



**SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS  
ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 12, 2019**  
**Hosted by Petaluma**

**Attendance**

<b>Jason Boaz</b>	<b>Healdsburg</b>	<b>Gina Peterson</b>	<b>County Fire</b>
<b>Sean Grinnell</b>	<b>Bodega Bay</b>	<b>Mark Heine</b>	<b>RV/WND</b>
<b>Bill Braga</b>	<b>Sebastopol</b>	<b>Loren Davis</b>	<b>Mountain</b>
<b>Leonard Thompson</b>	<b>Petaluma/Rancho</b>	<b>Jeff Schach</b>	<b>Petaluma</b>
<b>Dean Anderson</b>	<b>AMR</b>	<b>Aaron Abbott</b>	<b>REDCOM</b>
<b>James Salvante</b>	<b>CVEMSA</b>	<b>Rob Cassady</b>	<b>Russian River</b>
<b>Dave Franceschi</b>	<b>Forestville</b>	<b>Aristotle Wolfe</b>	<b>CHP SR</b>
<b>Ray Mulas</b>	<b>Schell Vista</b>	<b>Daren Bellach</b>	<b>Kenwood</b>
<b>Mike Michelson</b>	<b>Wilmar</b>	<b>Dan George</b>	<b>Gold Ridge / BV</b>
<b>Steve Akre</b>	<b>Sonoma Valley</b>	<b>Todd Derum</b>	<b>Cal Fire (R)</b>
<b>Mark Courson</b>	<b>OES</b>	<b>Andy Parsons</b>	<b>County Fire</b>
		<b>Tony Gossner</b>	<b>Santa Rosa</b>

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 09:58 by Chief Boaz.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chief Boaz led the pledge of allegiance.

**Host Chief Introduction:**

Chief Boaz introduced Chief Thompson, who was honored to host the meeting and luncheon and welcomed the group to Petaluma. Chief Thompson also indicated that PFD would be happy to host a dinner meeting next year if the group is interested.

Chief Thompson also introduced Suzie Terry and thanked her for her help in getting us all checked in for the meeting and the luncheon.

**President's Report:**

Chief Boaz said that he had nothing specific to report nor did he receive anything from President Derum.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting/Changes to the agenda:**

Chief Boaz confirmed that everyone had reviewed the agenda and asked to move the Cal Chiefs funding request for EMS Consultant from the ad hoc committee request to New Business.

Chief Braga moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Heine, approved by all.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chief Grinnell reported the following as prepared by Treasurer Henneberque

Chiefs General Fund:	\$5,464.27
Survivors Fund:	\$105,896.31
OP's/TO's Fund:	\$17,873.79
FPO Safety Trailer:	\$7,681.90
Career Succession:	\$2,719.09
FPO General Fund:	\$3,187.50
FITF	\$2,048.05
Safety Pals Gen. Fund:	\$41,435.32
Safety Pals Trailer:	\$2,500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$188,806.23</b>

**Correspondence:**

As reported in the New Business section - Chief Boaz reported he received a letter from the Sonoma County Paramedic Association requesting our support of the annual Survivors Reunion. *Item to be placed on the agenda for next month.*

**Presentation: None****Old Business:**

- **Election of 2019 Officers:** Chief Boaz reported that he was nominated for President at the last meeting and we also had two nomination for Vice President, Chief Heine and Chief Akre. Chief Akre withdrew his nomination as he will be serving as VP of the Fire Districts Association. Chief Boaz called for a show of hands approving the slate of Officers as presented. *(Note: Randy Collins and Hans Henneberque will continue to serve as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively)*

**New Business:**

- **Cal Chiefs EMS Funding Proposal:** Chief Heine gave a brief history of Cal Chiefs involvement with state and local EMS issues, including our own, which he feels has made great progress due in part to CalChiefs commitment and their approval of \$10,000 for our use of AP Triton, LLC. Chief Heine said it is our turn to provide funding for this cause and proposed spending \$10,000 from County Chiefs. Chief George asked if \$10,000 was enough and suggested using \$20,000 in available one-time SLG funds. Chief Akre supported this idea and mirrored Chief Heine in saying we have made great progress with their help. Chief Heine added the timing is good as Cal Chiefs EMS section will be meeting in Santa Rosa next week. Chief Boaz asked if involving SLG funds (and the county) if that would affect the timing? Chief George said that would not. Chief Grinnell added we should include our own \$10,000 contribution just in case the SLG funds are not approved at the County level. Chief George moved to ask SLG for \$20,000 and Chiefs for \$10,000 as a backup if SLG funds are not approved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Akre, approved by all.
- Chief Braga introduced Commander Ari Wolfe who succeeded Mike Palacio as the new Santa Rosa CHP commander.

