



**SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS
ASSOCIATION MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2020 at 9:30 AM
Sonoma County Fire District ST 1**

ATTENDANCE

Daren Bellach	Kenwood	Leonard Thompson	Pataluma/RAFD
Bill Bullard	Graton	Dean Anderson	AMR
Jeff Schach	Petaluma	Mark Heine	Sonoma County Fire District
Ben Nicholls	CAL FIRE	James Salvante	Coastal Valley EMS
Bill Braga	Sebastopol	Ron Busch	Sonoma County Fire District
Matt Epstein	DCRFD	Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa
Dave Franceschi	Forestville	Mike Nicholls	Cazadero
Jason Boaz	Healdsburg	Shepley Schroth-Cary	NBF/Gold Ridge
Doug Williams	SMART	James Williams	Sonoma County
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Mark Courson	OES
Dan George	NBF/Gold Ridge	Mike Mickelson	NBF/Wilmar
Robert Johnson	Sonoma County Fire District	KT McNulty	REDCOM
Mark Dunn	Sonoma County Fire District	Matt Gustafson	Sonoma County Fire District
Cyndi Foreman	Sonoma County Fire District	Caerleon Safford	Permit Sonoma
Jim Wickham	PG&E	Mark Pomi	Kentfield Fire
Mike Bates	RPPS		

Call to Order: Chief Boaz began the meeting at 0932 and led the pledge.

Host Chief Introduction: Chief Heine welcomed everyone

Presidents Report: Chief Association Officer Shirts have been handed out. County wide Lexipol program did not meet the February 1st deadline to have the County pay for all agencies who have Lexipol. The County agreed to pay \$100,000.00. Lexipol came in at \$98,000.00. It was decided that we could not agree to that amount with no room for growth. We may have to back out the cities. Jason will look more into this with Lexipol, trying to lower the fees. If you are a District, hold off on paying your bill for now.

Changes to the Agenda: Caerleon Safford to do a presentation on the County wide CWPP. Jim Wickham from PG&E will be doing a presentation as well.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Chief Grinnell, second by Chief Heine. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Hans reported the following:

Chiefs General Fund:	\$1,510.16
Survivors Fund:	\$105,896.31
OP's/TO's Fund:	\$2,015.92
TO's Command Grant	\$25,000.00
FPO Safety Trailer:	\$8,956.90
Career Succession:	\$1,375.64
FPO General Fund:	\$1,977.57
Youth Fire Setter Fund	\$41.53
FITF	\$1,613.49
Safety Pals Gen. Fund:	\$36,850.47
Safety Pals Trailer:	\$2,500.00
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	\$187,737.99

Hans reported that the last Treasurer's report had some errors. In August he failed to record a \$120.00 deposit for a class fee. In January he had failed to show a deposit for the Annual Lunch fees of \$867.04 and had posted the wrong amount for the D&S Award plaque.

Correspondence: Email from Chief Gossner, from Cal Chiefs: To clean up the language in a trailer bill, First Responder fees to be applicable to all fire service organizations. Co-sponsor community paramedic bill from last session. EMS summit group to look at EMS delivery through 2025. More details on the Cal Chiefs website.

Presentation: Chief Bullard – Sonoma County Dive Team – Reported on what first responders can do help the dive team prior to arrival and while on scene. Witness interviews, what to ask and how to triangulate positions on a map. For more information or to learn about joining the team, contact Bill Bullard at 707-292-7286

Jim Wickham – PG&E – Gas Academy in Winters free to agencies in March, Community Wildfire Safety Program with new safety measures. If any agency does a control/prescribed burn, please contact Jim. Underground gas lines will melt and cause leaks, Jim can check the maps and advise you on any underground lines.

Caerleon Safford – CWPP – To conduct hazard fuel reduction projects. Identify areas that need hazard reduction, Mitigate on how to handle the hazards. Increase awareness on wildfire risk. Find ways to include the fire attack maps into the program. Funding is not guaranteed, but projects that are currently in the program will get priority. The CWPP is tied into the County Hazard Mitigation Program. Projects should be done by 2022 which is also the end of the grant period. Trying to figure out how to break down the data throughout the County creating boundaries, using Supervisor District maps, fire zones, PRMD perk tests maps, Regional Zone maps, and historical fire boundaries are needed to be figured out.

