



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
February 8th 2017 at 9:30 AM
Hosted By Windsor

Attendance:

Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay Fire	Steve Akre	Sonoma Valley
Randy Collins	SRJC	Loren Davis	Mountain
Darren Bellach	Kenwood	Dean Anderson	AMR
Dan George	Gold Ridge	Jason Jenkins	Cloverdale
Jack Piccinini	Windsor/Rincon Valley	Will Horne	Mayacamas
Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa	Bill Bullard	Graton
Todd Derum	CALFIRE	Jason Boaz	Healdsburg
Aaron Abbott	REDCOM	James Williams	Sonoma County
Max Ming	Forestville/RR	Bill Braga	Sebastopol
James Savante	CVEMS	Greg Martin	Sonoma County
Al Terrell	Sonoma County	James Salvate	OES
Doug Williams	Retired	Mark Bramfitt	LAFCO
Rafael Bautista	REACH	Bill Shubin	Santa Rosa
Leonard Thompson	Petaluma	Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay
Jim Colangelo	SO Co Consultant	Hank Angeli	San Antonio
Jim Hughes	ISO	Andy Bolton	ISO
John Evans	CHP		

Call to Order: Chief Derum called the meeting to order at 09:30.

Host Chief Intro/Pledge: Chief Piccinini shared logistics, explained lunch and led the pledge

President's Report Chief Derum was brief as it was his first meeting as President. He did speak to the mission of our organization to represent all fire agencies and his intent to be respectful and inclusive during his term.

Approval of January Minutes: Motion was made by Chief George & seconded by Chief Williams. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report showed the following balances.

Chiefs General Fund:	(\$101.48)	Survivors Checking:	\$2,911.63
OP's/TO's Fund:	\$16,155.24	Survivors Savings:	\$110,108.97
FPO Dues	\$750.00		
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	\$16,803.76		\$113,020.60

Correspondence: Chief Derum spoke to the update on Han's wife Marlene and circulated the Calif Wildfire Group's workshop flyer in San Diego. Chief Braga made a motion to help Marlene's "Go Fund Me" efforts to donate \$1,000 to their account. Second by Chief George. Unanimous vote. Randy shared the email from Richard Slofkosky of the BAUASI forwarded from Linda Collister thanking the group for the letter we sent to the Alameda BOS in December urging continued funding of the program. Thanks in part to our efforts, they elected to continue funding the program including the annual Urban Shield exercise.

Presentations: Andy Bolton & Jim Hughes from ISO gave a detailed presentation on their organization, the Public Protection Classification (PPC) process and the 47,000 fire agencies they rate throughout the country. He spoke to the benefits provided by undergoing a PPC. Some key points included the following:

- They revamped the process a few years ago and it is much easier than it used to be and more credit is given for "Community Risk Reduction" – CCR (i.e. Prevention) efforts.

- The cycle for rating is 4 years (as opposed to the old 8-10 year). Because this keeps data current, it has led to an easier process.
- The process is officially called the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) and is based on a first alarm schedule. 105.5 points are possible with the system relying heavily on adherence to NFPA standards
- In CA, Class Ratings are broken down as follows: 178 Class I, 99 Class II, 215 Class III, 213 Class IV, 203 Class V & 86 Class VI
- For WUI concerns, data from Fireline is used to identify that risk which has caused many policy cancellations.
- Things an FD should have available for their surveys include: Training records, Response records, Auto Aid info, Pump, Hose and Aerial test records (3 years of), Apparatus inventory & Fire Inspection records.
- Breakdown of an agency's rating is as follows: 10% Comm Center, 50% FD (with another 5% for CRR) & 40% Water system
- For alternate water supply credit (>1000' from hydrants), they do a tender relay (250 GPM delivered for 2 Hrs)

For questions, feel free to contact Jim at: JAHughes@ISO.com or 866-787-0412

After the presentation, Chief Derum had a brief break. Upon reconvening, self-introductions were made.

Old Business:

- **Vote to Approve 2017 Goals Chiefs/TO's/OP's/FPO's:** Randy spoke briefly to the goals. Since the FPO's had not completed theirs at the time of our January meeting, this group had deferred the item until this month. The goals were submitted from the FPO last week and added to the handout that contained the goals for this group and the TO's/OP's. A motion was made by Chief Piccinini to adopt and second' by Chief Bullard. Chief Salvante indicated that if there are any goals relate to his office to let him know. The vote was asked for and was unanimous.

New Business:

- **Roles and Responsibilities of SCFAC:** Chief Piccinini shared this item began as a discussion at our last meeting but before initiating today's dialogue deferred to Jim Colangelo. He cautioned, some of the discussion might be limited by the Brown Act and went on to speak briefly to the sensitive issue of funding requests and that they are working to develop a comprehensive plan to be presented at their March meeting.

