



Sonoma County
Fire Chief's Association
Fire Prevention Officers Section

MONTHLY MEETING

APRIL 17TH, 2019

CALFIRE SANTA ROSA

2210 W. College Ave.

Linda Collister, Healdsburg Fire	Kemplen Robbins, Santa Rosa Fire
Ruben Mandujano, Healdsburg Fire	James Williams, Sonoma Co Fire Prev
Paul Bleuss, Kelseyville Fire District	Trevor Smith, SVFRA
Devon Gambonini, Petaluma Fire	Sam Lashley, Santa Rosa Fire
Paul Lowenthal, SRFD	Roberta MacIntyre, Fire Safe Sonoma
Cyndi Foreman, Sonoma Co Fire District	Hans Henneberque, Consultant
Marco Maack, Permit Sonoma	Aaron Hall, RPDPS
Ian Hardage, Santa Rosa FD	Jim Thompson, RPDPS
Lance Macdonald, Healdsburg Fire	Briana Benson, SVFRA
Doug Williams, SMART	Tim Madura, H & S Associates
Glen Schainblatt, City of Sebastopol & RP	Bill Greene, Calico Sterling
Jessica Power, Petaluma Fire	Jared McDaniel, Santa Rosa FD
Jaime Orozco, Calistoga FD	Steve Humes, Sonoma Co Fire District
Jim Levy, Bodega Bay Fire	Hans Henneberque, H & S Associates

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

- Time 10:09am

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ATTENDANCE AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

- Quorum
- Moment of silence was held to remember retired fire service member and consultant, Brian Elliott. Details for a celebration of life will be announced at a later date.



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APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND LAST MONTHS' MINUTES

- Motion to approve minutes: 1st R Mandujano 2nd J Williams Approved.

SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT:

Fund Balances

General Fund:	\$ 3,687.22
Trailer Fund:	\$ 8,956.90
FITF Fund:	\$ 2,498.05
Career Succession Fund:	\$ 2,294.09
<hr/> Total:	<hr/> \$ 17,436.26

During the treasurer's report, President Robbins explained that funds had been transferred from the Safety Pals account by the Sonoma Co Fire Chief's group. Funds were needed to go to AP Tritan for the EMS initiative. \$5000 was transferred. She will move forward to have the money replenished to our account as Safety Pals will be ramping up this year.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Fire Chief's Report- James Williams
 - Continued discussions about the "Red Flag" policy. Discussion regarding funding that was needed for the 201 initiative. Discussion regarding funding of up staffing on the red flag days. County vegetation management program.
- FITF- Ruben Mandujano
 - June 1 will report to the chiefs to give an update and ask for support for FITF. NYFIC: Ruben Motion to create an account for NYFIC: rUBEN jIM 2ND. Sub account for NYFIC WILL BE CREATED. Ruben will send an email to the eboard of Safety Pals requesting money
- Norcal FPO's- Bill Greene & Ian Hardage
 - Bill Greene. Next FPO meeting will be in Winters next week. Ian ICC hearings in Albuquerque that begin April 27. Golf tourney September 6th at Hidden Brook in Vallejo.
- REACO- Glen Schainblatt
 - Fire stopping presentation in Ukiah last month. CALBO conference was last month in SoCal and was well attended. SFM office is communicating better with the building officials. County building officials conference is next week in Pismo at the Cliffs. Presentations on disaster recovery and FEMA on Flood after Fire, Tall wood presentation, code and commentary presentation from NorCal FPOs. New CALBO board is starting to step up and support legislation more than in the past.
- Fire Safe Sonoma- Roberta MacIntyre
 - If you haven't picked up the Ready, Set, Go booklets, pick them up at the county office. 30 minute presentation given in Graton on 4/16/19 that was well received. Red flag program- some funding from the Ready, Set, Go program will go to the red flag program. Living with Fire booklet... Thoughts on wanting the booklet reprinted? The group wants it printed.
- SoCo Ops/Training- Darrin DeCarli
 - No Report



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- HazMat/CUPA- Kemplen Robbins & Devon Gambonini
 - Kemplen attended the CHMIA conference held at the Cliff's in Pismo. CHMIA is for hazardous materials investigators and stated it was a wonderful conference. Highly encourages folks to go if hazmat is something they are active in. Devon reminded the group that the one time date change for the Hazmat Continuing Challenge is September 23-27, not the traditional Labor Day week.