Chief Mark Heine – Cal Chiefs Report – Largest attendance this last year for the annual conference. This year's conference will be in Santa Clara in September. A lot of focus right now on AB1705 Federal reimbursement programs for MediCal and Medicare. Huge focus on the PSPS and how we interact with insurance companies and private fire companies. 2020 goals will be looking for agencies to join Cal Chiefs, EMS and Wildfire. The State is pushing OES on how do we get resources quicker the Mutual Aid system does not work. ROSS will be shut down March 1st and IROC will replace it and start up on March 12. No one has been trained on the new system.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Measure G Endorsement Motion: Chief Heine, 2nd: Chief Gossner, Unanimous vote. FSWG trying to get the word out and get endorsements. No organized opposition as of today. Marin County will be endorsing Measure G as well as their own Measure.

Remaining funds from the County to facilitate mental heal programs \$1,667.00. Suggestions on how to spend, Sending 1 or 2 to a Sue Farren Conference and CISM training were options. Send an email to Chief Boaz with your suggestions.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Fire Service Working Group:** Chief Heine reported in addition to the above, LAFCO Commission has asked to address recommendations for a Sphere of influences by mid-March. Addressing the funding needs for CSA40. LAFCO reimbursements have been provided to the Supervisors for agencies in the process during 2020. All risk rather than wildfire contract amendment language during Red Flag Warnings. Joe Peterson stepped down from the FSWG group and Bob Taylor has stepped up to take his place.
- **Regional Zone Reports:** Chief Boaz asked for and received the following reports

CALFIRE: Chief Nichols shared the California Climate Investment Grants have been sent off to Sacramento to see who will be getting the next wave of grants. Agencies are not reaching out to the unit before submitting the grant. If there's a want or need to do something locally, please reach out to the local BC or Ben to start that process. 2 C-130's will be starting flight hours without tanks by this fire season and will be available.

Copter 104 still on target for this summer. Boggs underway with larger pad development for the new copter. Region Fuels Crews – 10 across the state, 5 north and 5 south. 1449 will be the identifier for the crew for this unit who is in Davis and will be trying to move them to Sonoma County.

Zone 3: Chief Bellach reported Sonoma Valley Fire continuing to fill the FF Paramedic spots internally and externally. Application into LAFCO for the reorganization.

Zone 4: No report

Zone 5: Chief Franceschi reported the Region is trying to figure out where they all are going to be split. Will be putting in for a grant for direct fiber connection to the station. Ca. Public Utility Commission is asking for an App from PG & E for reporting damage to PG & E infrastructure. They are asking any agencies with comments to be submitted to them.

Zone 6: Chief Boaz reported Geyserville and Cloverdale still moving forward with the JPA. LAFCO will begin working on the MSR for the North County. Healdsburg has brought on 8 new reserve firefighters. Chief Epstein reported he has 9 volunteers in their volunteer academy. Insurance companies selling death/accident insurance to fire agencies as a pay as you go that are under insured and not able to pay claims, CSFA is working on a AB to stop this. If this is something you have questions or comments on, Contact Chief Epstein. CSFA is working on Prop 172 and asking Sacramento to do an audit on it. The audit will be done on certain counties to see how much money is the fire service vs law enforcement is getting. It was asked if the Fire Chiefs would like to participate (Sonoma County) in the audit. Question came up from Chief Heine, what is the risk? We know we are not receiving the funds. Chief Boaz asked for this to be added to new business for next month's meeting. Chief Epstein asked the group if anyone is interested in training on (Name to be determined) proper terminology regarding LGBT education. He will send out a flier and date/location when he receives it.

Zone 7: Chief Heine reported July 1st go live date for the annexation of Russian River and Bodega Bay. Finished a recruitment for volunteers, 19 in background right now. Concerns on the Region Zones having to change now with consolidations happening along with running out of engine numbers county wide.

Zone 8: Continuing to meet, focusing on operational how to work together.

