



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION &

SONOMA COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES ASSOCIATION

Annual April 2011 Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

**Hosted by Gold Ridge Fire Dist
Station #2
April 13, 2011, 7 pm.**

Attendance:

Name	Department/Agency	Name	Department/Agency
Dan Northern	Forestville	Mark Aston	County Fire
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Ron Collier	Windsor
Bill Braga	Seb/REDCOM	John Marty	Rohnert Park
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	Eric Hoffman	Cal Fire
Doug Williams	Rincon Valley	Bob Uboldi	Kenwood
John Lantz	Rincon Valley	Peter Van Fleet	Glen Ellen
Mark McCormick	Santa Rosa	Caerleon Safford	Fire Safe Sonoma
Jeff Mathews	Bloomfield	Ron Albini	Bodega
Mike Jones	Santa Rosa	Kent Coxon	CVEMSA
Nick Neisius	Valley Ford		

Call to Order: 19:05 Chief Northern opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Chief Mulas.

Host Chief Introduction: Chief Northern thanked everyone in attendance tonight for their attendance at the funeral yesterday.

B/C Adam Shipper welcomed the group to Gold Ridge. Self-introductions were made around the room.

Approval of Minutes:

SCVFCA: Chief Aston acted on behalf of the Association president and V/P. Chief Aston called for a motion to approve the minutes. Chief Mathews moved and Aguié seconded. All were in favor.

SCFCA:

Chief Aston moved to accept the March 2011 minutes as presented, Chief McCormick seconded, all were in favor.

President's Report:

Chief Northern reported there would be no report this month, Chief Collins (ret) was on vacation.

Treasurer's Report as of April 13, 2011:

- Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association: Checking \$1643.24 and \$1,939.33 for savings.
- Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association: Checking \$698.90, W/O checking is \$17,671.16 and W/O CD is \$116,448.36. Chief Collier asked if a check had been sent, one had not. Sec/Tres confirmed the amount (\$2000.00) with Chief Williams tonight, a check would be sent the next day.

Correspondence:

- Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association: Information received from Lori Glenn for tonight's meeting.
- Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association: Annie Murphy-Springer sent us a thank you for our donation to KRCB-TV. EMCC Chair Dean Anderson sent us a letter and that item is in its own agenda item.

Presentations:

- None

Committee Reports: Chief Northern reported on a conversation between Chief Collins and Chief Grinnell concerning the desire to shorten the requirement of minutes to specifically cover action items and to those items specifically requested to be in the minutes. There were no dissenting votes or comments from those in attendance. Items of extreme importance would be followed up individually and emailed to the group if needed.

- Training Section: Regular meeting rescheduled for tomorrow at the tower.
- Prevention Section: Chief McCormick reported that solar is a big issue, as is the application of the solar standard. A presentation at Solar Sonoma County is scheduled for Monday night.
- Operations Section: Regular meeting rescheduled for tomorrow at the tower.
- District Chiefs: Met last month. Fee issue for Districts is still being discussed.
- Sonoma County VFC: (n/a this meeting)
- REDCOM: Survey will go out again, training in preparation for the fire season continues.
- CAD Group: Still working on apartment / multiple occupancies address area issues.
- Cal EMA Operational Area: May 12 is next meeting.
- County Fire: Tsunami post incident review, April 27 at Bodega Bay Fire, contact Chief Aston for more information.
- EMCC: Meeting scheduled for the 25th. James Salvante presented a first responder PCR form for Sonoma County (first aid form) agencies that want or need it. This not a mandate, but it does include an AMA release.
- Legislative: Chief Collier will be turning over is legislative email list to Chief Aston. Chief Collier told the group to get involved with the local level staffers, they are the ones that are doing the work.
- Grants: No word yet for last year and purchasing is under way for 2010 grant.
- SRJC Advisory: Chief Williams reported on the meeting last week; fire service programs are holding their own through these tough times. Ken Sabastiani is new chair of the Fire Technology Advisory committee. Volunteer program is NFPA compliant and a standard a task book has been created and out for those who would like a copy from Randy Collins (via Chief Williams). The JC is also working to expand the number of "In service" training classes needed for licenses & certificates such as Driver Operator 1A, Fire Command 1A, B & C, and Training Instructor 1A, B & C.
- CHP Liaison: No report
- Red Cross: Gary Duignan- the Red Cross van (support unit) is available for events like the recent funeral.
- Marin Chiefs Liaison: No report
- Cal Fire: Chief Hoffman reported lots of personnel changes are in the works. The Pole Mountain

Breakfast is this Sunday

- Fire Safe Sonoma. Caerleon Safford reported and handed out information of the various programs being offered.

Old Business:

- SCFCA – Website partner pricing – Chief Northern informed the group of the need to establish a price for new members who want to be partners of the website. Chief Williams moved to charge \$100 per year, Chief Aston 2nd... all were in favor.
- SCVFCA - None

New Business:

- Re-elect Chief Zanzi and D/C Bill Shubin as EMCC reps: Chief Northern read the letter from EMCC Chair Dean Anderson concerning our representatives to the EMCC. Chief Mark McCormick expressed his interest and was nominated by Chief Northern, Chief Williams 2nd...all were in favor. The 2nd position, Chief Williams nominated Chief John Zanzi, Chief Aston 2nd... all were in favor, secretary to send the letter.
- Giant's Baseball Firefighter Appreciation Bus Trip: Chief Northern presented the Giants baseball bus trip idea and asked the group if anyone wanted to assist? No interest was expressed at this time
- Presidents Plaque... Chief Northern presented Chief Collins idea of a Presidents plaque which would contain all past presidents. Chief Collier asked where it would be kept? Chief Aston suggested that it be kept with the current President. Chief Aston moved to accept the idea and to expend the funds, Chief Lantz 2nd ...all were in favor...
- Elect representative (s) to participate in Pipeline Safety Public Hearing and address our concerns Chief Northern informed the group about the pipeline safety meeting which is scheduled for May 16, from 4-7 at the Steel Lane Center, 415 Steel Lane, said Chief McCormick. Chief Aston said he did get a hard copy of the plan but they will not give specifics like the desired GIS overlay, the only items ID'd are the high pressure lines, valves and general locations. Chiefs Mark Aston and Mark McCormick volunteered as our reps for the meeting with PG&E. Dennis Smiley is also to be included. Chief Northern appointed Chiefs Aston and McCormick.

Improving Efficiency: Chief Northern commented that the new SCBA standard is due in 2012. A group purchase would be a good idea for those considering the purchase of new equipment.

Customer Service: Pole Mountain Breakfast is this Sunday; Forestville Firefighter breakfast is May 1st; Rincon Valley's Mother's Day breakfast is May 8th

Good of the Order: Chief Northern said Forestville will be removing its outdoor siren from the station if anyone wants it. Chief Collier asked Chief Albini asked to tell the group about his good looking station, Chief Albini said it is 4900 total sq. ft., room for four apparatus, a new chief's office, day room, kitchenette, dorm rooms, bathrooms, hope to move in-in a couple of months. No grant funding used. A small loan from the USDA and a lot of community support and services paid for the station.

Chief Mathews said thank you for holding an evening meeting.

Meeting adjourned in honor of Chief Mulas at 2100 hours (not sure of the time).

Next Meeting: May 11, 2011 – Hosted by City of Sebastopol Fire Department