



## **SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION & SURVIVOR'S FUND ANNUAL MEETING**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 10:30 AM**

**Hosted By Santa Rosa**

#### **Attendance:**

Sean Grinnell  
Randy Collins  
Jim Wickham  
Ray Mulas  
Dan George  
Jason Jenkins  
Scott Westrope  
Todd Derum  
Aaron Abbott  
Max Ming  
Bill Braga  
James Salvante  
Greg Martin  
Michael Palacio

Bodega Bay Fire  
SRJC  
PG&E  
Schell Vista  
Gold Ridge  
Cloverdale  
Santa Rosa  
CALFIRE  
REDCOM  
Forestville/RR  
Sebastopol  
CVEMS  
Sonoma County  
CHP

Mark Freeman  
Leonard Thompson  
Aaron Lindh  
Dean Anderson  
Frank Treanor  
Jack Piccinini  
Bill Bullard  
Jason Boaz  
James Williams  
Keith Flood  
Mark Freeman  
John Zanzi  
Al Terrell  
Roger Gass

Sonoma Valley  
Petaluma  
PG&E  
SLS  
Rancho Adobe  
Windsor/Rincon Valley  
Graton  
Healdsburg  
Sonoma County  
SRFD  
SVFRA  
SMART/Red Cross  
Sonoma County  
Nat'l Weather Service

**Call to Order/Pledge:** Chief Flood called the meeting to order at 10:37 and shared that he is representing SR on behalf of Chief Gossner who is in Sacramento. After explaining logistics, he led the Pledge.

**President's Report** Chief Braga shared the illness of Han's wife Marlene, indicated we sent flowers and wished her a quick recovery. He added that Han's has indicated he will still remain in the capacity as our Treasurer. He turned it over briefly to Jim Wickham from PG&E who spoke to some of the changes they have to their Public Safety Training materials and offered to host a meeting at their PG&E office during the up-coming year. He also introduced Aaron Lindh who has retired from Petaluma PD who is assisting in his efforts. He ended by offering the services of PG&E for any training this group or agency wishes to conduct in 2017. Bill resumed his report and recognized Chief Treanor for his service to Rancho Adobe and participation with this group. Since he will not be present at the Installation Luncheon, he awarded him a plaque from this group. A round of applause followed. Frank graciously thanked the group.

Chief Braga also thanked Chief George for the letter of support he wrote for Measure L as well as Linda Collister for her efforts writing the SRA Prevention Grant which was unfortunately denied. Chief Williams did mention that Fire Safe Sonoma was awarded a grant to provide a CWPP template for each jurisdiction. Speaking of the SRA Fee, Chief Treanor shared an update from the Howard Jarvis Tax group regarding the status of their lawsuit. Chief George shared that it is the legislature determines how the fees are spent so there may be a value of working with our representatives.

**Approval of the November Minutes, Chief's Planning Session Minutes, Approval of Survivor's Fund Minutes** (from Dec 9 2015):

A motion was made by Chief Treanor and seconded by Chief Piccinini to approve all three. The vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no Treasurer's report submitted.

**Correspondence:** There was none but Chief Braga spoke to a letter the E-Board is considering to write regarding the potential loss of UASI funds with the incoming administration.

**Presentations:** Roger Gass from the Nat'l Weather Service spoke to the predictions for weather this winter. In a nutshell, the WS predicts a weak "La Nina" this year with about normal rainfall. He did say it beats the arctic weather that the middle part of the country will experience. You can also monitor river levels at [www.weather.gov/sanfrancisco](http://www.weather.gov/sanfrancisco) For specific questions, Roger can be contacted at (831) 656-1724 or (831) 656-1717 or [roger.gass@noaa.gov](mailto:roger.gass@noaa.gov)

