



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
Dec 12th 2018 at 9:30 AM
Hosted By Santa Rosa

ATTENDANCE

Aaron Abbott	REDCOM	Sam Lazerich	CALFIRE
James Salvante	Costal Valleys EMS	Matt Epstein	Dry Creek
Randy Collins	SRJC ARTP	Jeff Lemelin	Mountain
Leonard Thompson	RA/Petaluma	Bill Braga	Sebastopol
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Mike Bates	Rohnert Park
Ron Lunardi	Occidental	James Williams	Sonoma County
Mark Heine	RV/Windsor	Loren Davis	Mountain
Dave Franklin	OES	Ron Busch	RV/Windsor
Dave Francheschi	Forestville	Michael Palacio	CHP
Justin Fox	Bodega Bay	Roberta MacIntyre	FSS
Mike Mickelson	Wilmar	Zach Hamill	Sonoma County
Todd Derum	CALFIRE	Scott Westrope	Santa Rosa
Shana Jones	CALFIRE	Paul Fleckenstein	CALFIRE
Doug Williams	Retired	Mike Nicholls	Cazadero

Call to Order: Chief Derum's began the meeting at 0933 and turned it over to Chief Westrope who explained logistics and lead the pledge. Chief Derum then asked for self-introductions.

Approval of Minutes/Changes to the Agenda: Motion to accept the minutes and the agenda as proposed. Motion made by Chiefs Braga & Francheschi. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report submitted by Hans was as follows:

Chiefs General Fund:	\$5,821.27
Survivors Fund:	\$105,896.31
OP's/TO's Fund:	\$17,873.79
FPO Safety Trailer:	\$7,681.90
Career Succession:	\$2,967.16
FPO General Fund:	\$3,320.78
FITF	\$2,048.05
Safety Pals Gen. Fund:	\$41,435.32
Safety Pals Trailer:	\$2,500.00
	\$189,544.58

Motion to approve by Chief Braga, second by Davis. Unanimous vote.

Correspondence: None received.

Old Business: Roberta MacIntyre provided an update on Fire Safe Sonoma's activities which include a grant with Oakmont Village. She shared the new "Ready Set Go" document which is a draft. To that end, she is looking for feedback and asked the group to respond by January 1 to her if you have any suggested changes.

New Business:

- **Election of 2019 Officers.** With Chief Heine & Akre candidates for the VP's position and Chief Akre absent. Chief Braga made a motion to defer the election until January. Second by Chief Williams. Unanimous vote.
- **Selection of 2019 Meeting Locations:** Chief Derum reviewed the 2018 locations and asked the group's pleasure. Both Randy and Chief Lunardi offered their facilities. To that end, the 2019 schedule will remain the same with the exception of May at the PSTC and October in Occidental.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Strategic Leadership Group:** Chief Heine reported the apparatus and facilities planning is moving forward. Two weeks ago there was a productive meeting with Labor on funding for the VFC's. They also hope to have a draft MSR prepared by the end of January. Chief Derum reminded the group that the SLG is a sub-section of this group and represents us all. To that end, if there are concerns or disagreements, he encouraged them to be voiced here, not in public. Chief Heine added that the 3 goals were to: Maintain the viability of the VFC's, to meet facility/apparatus needs and provide funding to prevent service interruptions.
- **Regional Zone Reports:** Chief Derum asked for and received the following reports from the Zones:
 - Zone 1: No report
 - Zone 2: The BOS agreed to support the Haz-Mat team but CUPA & Prevention will be going to the PRMD. In the meantime they will continue to do fire investigations and their phones will remain the same.
 - Zone 3: No report
 - Zone 4: No report
 - Zone 5: Chief Lunardi reported they continue to meet but are in a wait and see mode until the next election. He also shared Monte Rio's measure passed.
 - Zone 6: Chief Epstein reported they have erected a temporary station until a permanent one is constructed.
 - Zone 7: Chief Heine reported today is the application filing date with LAFCO for their consolidation.
 - Zone 8: Chief Braga shared they are working on creating a shared "Duty" Chief and exploring ways to fund it.
 - Zone 9: No reportOES: Chief Franklin thanked the group for their commitment this last summer and spoke to the MMS being stripped multiple times. He shared that Pre-Pos will now be used for mudslides and that the new Gov. will appoint a new Director. Chief Zagaris will also be retiring as an RA by the end of the year. Type III's are being built right now and specs for the Type VI's are being developed.
- **Training/OP's:** Randy reported they met yesterday after their Nov. meeting was rescheduled due to the Camp Fire. In addition to a presentation by Pump Pods (a water reclamation system), the following items were covered:
 - Review of the draft Drawdown Policy which will be amended to reflect feedback received from the group with the plan to take to this group for approval early next year.
 - Reviewing the 2018 goals of which were all completed except the Response to Violent Incidents policy.
 - Establishing draft goals for 2019 (see attached)
 - Electing Officers for 2019 who are Spencer Andreis-President, Gina Petersen-VP and Randy-Sec.Randy also provided a detailed report on the following items with the JC Fire Program:
 - They received a Draeger Phase II prop, conducted the training for their burn cadre and are ready to use
 - The 94th FFI academy has completed all testing and will hold their live fire this weekend using the new Drager prop. All are welcome to attend the graduation on Dec 21 at 1000. Chief Derum will be the speaker. The Fire Advisory meeting will follow immediately after with lunch provided. All are welcome.
 - To help develop a path for the academy students, we will be hosting the FCTC written test on Jan 12 at the PSTC. If you have any volunteers who may be interested, it's posted on the FCTC website.
 - All but two of the Forcible Entry props funded by our \$50k grant have been delivered and were mounted and are being used by Wes Kitchel's Rohnert Park Truck class. Speaking of, the Truck Academy class is scheduled to be delivered the week of May 6 & 13.
 - They are jointly sponsoring a number of SFT courses with the TO's and he distributed a class listing
 - For those interested in pursuing a Bachelor's, an articulation agreement has been established with HSU's on-line Leadership program. In order to maximize the number of units that can be transferred, he has begun to re-numbering many of the SFT courses (I.E. SFT Ethical Leadership is going from 202 to 50).
 - The Chancellor's Office has changed the formula used to fund Community Colleges with an emphasis on only paying for those who complete degrees, certificates and/or transfer to a four year college. This is one reason he developed the articulation agreement with HSU and why he is working with a State group to approve the delivery of a Company Officer degree using the SFT CO courses.
 - Eleanor Ratliff just completed Tenure
 - The Mike Haberski Scholarship was awarded for the first time this semester to the academy class leaderHe also shared the following changes on the State Fire Training front:
 - They are going to Digital Course returns and handed out a bulletin explaining the process
 - They are in the process of doing a fee study and they can be expected to go up but not until 2021
 - Effective Jan 1, anyone who instructs FFI or II will need to be an Instructor I. For those who are not, a historical recognition process has been developed and he circulated the SFT bulletin. If you have an interest in working in our program and would like to be included in our list of "Historically Recognized" instructors to let him know.