**Standing Committees:**

- **Strategic Leadership Group:** Chief Akre reported SLG continues to meet regularly and sent out an update last night. Funding needs have been narrowed and solutions for the VFC's are being developed. SLG met with the Sonoma Alliance and various other groups to attempt to garner support for a sale tax initiative in November and have attended many meetings with LAFCO for the west county MSR. Taya is moving ahead with the west county retreat. The Supervisors meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> will include the funding proposal for Northbay Fire and Windsor/Rincon, as well as direction for the sale tax. Stakeholder interaction at all levels and in all areas is still needed. The Apparatus Committee, thanked Chiefs Bates & Grinnell who joined Heine and Mickelson to complete the work. The Facilities inventory still needs to be completed. Chief Heine added SLG is working aggressively with the Supervisors to get them to commit to funding on the 29<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to attend the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Chief Boaz added his appreciation for all work and reinforced now is the time to act. Chief Gossner said we need everyone's participation, need to know your thoughts, questions and your concerns and if there is any opposition, we need to hear it now and not when we have gone too far in one direction or another. Chief Boaz echoed this
- **Region (Zone) Reports**
  - Region One** Gina Peterson reported that Permit Sonoma now has fire prevention and CUPA responsibility and James Williams will be the Fire Marshall. James Salvante asked if the special event planning medical review is there as well, James Williams said yes. All the phones will remain the same for now.
  - Region Three** Chief Akre reported that Region Three agencies are collectively recruiting volunteers and the next academy will have 15 persons. Glen Ellen's Measure T was successful, their board will determine their needs and will hire stipend persons to and extra sleepers. Chief Bellach reported his new five-member board was approved. Chief Mulas reported his Board opted to use reserves to fund three new positions now instead of waiting until new funds are available next year.
  - Region Four**, no report.
  - Region Five**, Chief Franceschi reported Monte Rio passed their tax and will hire three engineers by July 1<sup>st</sup> and they will meet soon.

**Region Six** Chief Boaz reported the Geyserville annexation of Knights Valley is moving ahead slowly. Geyserville is also working on a video series (PSA's) on such things as defensible space, structural hardening, and evacuations. Healdsburg took possession of a new Type 6.

**Region 7**, Chief Gossner reported the Roseland annexation should conclude on February 6. Everything outside the city limit will go to Rincon Valley.

**Region 8**, Chief George reported they will establish a Battalion 8 and DC 8. GRFD working with Bodega Bay, BB will receive BC coverage in exchange for training GRFPD employees to new EMT Scope. GRFPD Board created a long-range planning committee to look alternative funding, consolidations, and a new chief.

**Region 9**, Chief Thompson said the region just completed the announcement for a Regional Training Office. Measure W long range planning team will be meeting this week. Petaluma is hiring/promoting B/C, Captains and Engineer. Announcement for the retirement of Jeff Holden expected soon.

Chief Courson reported that Brian Marshal from Kern County will replace Kim Zagaris and its time for the 2019 annual salary/rate survey. He is also working with Chief Andreis on ST/TF refresher training and asked you forward names to the CICCIS taskforce if you have interested parties. Chief Gossner reported the Gov. reappointed Mark Ghilarducci, increased funding to local governments and was optimistic that we can expect more from him. He ended by thanking CalChiefs for all their help.

- **Training/OP's:** Chief Peterson reported that she and Spencer Andreis are working on the fire draw down guidelines-They are looking for blessing on new guides (handed out at meeting attached to these minutes) and gave a brief explanation. Director Abbott added these guidelines would also need to go to the DAWG and REDCOM SOG committee for approval.
- **FPO's:** Chief Boaz reported they are meeting next door, Chief Collister will make a report during lunch.
- **Fire Districts:** Chief George reported they are meeting January 31, in Monte Rio and an announcement is expected soon. The new officers for the SCFDA are Frank Treanor President and Steve Akre VP.
- **Volunteer Fire Companies:** Chief Mickelson reported Working with the County for transitioning to Northbay Fire as the county closes Dept FES on April 1. Chief Mickelson also informed the group of Caerleon Safford's husband passed away and moved to have funds from the Survivors Fund made available. A private ceremony was held, and a public memorial will be announced soon. Gina Peterson moved to approve \$1000 from the Survivors Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Chief Davis, all were in favor.