#### **Old Business:**

- **Nominations/Elections of 2017 Officers:** Chief Braga shared the slate of candidates for 2017. They include: Todd Derum President, Jason Boaz VP, Randy Collins Sec & Hans Henneberque Treas. Chief Piccinini made a motion that we accept the following slate Second by Chief Treanor. Unanimous vote.
- **Approval of Chief's 2017 Goals:** Chief Braga reviewed the goals from the group's planning session as well as those from the TO's/OP's. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to table the vote until the goals of the sub groups are brought before this organization.
- **Approval of 2017 Meeting Locations:** After reviewing the meeting locations, a motion was made by Chief Grinnell to accept. Chief George suggested trying to be inclusive and consider hosting a night meeting again to accommodate the VFC's. A number of potential solutions were discussed. Randy suggested we make a 2017 goal as exploring a strategy to outreach to them. After some additional discussion, Chief Piccinini offered a motion to approve the meeting schedule. Second by Chief Williams. Unanimous vote.
- **Approval of Installation Luncheon Costs:** explained at the installation luncheon the group has historically paid for the lunch of retiree's that attend. A motion was made by Chief Treanor, seconded by Chief Grinnell. Unanimous vote.

#### **New Business:**

- **Annual Donation to Survivor's Reunion:** Chief Braga reported on the earthquake in Cobb and went on to provide a brief background on the donation. Chief Freeman made a motion, second by Chief Thompson. Unanimous vote.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **OP Area & Region:** Chief George shared that he had an invoice held up because they did not show proof of unemployment insurance.
- **EMCC:** James Salvante spoke to the MCI exercise they had with an After Action forthcoming. They are also still working on the ambulance ordinances for both Sonoma & Mendocino Counties. He then shared the revised changes that have been made to the EMT regulations after the first comment period (see Attachment A for these changes). Chief Freeman asked if a skills demonstration will no longer be required for re-cert ? Randy spoke to the concerns he has regarding the lack of skills demonstration given the skills level he sees in the non-EMT providers in the refresher classes at the JC. Chief Piccinini spoke to this issue being indicative of one of the reasons we should formalize agenda items for this meeting.
- **SRJC Advisory:** Randy indicated the FFI academy only has the live burn remaining & graduation is on Friday January 6<sup>th</sup> with Chief Gray from San Rafael delivering the speech. He encouraged all present to attend. Since one of this groups (and the TO's/OP's goals is to get more local agency folks certified as SFT Skill's Evaluators, he has submitted a grant to fund the class since SFT is now charging \$80 per student. He also spoke to the new Company Officer Course offerings he has scheduled in the spring semester and handed out the schedule. If anyone has folks who would like to obtain their FFI (with IFSAC & Pro-Board) he has scheduled a Certification test class the week of May 8 which as a 1 unit class is approx. \$50 which is far less than the 300 + dollars he originally anticipated. He distributed a schedule of these courses along with projected offerings for the balance of the SFT Company Officer classes. The USAR prop project is moving forward with a lot of help from Mike Stornetta of Windsor who has been helping obtain quotes and secure donations. In conjunction with the TO's he put on Instructor IA, IB and Prevention I for the last time before their retirement. They were done through the TO's to ensure they would be delivered despite the attendance which worked well as there were only 3 in Prev I ( and subsequently set a SFT record for smallest class).The good news is the TO's still made a \$300 profit. In conjunction with the TO's, there will be a Rio course on June 6<sup>th</sup> and an Ethics on June 7.
- **Red Cross:** John thanked the group for keeping them in mind with their incidents. He added they have a paid Disaster Program Manager
- **SMART:** Chief John Zanzi encouraged the members to contact him if you have any problems in the right-of-way. They are also starting to step up their enforcement efforts including shepherding the homeless off the ROW including issuing citations. Dean asked what type of delays at crossings will be once service commences. John indicated approximately 40 seconds.

