



# SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES

January 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 09:30 AM

Hosted By Petaluma

### Attendance:

Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay Fire	Mark Freeman	Sonoma Valley
Randy Collins	SRJC	Leonard Thompson	Petaluma
Bill Shubin	Santa Rosa	Dean Anderson	SLS
Dan George	Gold Ridge	Jason Jenkins	Cloverdale
Jack Piccinini	Windsor/Rincon Valley	Al Terrell	Sonoma County
Bill Bullard	Graton	Todd Derum	CALFIRE
Jason Boaz	Healdsburg	Aaron Abbott	REDCOM
James Williams	Sonoma County	James Salvante	CVEMS
Bill Braga	Sebastopol	Mark Freeman	SVFRA
Darren Bellach	Kenwood	Jason Jenkins	Cloverdale
Ray McClendon	Petaluma	Jeff Schach	Petaluma
David Kahn	Petaluma	Steve Akre	SVFRA
Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa	Doug Williams	Retired
Bill Shubin	Santa Rosa	Max Ming	Forestville/RR

**Call to Order/Pledge:** Chief Braga called the meeting to order at 09:55 and explained the bad traffic was the reason for the late start and asked Chief Thompson to lead the pledge.

**Host Chief Introduction:** Chief Thompson welcomed the group and thanked Chief Braga for his service as President. A round of applause followed.

**President's Report** Chief Braga thanked Chief Thompson for Petaluma's hospitality and particularly Suzie Terry who had secured a caterer at the last minute (Lombardi's). He turned the floor over briefly to Chief Freeman who introduced his replacement Chief Steve Aker and shared some of his background. He also thanked the group for their support for the past two years as President including Suzie Terry from Petaluma who has helped to coordinate our annual luncheon's for many years.

**Approval of Chief's December Minutes:** Motion by Chief Williams, second by Chief Piccinini. Unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report submitted for January was as follows:

Chief's General Fund: \$717.52	Survivor's Checking: \$2,911.63
<u>Op's/TO's Fund: \$18,471.24</u>	<u>Survivor's Savings: \$110,099.62</u>
\$19,188.76	\$113,011.25

Motion to approve by Chief George, second by Chief Piccinini. Unanimous vote.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Chief Braga acknowledged Chief Piccinini's request to add his CAD item where appropriate.

**Correspondence:** Randy shared the letter that went out to the President of the Alameda Board of Supervisors in support of funding for the BAUSI that has made the Urban Shield exercises possible.

**Presentations:** Chief Thompson introduced Ray McClendon (known as Chaplin Mac) who spoke on the topic of PTSD. Chaplin Mac shared Petaluma has had a program since 1988 and he has served in this capacity for 4 years. After showing a short video, he spoke to some of the activities he is involved in and the push to rename PTSD to PTSI (I = injury) with a majority of PSTI incidents involving children. He also identified the difference between CI Stress & a CI injury. He encouraging this group to keep an eye on their staff and provided a handout of local resources available.

Chief Piccinini applauded Chaplin Mac's efforts and encouraged those agencies who have their own Chaplins to work together. He ended by sharing that outside the US, most First Responder Chaplins are paid positions

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

- **CAD Issue:** Chief Piccinini shared that when an engine is out on a call, a second unstaffed engine in the same station is being shown as available so when a second call in district occurs, it gets dispatched but just sits there. He wasn't sure if this group, OP's or DOAG was the correct group to handle. After a short discussion and examples shared by several agencies, it was agreed to pass to the OP's group. Many kudo's were delivered to REDCOM for their outstanding job during the recent weather event.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Advisory Council:** Chief (Doug) Williams indicated that their meeting is tomorrow. Chief Piccinini shared that yesterday at the BOS meeting where items from the last Advisory Council were on the agenda, the show of himself and the other Fire Reps made a difference and the group was acknowledged by the Board. Chief George concurred our presence is very helpful. A short discussion on Measure L funding followed. There was consensus that several funding (money) questions still need to be answered. Chief Piccinini added that we might want to better word the draft 2017 Goal of this group to reflect better engagement with the Advisory Committee so we do not appear splintered. Chief Derum reminded the group that our mission is to unite the fire services of this county and to that end, we should have been directly involved with the Advisory Committee. It was also suggested that we need to adopt a more pre-active stance on a Statewide basis
- **Grants:** James Salvante spoke a bit to the Homeland Security grant to purchase tablets and some of the conductivity issues with the CAD. A discussion regarding the technical nature of tablets followed. Chief Freeman reminded the group that there were two devices under consideration; a Surface Pro Device and an IOS with the goal of interfacing with the CAD and capable of handling electronic PCR's. Chief George motioned to move forward with the IOS device. Second by Chief Piccinini. Unanimous vote.

**Improving Efficiencies: None**

**Customer Service/Good of the Order:**

- Chief Piccinini shared they had a successful meet & greet with Supervisor Hopkins and had good representation from the fire community. She will be the guest speaker at the next Fire District's meeting January 6 at Cattlemen's in Petaluma. RSVP to Chief George
- Randy shared that regarding the FFI prerequisite for DOIB he spoke of at the Dec. meeting, he has contacted SFT and received clarification that it is not completion of FFI but simply FFI training. He spoke a bit to the SFT courses that he is offering this semester and referred to the hand-out of class listings. He added that the CICC'S Committee met yesterday and took the following actions. Jack Thomas was voted as the Chair for 2017. Also regarding Fireline EMT & Medic's, late last year FIRESCOPE approved the *Fireline EMT course* (S-223) so it is now required if you have staff that is planning to apply. Those already in the CICC'S system are granted historical recognition. Randy handed out copies of the CICC'S requirements for these two positions.
- Several stories of stupid people ignoring standing water calls were shared with the group. Chief Derum suggested this might be a good outreach topic.
- Chief Ming gave a shout out to REDCOM for their work during the flood event. A round of applause followed.
- Chief George shared they approved two, 2-wheel drive Type 3s and is happy to share the specs with the group.

**REDCOM:** Director Abbott shared some of the activities related to the storm event last weekend including 3210 in-bound, out-bound calls, 405 Hazardous Condition calls and 415 Medical Aids. They are just now back to normal call volumes

**Closed Session:** There was no closed session.

**Adjournment:** Chief Derum adjourned the meeting at 11:47

**Next Meeting:** February 8<sup>th</sup>, Windsor Fire

Respectfully Submitted: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Randy Collins, Secretary