- SFT has begun using their new ACADIS RMS which allows each SFT student an on-line portal where you can access your educational history (transcripts) and even print certificates (soon to be called diplomas)
- **FPO's:** Doug Williams reminded the group their Christmas lunch is next Wednesday at Windsor
- **Fire Districts:** No report
- **Volunteer Fire Companies:** No report

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- **Fire EMS Committee:** James Salvante shared Chris Thomas did a great job as a facilitator but is moving on and is being replaced by Chief Williams. One of the critical items they are looking at in the RFP is how the EOA is expected to change with the consolidations that are occurring. To that end, they will be reaching out to City Managers and the governing Boards. They also hope to have Chief Bullard come aboard to discuss performance matrixes based on his experience in Santa Cruz.
- **County Alerting System:** Zach Hamill shared their next meeting is Jan 9 at 2 PM and the BOS appointed Chris Godley as the new Emergency Manager.
- **Sonoma OP Area Up-Staffing Plan:** No report.

REDCOM: Director Abbott shared they are working on their active shooter protocols and breaking the matter into individual topics and assigning task forces to each. They are also looking into how to incorporate CAL-COM into their system. There have also been some very preliminary inquiries from Marin County about dispatch services. Their Board has also approved the installation of a media wall to help monitor many of the new inputs coming into the center.

Closed Session: None

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- James Salvante reported Image Trend remains available despite Doug Butler leaving.
- Chief (Doug) Williams indicated he will be happy to meet with anyone who wishes to discuss EMS issues but did say he would be limited at his attendance of these meetings due to conflicts
- Chief Jones wished everyone a Happy Holiday
- Commander Bates shared they took delivery of a Type I. He shared they have a new Chief (Tim Mattos) and look forward to his presence. Their council also approved a re-org which includes Asst. Chiefs for each division
- Director Abbott shared they are trying to discourage the use of the 7 digit 911 phone numbers as there has been interest in using them in the north county. Chief Derum shared a pertinent 911 story with the group
- Chief Fleckenstein shared the burn ban has been lifted in the north county and will be lifted in the BA Monday
- Chief Heine will be conducting promotional exams for Capt. & BC in January and will follow-up with FF. They also have an open recruitment for Finance Manager and Admin. Assist.
- Chief Westrope reported they expect the temporary Fountain Grove station to open this weekend
- Chief Davis introduced Chief Jeff Lemelin who will be taking over at the end of the month. He encouraged folks to attend their fund raiser this Saturday at the Triple S Ranch.
- On the occasion of his retirement, Commander Palacio thanked the group for the camaraderie and professionalism they have shared with him and his organization. A round of applause followed.
- Chief Epstein reported his position was made full-time and they now have 7 full-time employees
- Chief Williams reminded the group to consider continuing to support the Survivors Fund in 2019.
- Chief Derum reminded everyone to attend the Installation Luncheon in January and to recognize staff. He ended by thanking the group for the privilege of serving as President for the last 2 years. His last day will be Dec 28 after 37 years (and 10 on an IMT). He does plan on sticking around. Chief Francheschi immediately offered him a Volunteer BC position. A round of applause followed.

Adjournment: Motion by Braga to adjourn, second by Chief Mickelson.

Next Meeting: January 9th at Petaluma (Installation luncheon)

Respectfully Submitted: December 12, 2018

Randy Collins,
SCFCA Secretary