



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES Hosted by Santa Rosa Fire December 9th, 2009 0930 HOURS

Attendance

John Zanzi	Sebastopol	Larry Anderson	Petaluma
Randy Collins	Healdsburg	Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe
Chuck Abshear	Cal Fire	Bill Braga	REDCOM
John Lantz	Rincon Valley	Mark Aston	County DES
Dan Northern	Forestville	Mark McCormick	Santa Rosa
Paul Pigoni	Geyserville	Dean Anderson	Sonoma Life Support
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	Kent Coxon	Coastal Valleys EMS
Ron Collier	Windsor	Bob Norrbom	Sonoma Valley
Peter Van Fleet	Glen Ellen	Andy Pforsich	Santa Rosa / Gold Ridge
Mike Mickelson	Cal Fire	Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay/Russian Rvr
Bob Uboldi	Kenwood	Doug Williams	Rincon Valley
Bruce Varner	Santa Rosa	Will Horne	Mayacammas

Call to Order: Chief Collins called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Chief Tony Pini.

Host Chief Introduction: Chief Varner welcomed everyone and discussed the recent passing of retired Santa Rosa Chief Tony Pini. Services for Chief Pini are tentatively planned for December 19th - Chief Shubin will be the liaison with the family, he will be assisted by Chief Lantz (for developing an IAP). Chief Varner reflected on Chief Pini's career and his many accomplishments.

Approval of Minutes: No changes to the November minutes as presented. Minutes approved.

President's Report: Chief Zanzi noted this is last meeting as president. He expressed appreciation to the association for the support.

Treasurer's Report as of October 31st: Chiefs Account = **\$2,585.29**. W&O Fund Total Balance = **\$133,037.09** (\$115,403.38 7-month CD + \$17,633.71 checking account = TOTAL \$133,037.09)

Correspondence (can also be found on web site) - None

Presentations:

- Sonoma County District Attorney Stephan Passalacqua spoke briefly and reflected on recent interaction with the fire service. He mentioned recent accomplishments such as arson convictions – and requested feedback from the Chiefs.

Pending Presentations for Future Meetings

- Bunker – refresher skills program at SRJC



Committee Reports

- **Training Section:** Chief Treanor – last meeting in Kentfield on December 7th. Chief Williams also attended. The organization’s officers will be changing in March. Mike Haberski will stay as president until March. The group is seeking better coordination with Chiefs Association and will be attending the January Meeting.
- **Prevention Section:** Chief Collins – Met in Healdsburg on November 18th. Committee working on joint adoption of the 2010 California fire code. Most departments already have a representative on the committee. If you would like to see specific amendments – contact your rep or Chief Collins. The prevention section is looking at establishing a juvenile fire setters program. Fire Safe Sonoma advises a draft of the CWPP is out for review – Send feedback to Caerleon Safford at csafford@mcn.org or contact Caerleon by phone at (707) 206-5467. The tentative timeframe for submission to BOS is February.
- **Operations Section:** Chief Lantz – Next meeting is scheduled for January 12th at the tower. Wrapped up pending items regarding incident support team (including identification and dispatch mechanism for qualified participants – see attachments) – seeking adoption by Chiefs Association at the January meeting as an agenda item (**January agenda**). Held a facilitated planning meeting in Kentfield last week. Tom Forester was involved in a vehicle accident and was unable to attend. Tom was hospitalized but is back home recovering – Tom can be reached at 530-836-1086 - 65 Eureka Springs Drive, PO box 96, Blairsden, CA 96103
- **District Chiefs:** Chief Garcia – Next meeting will be hosted by Rancho Adobe – January 28th. Chief Northern is the new VP of the organization.
- **VFC Association:** Chief Horne: Meeting scheduled for tonight, the association is getting good participation from members. Steering committee continues work on implementing recommendations included in the recent CSA 40 report.
- **REDCOM:** Dick Luttrell – Bill Braga: Ken Reese wanted to remind everyone of a map roll going on today. Phase I construction is underway. Bill Braga mentioned the Cost Allocation group met Monday in Geyserville and the group has developed a methodology. Planning to present to the REDCOM Board on January 14th (including 2009 data).
- **CAD Group:** Meeting this afternoon at the tower to address what can be done to utilize CAD to communicate site-specific information (starting with HAZMAT info). This has been a complex process that requires many parties to provide various components of the data. Grant funding may be available to implement. Annual map update of discs should be done in January for those who want to refresh their map data. Hard copy maps can be provided from County reprographics – cost depends on paper type.
- **OES Operational Area:** Meeting next Tuesday to ratify the proposed change of regional coordinator. To Alameda County has been designated to run the dispatch operation since



Chief Richter is in Orange County. The new Strike Team rotation assignment list is current through March to give the chiefs an opportunity to review.