#### **Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:**

- **EMS:** Chief Akre had nothing to add other than what was discussed under the Funding Proposal above and added Chief Williams will now facilitate the effort EMS Ordinance and RFP groups. Let us know your thoughts, comments, and concerns.
- **County Alert System:** Chief Boaz reported they are meeting later today and will report more next month.
- **Sonoma Op Area Up-Staffing Plan:** Chief George reported that the last invoices were just sent out and about \$300,000 was spent last year. We will be working on new documents over the next couple months and have about \$600,000 that is expected to roll over to next year. Chief George reminded the group that up staffing is not just for red flag events and can be used for major storms, heavy rains etc. Chief Gossner also said that we are soliciting your feedback to make our system better for future years. Units will be used were needed (in and out of county) and payment will come from the County (Dan), State, or Fed as called out. Chief George asked the group to please send in their after-action reports and OES has a link to them and is getting a good response. The Matrix for OES call outs is in the guide. Chief Davis asked about pre-position strike teams that were sent to the Camp fire. Chief George said they should have received an OES number and that applies for each incident. .

#### **REDCOM:**

Director Abbott reported dispatchers are holding active shooter call taking training today and will be working with the active shooter response planning group. REDCOM Board approved a media wall which is a 16' x 5' screen/monitor which can monitor all kinds of different things, but is being used to monitoring stream gauges at this time. They are also working on a better system to monitor road closures. The next BOD meeting is Thursday and they will begin preliminary discussions regarding dispatching for Marin county. Moving forward with a Tech services position needed and hope to know after the BOD meeting.

**Closed Session:** *None*

**Sharing Efficiencies/Good of the Order:**

- Fire Marshall James Williams reported that Sonoma County Fire Prevention Division is now part of Permit Sonoma; HAZMAT 29 has the same notification process as before and contact info is all the same. Vegetation Management is in the top ten of the resiliency and recovery effort. Weed abatement is also moving forward and he will be meeting with each District to determine the workload and to ensure funding as there are 52,000 improved parcels in the county.
- GM Dean Anderson reported on an opportunity for a class with CHP at SLS Main on the 23<sup>rd</sup> – see flyer previously sent out. Chief Boaz asked how Pulse Point was working, GM Anderson said it works well, but it is for use as a public app which is why there is not a lot of info included.
- James Salvante said CHP drug recognition and Narcon CVEMSA sent out a memo at the end of the year about State Health Services providing Narcan for free for first responders. Training is required for these. Jen Banks is contact for Narcan program.
- Russian River FPD Captain Cassady said RRFPD is hiring medics, the Chief's hiring process is ongoing and a new ambulance was ordered.
- Chief Mulas reported Schell Vista is hiring new engineers and will continue with part timers to meet 3/0. SVFPD also got a grant for Holmatro extrication equipment, three full sets now and he expressed his thanks to his volunteer association (for the third set).
- CHP Commander Wolfe said thank you for allowing us here and wanted to maintain the great relationship already established with the fire service.
- Chief George reported that small group met with Public Works about flooded roads, and those that always flood are looking into swinging gates that we (Fire Service) can lock so no one could go around the road signs, but he cautioned this will take time
- Chief Gossner said SRFD is hiring a new inspector for the marijuana trade. Chief Gossner offered to help those that might need help with these issues.
- Chief Parks reported that Todd Derum retired and Chief Avina promoted, Bat 13 retired, B/C Paul Fleckenstein is moving over to Healdsburg; the new Amador engine is in Cazadero now. They will be moving to Scott air packs but will continue to fit test both types for now.
- Doug Williams is now working with the SMART train.
- Chief Heine informed the group that they are holding an assessment center for F/T BC's (a first for them) and the promotions will lead to more positions being filled. LAFCO will approve the application for annexations. The public will have a 30 to 45-day protest period, and the Sonoma County Fire District will go live on April 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Chief Boaz, thanked everyone for coming, welcomed Ari Wolfe. He also thanked Todd Derum for his service, Retired Chief and good friend Gary Duignan for administering the oath of office and announced the food had arrived.

**Adjournment:** 11:20

Submitted by Sean Grinnell Jan 22, 2019

**Next Meeting:** February 13, Windsor Fire