 to \$100,000 for the interface portion.
- **SRJC Advisory:** Chief Collins reported the next meeting will be Oct 19. Chief Collins asked for an individual to replace him on the committee since he is the representative from this organization as well as the new Director of the SRJC Fire Program which created a conflict of interest. As a committee member, Chief Williams volunteered to fill the position. Chief Collins informed us of Career day at the JC on Sat Oct 16, from 10 to noon at the Windsor campus and if any agency wished to participate to contact him at [rcollins@santarosa.edu](mailto:rcollins@santarosa.edu). Chief Collins also informed the group of information he has for a scholarship offered by the Women of Ground Zero, INFO ATTACHED to these minutes.
- **CHP Liaison:** No report
- **Red Cross:** No report
- **Marin Chiefs Liaison:** Chief Northern reported no meeting. Chief's Northern and Collins will work together to cover the next meeting.
- **Fire Safe Sonoma:** Caerleon Safford reported 200 homes have utilized the current chipper program and that she has had great success working with Calfire and homeowner associations in particular (including Glen Ellen). We are still receiving many requests for chipping. A banner is coming soon and

should help advertise the services. Best contact for Caerleon via email at [casfford@mcn.org](mailto:casfford@mcn.org) or cell phone 206-5467. Another grant is coming for a survey of roadside issues, concentration will be in areas of high fuel and high tree mortality-target right – of - way areas first. CWPP final draft being edited. Fire Safe Sonoma will submit to Chiefs prior to public release and submittal to Board of Supervisors, 2012 grant cycle, grants due in January now time to contact Fire Safe Sonoma. Chief Derum said we still have time for next year's application.

**Old Business:** Website status-Chief Zanzi reported that he sent an email and has not received information back.

**New Business:** 2011 Planning Meeting...Chief Collins asked for a straw poll for those who would want to participate in a planning meeting for 2011. With some interest shown, Chief Collins said he will move forward. Chief Northern asked if we envisioned the same format as last year- and suggested a shorter event to accommodate everyone's schedule. Chief Collins will work with the E-Board to put something together.

**Improving Efficiency:** Chief Williams offered up that Rincon Valley and Windsor is working on a management JPA. Doug reports we are hopeful to keep this thing broad enough to encompass current partners (BB) and others as well. We have talked about grants to prepare ourselves to work together; we do not want to miss the opportunities that might arise.

**Customer Service:** Dean Anderson- reported that Herb Williams and Delphi was hired to conduct a customer service survey for AMR...He hopes to wrap it up soon. AMR is working toward professional accreditation.

Chief Treanor reminded the group of the annual New Baptist Church-first responder service @ 10:30 across from Engine 3.

Chief Northern played a new CSFA recruitment video that Forestville and others participated in.

**Good of the Order:** None... Chief Northern discussed safer grant funding for scholarships that required a five year commitment.

Chiefs' Collins and Zanzi discussed the SAFER grant program they have in place for supplementing volunteers.

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**Closed Session:** None

Next Meeting: Dinner Meeting, Hosted by Goldridge Station 2, Oct. 20, 6pm

**Note: This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.**