



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

July 11th 2018 at 9:30 AM

Hosted By Rohnert Park DPS

Attendance:

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| James Colangelo | Sonoma County | Steve Akre | Sonoma Valley |
| Aaron Abbott | REDCOM | Bonnie Plakos | NSCFPD |
| Scott Westrope | Santa Rosa | Jeff Schach | Petaluma |
| Randy Collins | SRJC | Bryx Software | Dave Thomas |
| James Salvante | CVEMS | Mark Heine | Windsor/RV |
| Doug Williams | Retired | Mike Parks | CALFIRE |
| Sean Grinnell | Bodega Bay | Ron Lunardi | Occidental |
| Jason Boaz | Healdsburg | Loren Davis | Mountain |
| Leonard Thompson | Petaluma/RA | Spenser Andreis | Sonoma Valley |
| Barry Dugan | Sonoma Co. Water Agency | Brian Masterson | Rohnert Park |
| Mike Mickelson | Wilmar | Paul Fleckenstein | CALFIRE |
| Daren Bellach | Kenwood | Dave Franklin | OES |
| Michael Palacio | CHP | Dean Anderson | AMR |
| Dave Smith | Save Lives Sonoma | Mike Nicholls | Cazadero CSD |
| Ryan Lantz | Russian River | Carlos Diaz | Sonoma Co. Water Agency |

Call to Order: Chief Boaz called the meeting to order at 0937 and lead the pledge.

Host Chief Intro: Chief Masterson welcomed the group, reflected upon the first time he enjoyed the library and how popular it is with the local community.

President's Report: Chief Boaz had no report other than to share Chief Derum is on the Klamath fire

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion was made by Chief Masterson & seconded by Chief Thompson. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's report submitted.

Correspondence: Randy indicated he has not received any correspondence.

Presentations:

- **Bryx Software:** Dave Thomas, the CEO from Bryx spoke to their software which is a mobile alerting system that runs on a variety of platforms. They conducted the Beta test with Detroit Fire three years ago and now alert all 39 of their stations. Some of the features include:
 - Alerting anyone in a desired group
 - Incorporating a radio feed into your device
 - Pre-plan information
 - It is modular and does not require any hard wiring in your station
 - Ability to remotely control a station's access and utilities

He is starting to reach out to the west coast and is demoing their system in Healdsburg. He can be reached at david@bryx.com and more information on their product can be found at www.bryx.com

- **Sonoma County Water Agency:** Barry Dugan introduced himself a the Public Affairs Rep and spoke to the stream and river gauge system they established after the October Fires. The system is designed to transmit remotely any of the sensors in the system to any users. As the Engineer who designed the system, Carlos Diaz shared it works off of an Alert II protocol that repeats off of Mt. St Helena in 2 minute intervals. It can be accessed through; <http://sonoma.onerain.com> . Some of the features include:
 - A RAWS station at each site making other weather information available.
 - Soil moisture sensors at each site to anticipate and respond to a Montecito type event.
 - Customized contact groups can be set up for alerts
 - Email or text alarms can be issued

It is already become popular with 30K hits occurring during the rain event that occurred last April. In response to a question on established evacuation zones, flood zones are known from our flood history but the debris flows component is unknown. The PPT of the presentation is included as an attachment to these minutes

- **Pulsepoint Update:** Dean Anderson and Dave Smith from Save Lives Sonoma began by providing the background to the Pulsepoint project and speaking to the increase in cardiac successes that are occurring in the county due to the projects efforts. Save Lives was the recipient of a \$20K grant to implement the Pulsepoint system which is currently in the test phase. There are two app's that will be available to the public both of which are now available for downloading. One is the Pulsepoint Alert which notifies anyone within a quarter mile radius that CPR is needed (public locations only due to HIPPA issues – an APP for response to private locations is the next step). It will provide directions to the site and the location of any nearby AED's. The second APP is the Pulsepoint AED which indicates the location of any nearby AEDs and includes a photo of their location. Instructions on how to download the APP can be found at: SaveLivesSonoma.com. He is looking for the assistance from this group to help publicize the event when it goes live. He also asked that we verifying AED locations when we conduct fire inspections of business' to ensure that information is accurate.