Chief Piccinini spoke to this process creating an opportunity for this group to provide input. To that end, he provided a draft document with some suggestions for this group to make to the Advisory Committee and briefly addressed each point. Chief Braga asked how the Cities fall into his suggestions. Chief Piccinini admitted that was an omission and Cities do need to be included. A discussion on developing a more comprehensive & long term funding plan followed. Jim shared that he felt the BOS *is* looking for input from this group and added many of the suggestions in Chief Piccinini' document fit into the Committee's goals. In the end everyone appeared to agree the key issue is the process used to distribute funding. Chief Piccinini felt funds should not be given with preconditions and agencies should be trusted to spend them as they see fit. Jim echoed agencies will get more mileage from the BOS if we identify what we will use it for. Chief Boaz suggested the document be modified to reflect Cities participation and asked the origins of the \$9M figure. Chief George shared it came from identified AB8, Dispatch & ERAF figures. It was agreed to bring Chief Piccinini's suggestions to the Committee and Chief Williams shared that tomorrow's agenda item is broad enough to allow Chief George to present these suggestions (to include the Cities) on behalf of this group. A motion was made by Chief George & seconded by Chief Thompson to draft a letter to make recommendations to the FAC to incorporate our suggestions into their discussion mission and goals. The vote was unanimous.

- **Standing Committee's Priorities and Reporting Procedures:** Chief Derum spoke that in the spirit of having meaningful meetings he recommends we break the committee reports into two categories: Standing and Ad-Hoc. He suggested Standing Committees as: Training/OP's, FPO's, Districts and Vol. Fire Companies. It was agreed the default for these reports would be the committee chair. For the Fire Advisory Committee, it was agreed to treat as an Ad-Hoc committee with Chief Thompson reporting. Whereas our By-Laws provides the President the latitude to make these changes, no vote was required to put them into effect and the item was concluded.

A break for lunch followed.

- **Donation of the Safety Pal's Trailer to County DES:** Chief Derum shared the letter drafted by Han's and asked Chief Williams if he had anything to add. He shared they are willing to take it. A motion was made by Chief Braga, seconded by Chief Davis. Unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

- **CHP:** (out of order) Officer Evans expressed his appreciation on behalf of the CHP for the help of this group as it has helped them implement their new staffing pattern. He added his special appreciation for helping keep the roads open with all the trees down. A discussion about how to enforce knuckleheads who drive around barricades followed.
- **Fire Advisory Council:** Covered above
- **CAL FIRE Assistance By Hire Process 2017:** Chief Derum spoke to the different process they will use for ABH this year. It will be for each agency to simply submit an invoice to CALFIRE for any services rendered. In response to Chief Piccinini's question, Chief Derum shared they will be issuing a letter explaining the changes.

Improving Efficiencies: None

Customer Service/Good of the Order:

- Chief Piccinini introduced Mark Bramfitt from LAFCO to address some of the issues that had been raised at the last Fire Advisory meeting. He briefly shared some of the mergers they are reviewing including JPA's (a new requirement). He stressed these are not done in a vacuum and he looks to this group for our support and his commissioners are eager to move these issues forward. In regards to the requirement to conduct a MSR every 4 years, they will keep them very brief unless there are changes to an agency that warrant a more thorough review. He added that they will also not approve any changes unless they can be proved to be financially viable. In response to the question about two districts merging, each with a different tax rate, you have the choice to charge either. He also suggested we all actively pursue other funding options.
- Randy shared that at the January STEAC meeting the following items of interest occurred:
 - The new Fire Investigator Curriculum was approved
 - The "Rank" requirement for the following certification new tracks was removed: CO, Chief Officer, Exec. Chief Officer, Fire Inspect I, II, Plans Examiner & Fire Marshal and replaced with "Position". This was done to prevent a "Catch 22" since many agencies require these certifications to test for the respective positions. It also gives the Chief more flexibility.
 - April 29 will be the orientation day for the first offering of stand-alone FFI Certification Test class (Fire 208.4) with the first full day May 8. The group agreed to have a presentation be conducted at a future meeting.
- Chief Horne provided a cautionary tale about being careful where you park alongside the road
- Chief Williams shared the County is no longer responding to Hazardous Condition calls
- Chief Bullard shared the PO for the tablets has been submitted to the County
- For REDCOM, Chief Braga shared they did get a nomination for the vacant City Rep. position
- Chief Piccinini thanked Mark for being here.
- Chief Salvante shared the new Line/EMT/Medic changes will be out soon. At OES, interviews are occurring for the other Div. Chief as well as John Clary's position. He added since the County will no longer be supporting unit 5152 to let him know if any agency has an interest in supporting.
- Chief Bullard shared the EMS ordinance is moving forward and covers Mendocino County.

REDCOM: Covered in Good of the Order above

Closed Session: There was no closed session.

Adjournment: Chief Derum adjourned the meeting at 1:10

Next Meeting: March 8th, Healdsburg

Respectfully Submitted: February 8th, 2017

Randy Collins,
Secretary