



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
December 13th 2017 at 9:30 AM
Hosted By Santa Rosa

Attendance:

Jason Boaz	Healdsburg	Ron Lunardi	Occidental
Steve Akre	Sonoma Valley	Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay
Jim Colangelo	Sonoma County	Scott Westrope	Santa Rosa
Rafael Bautista	REACH	Tom Welch	Mill Valley/Marin Chiefs
Mike Mickelson	Wilmar	David Franceschi	Forestville
Bill Braga	Sebastopol	John Franceschi	Sonoma Valley
Hans Henneberque	Retired SFM	Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa
Doug Williams	Retired	Leonard Thompson	Petaluma
Bill Bullard	Graton	Dan George	Gold Ridge
Randy Collins	SRJC ARTP	Darren Bellach	Kenwood
James Salvante	CVEMS	Shana Jones	CALFIRE
Loren Davis	Mountain	James Williams	Sonoma County

Call to Order: Chief Boaz called the meeting to order at 0943

Presidents Report: Chief Boaz reported on behalf of Chief Derum who is on the Thomas Fire. He wished everyone stay safe. He also alluded to Doug Williams suggestion to hold a reception in January to recognize the 15th Anniversary of REDCOM. Chief's Gossner & Boaz will head up efforts. A desire was expressed to allow the use of Survivor's Funds monies to fund the event.

Approval of the November 2017 Meeting Minutes: Motion was made by Chief Akre & seconded by Chief Bullard Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Hans shared the following.

Chiefs General Fund:	\$ (445.59)	Survivors Checking:	\$ 2,852.40
OP's/TO's Fund:	\$ 18,098.22	Survivors Savings:	\$110,233.91
FPO General Fund:	\$ 2,781.88		
FPO Safety Trailer:	\$ 6,106.90		
FITF	\$ 1,720.09		
Career Education:	\$ 4,242.28		
Safety Pals:	\$ 7,484.22		
Safety Pals Trailer:	\$ 2,500.00		
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	\$ 24,835.37		\$ 113,096.31 *

* Note: Survivors Fund owes Chief's Fund \$6,000

Correspondence: Chief Boaz shared the peer support letter he had received from Chief Welch at Mill Valley. Chief Welch spoke on behalf of the program they wish to start which is to provide \$50k each to Sonoma Napa and Marin counties for counseling and support activities for our staff. The source is the Redwood Credit Union Fire Fund. To access it, an action by this group. Chief Gossner expressed his strong support of the program. A motion was made for the group to officially; *Support the program and accept and manage any funds so as to best support our agencies* by Chief Akre and seconded by Chief Williams. After a brief discussion the vote was called for which was unanimous.

Presentations: None however, Director Collins asked to provide a short update presentation on the JC Fire Program which was agreed to.

Old Business:

2018 Goals: Deferred to new business

New Business:

- **Boundary Drop Discussion:** Chief Colangelo shared this issue first came up during an Advisory meeting in that some had inquired what the protocol was for responding across district boundaries. He added that he felt the public's desire is to see the closest engine show up first. Chief Gossner shared some pitfalls he sees such as the different levels of funding entities provide and having to be careful not to subsidizing protection for an adjacent district. He also feels it need to be addressed by the DOAG. Ken Reese explained several years ago they went to great lengths to set up the CSA 40's to respond with resources from adjacent agencies that are more strongly staffed. Chief Thompson shared much of it depends upon the role of the VFC's. Chief George indicated that timers have an impact on the discussion and if a VFC resource does not get staffed by a certain time, the adjacent resource will be dispatched anyways. After some additional discussion, Jim will begin a discussion with Chief Thompson and come back to this group. Chief Akre reflected that any consideration of this matter should also consider the RFP that is out since they go hand-in-hand.
- **Meeting Locations:** Chief Boaz asked if the group was comfortable with the existing locations. There was agreement to stick with the same meeting locations as 2017 (see meeting location attachment)
- **Election of Officers:** Chief Boaz indicated both he and Chief Derum were willing to serve another year. Randy clarified the By-Laws specify the term is one or two years at the discretion of the membership. To that end, all agreed to allow the current E-Board continue in 2018
- **County Wide AAR:** Chief Gossner began by indicating they will be conducting an After Action Review that Chief Westrope will chair specific to Santa Rosa but expects it because it will bleed over into the rest of the county. He will also be hiring a 40 hour Battalion to assist. In this regard, Chief Jones said they have hired Eric Hoffman as a retired Annuitant to begin this process for Cal Fire but have run into road blocks with the law side. James Salvante shared they are participating in the AAR being conducted by DHS. Chief Gossner also shared he will be speaking on the fires at Firehouse World, Chief Akre thanked Chief Gossner for taking the lead on this.
- **Alerting System:** Chief Gossner indicated we do need an alerting system but both he and Chief George feels it will need to be a county-wide program. Chief Colangelo shared this will need to be taken to the Board of Supervisors. Chief Gossner added that there also needs to be a public education component and we need to be assertive with our governing bodies in making it happen.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Training/OP's:** No report
- **FPO's:** Chief Boaz reported on behalf of Chief Collister. They have been struggling with sprinklers in ADU's and will also be holding their planning meeting next Wednesday.
- **Fire Districts:** Chief George shared the January meeting will be in Kenwood on the 23rd. Chief Akre shared the concerns the Districts have regarding revenue loss due to the fires. He has been working with Senator McGuire to establish a three year plan for the State to make them whole.
- **Volunteer Fire Companies:** The meeting is next Wednesday.
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Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- **Fire Advisory Committee:** Chief Williams (Ret) summarized that they are working to establish a framework for the Council to move forward. Chief Colangelo added they will begin by looking at NFPA standards to see what the associated costs with meeting them and then develop a series of plans. He also wants to involve the EMS Committee which Chief Akre is assisting with (since EMS makes up so many of our calls). He also shared they had a meeting with the union reps who will participate but do so in an advisory capacity.
- **Fire EMS Committee:** Chief Akre reported they have resumed their meeting schedule and expect a date soon.