- **County DES:** Chief Aston – Mentioned that Robert MacIntyre was the successful candidate for the position of County Fire Marshal. Homeland security grant for 2009 to acquire boats is in process. Held the second disaster preparedness forum last night in the lower Russian River area. Winter Wildland assignments – discussed with Zones 8 & 9 at a recent meeting. CICC meeting after the installation meeting in January. Personnel who have previously been approved as Strike Team Leaders are still approved for the position unless they have been advised otherwise by the CICC committee.
- **EMCC:** Kent Coxon – next meeting January 25th. State EMS has approved new licensing / background check regulations which will take effect July 1st. Have no feedback yet regarding any changes which may have been made as a result of public comment – will advise once EMCC gets word. The most significant issue is the background check. Kent will provide guidance on how to waive the need to repeat a livescan if it was already done before July 1st. After July 1st – a waiver letter cannot be accepted. For purposes of renewals, be aware the EMCC offices will be closed from Dec 24 to Jan 4th.
- **Legislative:** Chief Collier – Discussed various initiatives that are targeting public pensions. Chief Collins advised this will be his last year as serving as the legislative coordinator (he will follow current session through December). State budget for 2010 – 2011 fiscal year is \$20 billion short – expect continued fiscal difficulties. Expect County property tax revenues to be flat for coming year.
- **Grants:** Chief Zanzi – advised SAFER grants are open through the 18th. Can apply for funding to hire back personnel who were laid off. Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) just opened grant submission. Chief Zanzi advised regional OTS proposals have a much better chance of getting funded. For example - Rincon, Windsor Geyserville, and Healdsburg are preparing a regional proposal to obtain funding for standardizing extrication systems.
- **SRJC Advisory:** Next Meeting Jan 15th – no report
- **CHP Liaison:** No Report.
- **Red Cross:** No Report
- **Marin Chief's Liaison:** Chief Northern – No major concerns / issues.

Old Business

- **New Officers for 2010:** Chiefs Williams and Collier led the discussion and nominated Randy Collins as President, Chuck Abshear as Vice President, and Dan Northern as Secretary – Treasurer. Chief Aston motioned that these nominations be accepted and



approved as the Organization's officers for 2010, second from Chief Treanor. The Officers were approved unanimously. These officers will serve for both the Chiefs Association and the Widow's & Orphan's Fund.

- CAD – Default non-fire season dispatch to vegetation fires. CAD group has recommended that one engine be dispatched. The CAD “recommend” can always be overridden by any responding agency (by requesting additional resources) if conditions warrant. The implementation will be handled by REDCOM (will create a new event category rather than changing the recommend twice a year). Chief Williams moved to approve the implementation, second from Chief Aston – approved unanimously.

New Business

- Meeting Locations: Chief Collins – this topic was discussed at the recent strategic planning meeting. There is interest in changing the April & October meeting location, dates & times accommodate increased participation and coordination with the Volunteer Association. Chief Horne will discuss with CSA 40 group – Chief Pforsich offered to have October meeting instead of September – and have the Coast Guard host the September meeting. Chief Collins will research and advise the group at the next meeting – **(January agenda)**.
- Chiefs Assn web site: 1) Chief Zanzi suggested a survey to get feedback on web site. 2) REDCOM interested in moving to different site – currently hosted by EMCC. Discussed various aspects of the current website. Will discuss at next meeting – **(January agenda)**.

Customer Service / Good of the order

- Chief Anderson: Mike Haberski is retiring in March from Petaluma. Also noted an issue with Kaiser testing commercial license renewals for new future 2011 recommended standard (involves BMI) – this has created some confusion for an issue that is designed for long-haul drivers.
- Chief Northern mentioned Target Safety can track DMV pull notices.
- Chief Abshear: Battalion Chief Edy Ullman is retiring – last Day Dec 18th will not fill till May at earliest– Mickelson will cover until position filled. Cal Fire recently received a check in the amount \$11.45 million for cost recovery from the 2004 Geysers fire.
- Chief Collier: Webmaster for Windsor Fire charges \$95 per hour – name at bottom of website.
- Chief Collins: 501c3 application has been submitted.
- Chief Williams reminded everyone to invite past retired Chiefs to the January luncheon. Nominations for the Carl Harrison Award should be provided to Chiefs Williams or Zanzi ASAP.
- Chief Williams asked about participation in memorial services for Doc McCLary. The Association will donate \$50.00 in Doc's memory to a charitable organization selected by the family. In regard to actions for Chief Pini's memorial – the e-board will follow-up.

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Closed Session:

- N/A

Meeting adjourned 11:50 hrs

Next Meeting: January 13th, 2010 – Annual Awards & Installation Luncheon, Hosted by Rancho Adobe. RSVP to Chief Treanor or Jennifer Ober at 795-6011 (or email Chief Treanor at ftreanor@rafd.org). Lunch is free for retired members, \$20 all others.

Respectfully submitted – Chuck Abshear, Secretary / Treasurer, December 14, 2009.