OLD BUSINESS

- Safety Pals: Goal is to try to do shows in December of this year

NEW BUSINESS

- SB1205: Trevor Smith-
 - What is the schedule other agencies are reporting? Jessica: Law was written that it is supposed to be done around budget time or another acceptable time set for the agency. Santa Rosa is going to report to their council in Jul for fiscal year 20-18-2019. NORCAL created a draft letter that the locals can use. Jessica encouraged the group to use the draft template.
- Vegetation Management Program: J. Williams-
 - BOS authorized \$500,000 to implement a vegetation management program and work with the fire districts. A group was established with CALFIRE reps and reps from the local fire districts. Up to \$19000 per fire district. Notices go out this Friday. Folks are getting 30 days. Inspections will start 5 weeks from Friday. Outreach and campaigns will take place on social media, billboards, local advertising, etc. Limited funds available for abatement of parcels that aren't completed by the property owners. J Williams would like to see a single standard implemented for a vegetation management program. Cyndi: The notice is a tri-fold color flyer that is going out that provides specifications.
- Wine and Weed Symposium: L Collister
 - Aug 8th Vineyard Creek Hyatt in Santa Rosa. Lance: 3rd annual. Alternative land uses and the tie in between wineries. Vendors will be there with equipment. Lance was able to procure a table for the FPO group to provide information on the permitting process for cannabis, etc.
- Air board regulations: L. Collister-
 - Large diesel generators are going away. They have 9 years to replace. Have to verify by the serial number on the generators. Air board is going to have a table at the Wine and Weed symposium.
- Reed removal: L. Collister
 - Aroundo bush, big reeds, invasive species. Burns hot, throws embers, common in areas of homeless encampments along the river. Prevalent in the Russian River watershed area. Linda is working with some agencies to eradicate these reeds as they pose a significant fire hazard.



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- Safety Trailer: K. Robbins/C. Foreman
 - Monies have been approved in the past to upgrade the trailer. The purchases just need to happen and then have a work day. Somebody needs to go in and make a list of the repairs and upgrades that need to happen. Cyndi is going to reach out to Steve M to arrange a time to go out to the airport and go over the trailer.
- SB182- L. Collister-
 - New Legislation regarding building in the WUI. Cities can't override the WUI regulations. Limits local authority to be less restrictive. Jessica Power- CalChiefs and CALBO are reviewing it right now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Public Education:
 - Nothing to report
- Fire Service Education:
 - Fire Alarm Classes hosted by Sonoma County- Update for 2019 and fire alarm plan review. Will be hosted in Petaluma. Hans- Fire Inspector 2 series run through NorCal. 2nd half of this year at Rancho Adobe. Linda- ICC Fire prep classes? Will check with Glenn. Fire Sprinkler class
- Code Development: I. Hardage:
 - Reviewed up to chapter 49. Ch 38 Manufacturing in an F1, doors are not required to swing out. Would like to see the group change that and Ian will bring that back to the group.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Cyndi: Bill Lellis offered to host a class on Water supplies. Willing to teach it in Windsor. 1 day class. Group is interested. Cyndi will reach out and get more information.
- Doug Williams: Introduction to the group. Now works for SMART, took over John Zanzi's position. Wanted to make mention to the group that SMART is exempt from all local ordinances. Right of way runs from Corte Madera to Healdsburg. Extension to Larkspur will be open in a couple months. SMART wants notifications on any projects that are near the railroad right away. Doug stated that weed abatement concerns can be directed to him. Emails can be sent to Dougw5591@gmail.com for concerns related to SMART.
- Jim Thompson- Discussed the topic of UL Certification for fire alarm systems. UL willing to fly out and provide the training. Will reduce false alarm and unwanted alarms. Ian is interested in it being a county wide ordinance discussion but needs more information on cost. There is a cost to the customer on the maintenance portion of the system. Jim is going to reach out to his contact at UL to see about training opportunities for the group.
- Bill Greene: Solano Co FPO's is active again.
- Jessica- AB1298 Certifications for Fire Inspections, modeled after building code certifications. More to come on that. Also asked the group if other jurisdictions are using other methods for weed abatement in lieu of disking? Feedback provided that all jurisdictions are using disking where appropriate.



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- Paul: Are jurisdictions receiving requests to review their safety plan? Yes. How are people reviewing them? Most jurisdictions are reviewing them on a case-by-case basis. Redwood Empire School Insurance Group has been working with some of the agencies on the safety plans.
- Sam: Drywall party May 1st in preparation for the live burn on May 8th. Looking for lamps, rug, small recliner.
- Cyndi: Community Resiliency Day. May 11th @ LBC. Discussion was held on signs for posting the current fire danger levels. Healdsburg is having the Boy Scouts create signs for them and will give the contact information to Cyndi for use in the Sonoma Co Fire District
- Devon: Asked a question regarding RP banning fireworks. Saw the agenda for the RP City Council Meeting discussing fireworks. Per Aron and Jim, no ban this year but beginning discussions to head down that road.
- Hans: Has an idea. Joint Plan Review for the county? A place where all plan reviews could go to get reviewed. Just an idea at this time. If anybody is interested, see Hans.

NEXT MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

May 15, 2019	Sonoma Valley Fire Rescue Authority 630 2 nd Street West Sonoma, CA	10:00	Trevor Smith trevors@svfra.org (707) 975-0864
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MOTION TO ADJOURN: IAN HARDAGE, 2ND: RUBEN MANDUJANO
ADJOURNMENT AT 1217HRS

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY D. GAMBONINI