

SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION



Widows and Orphans Fund Annual Meeting

AGENDA

Hosted by Santa Rosa Fire
Transit Department Conference Room, 55 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa
December 8, 2010, 9:30 am.

Attendance:

Bill Braga	SFD/REDCOM	John Marty	Rohnert Park
Bruce Varner	Santa Rosa	John Lantz	Rincon Valley
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	Randy Collins	Sotoyome
Doug Williams	Rincon Valley	Ron Collier	Windsor
Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe	Eric Hoffman	Cal Fire
Larry Anderson	Petaluma	John Zanzi	Sebastopol
Andy Pforsich	Gold Ridge/B Valley	Kent Coxen	Coastal Velleys EMS
Mark Aston	Sonoma County	Brian Elliot	Cloverdale
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Chuck Abshear	Cal Fire retired
Gary Duignan	Red Cross	Peter VanFleet	Glen Ellen
		Karlene Silva	PG&E

Call to Order: 10:50

Chief Collins called the Widows and Orphans fund portion of the meeting back to order at 10:50 and asked Chief Williams to provide a brief history of the W/O fund. Doug shared that the fund began as a function of the Sonoma County Firemen's Association by Howard Reeser of Sebastopol FD and the original fee was \$.25 per year, supplemented by fund raisers. After the group went defunct, the Chiefs Association assumed oversight of the fund which it has done for some twenty years. There are currently two benefits. One for non-line of duty death of an active member which is \$2000 or 2% of fund (whichever is less). The second benefit is for a line of duty death with a benefit amount of \$5000 or 5% of the fund (whichever is less). There has been no use of the benefits recently-thankfully. Chief Pforsich asked if we are going to broaden the benefits of the fund? **A.** It is a tentative goal of the organization for 2011 to amend the procedures to do so but will be dependent upon approval of that goal.

Approval of minutes:

Chief Collins asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of the 2009 W/O annual meeting. Chief Treanor moved to approve the 12-9-09 minutes, 2nd by Chief Williams no discussion and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

W&O Fund 7 Month CD:	17,660.20\$	As of 10/31/10
<u>W&O Checking Account:</u>	<u>116,316.38\$</u>	<u>As of 11/1/10</u>
Total:	135,648.89\$	

Disbursements for 2010:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Disbursement Policy Changes- This is one of the goals for 2011. More to come.
- Officers for 2011 are: Randy Collins, President; Dan Northern, Vice-President; Sean Grinnell, Secretary/Treasurer.

Adjourn:

Chief Collins adjourned the W/O meeting and reconvened back to Chiefs meeting.