**Improving Efficiencies:** None

**Customer Service/Good of the Order:**

- Chief Piccinini encouraged the group (and our respective legislative bodies) to attend the meet & greet with Supervisor elect Hoskins at Gold Ridge's Water Trough station tomorrow from 9:30-11:30.
- Chief Piccinini also expressed his appreciation to Chief Freeman, George and Loveless for their efforts to make the Supervisor's recognize the funding needs of fire community. He further urged attendance at the BOS meeting (date TBA) when this is discussed. He also introduced Chief Treanor for becoming one of his Board Members
- Chief George spoke to the TOT letter he had prepared and of the reaction he received from some of our allied groups. What was asked for is 25% of all TOT funds raised by the measure. He added that they did get a commitment to also continue to fund dispatch fees. He added that he believes we do need to add the Fire Council as a standing agenda item for these meetings. He encouraged supporting that group whenever we can. He openly asked the group if they have received their dispatch funds? A few had not.
- Chief Ming shared they are hiring a FF-Medic & FF-EMT.
- Chief Bullard shared they recently completed conducting a large animal rescue training and have a deployable team of 11 available.
- Chief Braga indicated he will stepping down as the City/District Rep for the REDCOM Board. Arron thanked Bill for his assistance and added he will be sending out a notice asking for applications. Live MUM is in process but requires \$12K of equipment. In response to Chief George's question, a collections letter is being sent to Bell's Ambulance.
- Randy shared that he will be asking STEAC to remove the Driver Operator perquisite of FFI.

**REDCOM:** Director Abbott reminded the group to please respond back to the Run Book survey that had been sent out last week.

**Closed Session:** There was no closed session.

**Adjournment:** Chief Braga adjourned the meeting at 12:30

**Next Meeting:** January 11<sup>th</sup>, Petaluma, Installation luncheon.

Respectfully Submitted: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Randy Collins,  
Secretary

# Attachment A

## CCR Title 22 Div. 9 Chapter 2. Emergency Medical Technician

This list represents a first-pass review of the proposed updated changes to the EMT regulations. Each interested Individual or agency should review the official Public Comment release at [http://ems.ca.gov/Public\\_Comment](http://ems.ca.gov/Public_Comment) and return comments directly to the California EMS Authority. Public comment period for the second public comment period closes January 15, 2017.

This is not intended to be a complete list of all changes proposed; simply the changes CVEMSA felt would be of the most interest to system stakeholders.

### Added to basic EMT scope:

- IN/IM Naloxone for suspected narcotic OD
- Auto-injector Epinephrine for anaphylaxis or severe Asthma
- Finger stick BG (includes glucometer use)

Medication administration still in basic scope, but as a subsection that allows LEMSA to create policy only for EMTs or EMT students "...working as part of the organized EMS System..."

- Tactical Casualty Care 4 hours (TCC)

### LEMSA shall develop:

- **Policy** Some policy will be required as above, some needed to define local EMS system requirements in reference to Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs) for participating provider agencies
- **Protocol** BLS medication administration
- **Training program and CE Provider approval** to provide scope update for current EMTs

### EMT Training programs:

- Process changes for approvals, addressing deficiencies
- Added Narcan, Epinephrine, Glucometer training to curriculum
- Added 4 hours of tactical casualty care (TCC)
- 12 months to submit compliance to LEMSA after effective date of regulations
- Hours increased to 170 total hours (146 classroom hours and 24 clinical hours) Clinical includes 10 documented contacts; six clinical hours and 3 contacts may be satisfied with "high fidelity simulations" in place of actual patients.

### Certification standards:

Starting 24 months after regulations take effect, initial EMT applicants must show proof of completion of Narcan, Epinephrine, glucometer and TCC training in EMT course to qualify for certification.

### Recertification requirements:

When regulations are effective the skills verification form will no longer be required for renewal. Skills maintenance and competency now incorporated into QIP per Chapter 12

Starting 24 months from regulation adoption, Naloxone, epinephrine, glucometer and TCC proof of training required for recertification of current or expired EMTs when renewing or reinstating EMT certificate. Training may be provided by an approved EMS Training Program (Paramedic or EMT) or CE Provider. Paramedic license holders concurrently certifying as EMTs are exempt from medication and glucometer training, but must complete the TCC training to renew EMT certificate.

### 100082 Record Keeping

"...(e) The local EMS agency shall develop and implement policies for the medical control and medical accountability that shall include, but not be limited to, the EMT completing an electronic patient care record (ePCR) compliant with the current versions of the California Emergency Medical Services Information System (CEMSIS) and the National Emergency Medical Services Information Systems (NEMSIS) standards..."