OES: (taken out of order). Chief Franklin thanked the group for its commitment to the Master Mutual Aid System and spoke to the number of resources currently deployed. He also reminded the group to keep your ST together as resources cannot be reimbursed individually. A short Q & A on Mutual Aid vs ABH followed

Old Business:

- **Peer Support:** Chief Boaz shared the class held in June had low attendance put the cost of the class was picked up by the RCU grant obtained through Marin Moving forward, he asked folks to submit a list of those individuals who have attended Peer Support training elsewhere so he can generate a master list of Peer support resoruces. Chief Akre added Sue Farren conducted a successful 3 day conference on recovery in Sonoma Valley which included a peer support component.

New Business:

- **Sonoma OP Area Up-Staffing Plan:** Chief Andreis spoke on behalf of Chief Gossner. He is looking for this group's approval on the plan today and spoke to a few changes he had recently made. A \$250 stipend has been built into the system to make contributing agencies whole. Some confusion regarding resources being sent out as up-staffed units or Assistance by Hire (ABH) occurred. After some discussion, the consensus of the group was to use the F-42 process when available, pursue ABH. Chief Akre reminded the group that if any agency is taking the base OES Admin. rate and would like to include their own, he will be glad to be a resource.
- **Region II Mutual Aid:** Chief Andreis shared that Chief Rocha is looking for ways to deploy out the door quicker without order numbers, etc. To that end, he queried those present if they are willing to participate under such a system. Chief Andreis asked you contact him directly if you wish to do so. Chief Akre shared after what his agency experienced last October, Sonoma Valley will be participating.
- **Homes for Heroes:** No report
- **Veg. Management:** Chief Colangelo suggested members contact Chief Williams if they have questions

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Training/OP's:** Chief Andreis shared the group met yesterday. They hope to have the Draw-down procedures complete by August.
- **FPO's:** No report
- **Fire Districts:** Chief Akre shared Windsor is hosting the next meeting on July 26.

- **Volunteer Fire Companies:** Chief Mickelson shared they continue to work with the County on Admin procedures

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- **Fire EMS Committee:** Chief Akre commented the Ambulance extension which originally was only granted for 4 months has been extended to a year.
- **AAR:** No report
- **County Alerting System:** No report
- **REDCOM:** Director Abbott shared the Fire Dispatch protocols are in effect. Phase II will involve entering a large number of "Determinant Codes" which will allow each agency to customize their response. He added that they are getting deluged with smoke calls from bar-b-ques, dust on roads, etc. from a nervous public. He ended by speaking to the status of Active Shooter protocols and how it has generated the need to develop a comprehensive response plan. To that end, he will be facilitating a meeting on July 18, 1500 at the SO for any interested stakeholders.

Closed Session: The PG & E grant was discussed in with the consensus of the group to redirect the funds to Fire Safe Sonoma. Chief Boaz will work with drafting a letter to share with PG & E.

Good of the Order:

- Chief Bellach shared they will be getting a Type I and hiring two Firefighters.
- Chief Akre shared Glen Ellen FF's Association will be purchasing a Type VI from community donations. Valley of the Moon, Glen Ellen are going out for a parcel tax in November and Schell Vista will decide at their next board meeting whether to do so.
- Chief Parkes expressed his concerns regarding fuel moistures, how the County Fire was started by a dozer walking over a rock, generating a spark and how he has never seen anything like this at this time of year. To that end he encouraged everyone to practice situational awareness. On July 16 at the CALFIRE Santa Rosa station, they will be conducting a class on how their dispatch levels are established
- Chief Henie reported on August 7 they will be implementing a new Battalion coverage schedule. Their MSR is now with LAFCO.
- Captain Lantz shared Russian River has a new Type III. They are also working on their MSR
- Chief Boaz shared they are now at 3-0 staffing on their engine. They also received a grant from the California Fire Foundation for \$10K to send out a mailer to all residences in Zone 6.

Next Meeting: August 8th at USCG Two Rock

Respectfully Submitted: July 12, 2018

Randy Collins,
SCFCA Secretary