REDCOM: Ken Reese shared that they have had released a tremendous amount of records from requests. They are also have been short and are training staff (Ken mentioned he had to work a shift):

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Draft Goals: Chief Boaz asked about the draft Randy prepared. Among the issues that emerged were:

- Pursue obtaining a mobile comm unit
- Develop Health Care Facility Evacuation Procedures

Improving Efficiencies/Customer Service/Good of the Order:

- Randy invited the group to attend the academy graduation at 1 PM on Dec 22. He added that to save an extra trip, the Advisory Committee meeting will be that morning at 9. He ended by asking all to follow the goal adopted by this group to have their staff use the TO's as the clearing house for all classes. He shared how someone (unknown at this time) set up a private firm to offer the same SFT Company Officer courses that the college has been offering for over a year which has made it extremely difficult to fill them and created a considerable amount of additional work for him.
- Chief Williams shared they have begun issuing permits for rebuilding and are working on streamlining the process.
- Chief Bellach spoke to the interest in starting up the Zone 3 Fire Academy again.
- Chief Mulas shared they have been recruiting and hope to soon have paid call firefighters covering all shifts
- Chief Akre reported they are moving to establish a fulltime TO and are interviewing for three apprentice positions. They have an additional 9 in background
- Chief Franceschi reported that Chief Ming has resigned and he is serving in an interim capacity. They will also no longer be pursuing a shared Chief's position with Russian River.
- Chief Lunardi shared in Chief Ming's absence, he will be serving as the Zone 5 Chief
- Chief Davis shared they have 5 new volunteers.
- Chief Mickelson thanked Chief Gossner for going to Florida to receive the Wine Enthusiast award.
- Director Colangelo shared they will be speaking to Calistoga about helping Knights Valley with relief efforts.
- James Salvante reported they received the grant to fund the Pulse Point System and thanked the group. They also expect to have a draft letter on the scope of new EMT training
- Chief George reported they have received 6 applications for Volunteers. Because of the spike in public interest, their board meetings have become much longer but it is good.
- Chief Jones shared the Thomas fire is now at 237k acres and is only 15% contained so expect your resources to be gone for a while (don't expect to see Chief Derum till after Christmas). Locally, they have hired back Seasonal's and will staff 7 engines over the winter as opposed to the 2 they normally do. Hiring begins in January and they have had a spike in interest. She added they do have a robust peer support program which includes a retreat program in Anguin which she is happy to share.
- Chief Thompson reported RA will be hiring (between 3-4). They are also drafting a new contract for services between Petaluma and RA and have ordered a new Type I
- Chief Bates shared they will be taking delivery of a platform truck. He also shared a poster collage consisting of many of the agencies that responded to the recent fires and presented it to Chief Gossner.
- Duplicates can be purchased with all the proceeds going to fire recovery efforts at: <https://jerrydodrill.photoshelter.com/gallery-image/MUTUAL-AID-PROJECT/G0000Vgi0RZwQTGU/I0000dHUTdd44umo>
- Chief Gossner reported the "Gang of Five" is back and we have access to grant funding but need to get our request in by January 17th. More information to come directly from him. He ended by adding Keith Flood is retiring after 35 years.
- Chief Boaz shared they will be bringing on 7 Reserves and they have a new Type VI being built.
- Chief George suggested we pass on to the FPO's a goal to pursue the mapping grant

Closed Session: There was no closed session.

Adjournment: Chief Boaz adjourned the meeting at 11:50

Next Meeting: January 10th, Installation Lunch in Petaluma

Respectfully Submitted: December 14, 2017

Randy Collins,
SCFCA Secretary