Zone 9: Chief Schach reported BC Dave Cahn has retired, Interim positions filling the position, ladder truck is out of service. Battalion Chief boundary drop in South County is working well. Radio Emergency Button (Motorola Radio) is getting close to be completed, Training will start next month. Still looking and discussing collaborations and consolidations with South County. BC Mike Bates reported that RP west side station went out to bid at around \$900.00+ sq. ft. There are 2 BC's working under him. A few people have left the agency, Mike said he will be leaving next month and is in background with SMART. The truck has been out of service since June. Six month rotations on the fire side as of now.

OES: Chief Courson reported the request list for OES apparatus needs to be updated for requests and passed the list around. Fire Dept. census form is out, it tied into the MARS program, the deadline is February 21 to have it completed. Issues with the contractor for the MARS program right now. If you have not signed in or received an invitation, please contact the help desk to make sure you get notice of it.

- **Training/OP's:** No report
- **FPO's:** Cyndi Foreman reported she has free massages to give out from the Windsor Chamber of Commerce. They were able to raise enough funds to buy 45 massages.
- **Fire Districts:** No Report
- **Volunteer Fire Companies:** Chief Mickelson reported they have a board meeting tonight and the Board of Supervisors approved the tax shift for Mayacamas to Sonoma Valley Fire.
- **Vegetation Management:** Chief Williams shared the season is over and the program has been retooled. Inspections will be starting June 1st. Training will start in the next 60 days.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- **Fire/EMS:** Chief Schach reported Emergency Medical Care Council talked about the Corona Virus, REDCOM noted they are asking questions regarding the virus on 911 calls. Pulse Point App being used and activated many times. Still need to verify AED's with-in the App. AED's must be verified to show up in the App. Look for un-verified AED's that need to be verified with-in the App. Looking into the homeless and mental health. What are other ways to get the population out of the emergency services side to create less of an impact?
- **County Alerting System:** No report
- **Sonoma OP Area Up-Staffing Plan:** Chief Gossner reported Fire Scope has developed a pilot program Expedited Resource Response Plan for immediate need resources with the big agencies to the south, Ventura, L.A. County. Looking at developing a plan for us from this program. Chief George reported that he is still missing invoices from agencies for the County up staffing from last season.

REDCOM: KT McNulty reported they had their kickoff meeting for the Marin County Feasibility Study for providing dispatch services for all of Marin's Fire and EMS Agencies. REDCOM Director recruitment is still underway, down to 3

candidates. CAD upgrade will be starting next week. Issue with Tablet Command and being able to pull data from the CAD into the tablet software. Working on way to fix it.

Closed Session: None

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- Chief Bates stated that the new station came in at 4300 sq. ft. at \$906.00 sq. ft. All the bids came in under \$5M.
- Chief Gossner stated that Santa Rosa approved to purchase a new truck. Approx. 350 days to build. They will have a truck available to sell if anyone is interested.
- Chief Mark Pomi mentioned Marin County has Measure C on the March ballot it's JPA with 17 different agencies. Marin County Fire Chiefs meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month.
- Doug Williams stated that the Survivors Reunion is ramping up again and will be May 23rd. SMART Measure I on the Ballot for March. If anyone has a project that involves the railroad right of way, to engage early with communication to SMART. Anyone who would like SMART training, connect with Doug.
- Chief Nichols Stated that Marshal is making progress with the Mark West Pre Attack Maps. They should be ready by fire season this year.
- Chief Bullard stated his Board approved to hire a half time admin. Assistant. If you know anybody that might be interested please contact him.
- James Salvante stated the EMS Agency is looking for an extra help EMS coordinator.
- Dean Anderson stated the new regional Director for Sonoma County will be Brian Hendrickson from Napa County. Dean will continue to advise and mentor through the company.
- Chief Boaz will be attending an event tonight that represents the Fire Chiefs group, Leadership Santa Rosa Chops Team Club Ballot Party providing info on Measure G.

Adjournment: At 12:00

Next Meeting: March 11th Healdsburg Fire Department

Respectfully Submitted,

Daren Bellach
SCFCA Secretary