



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Rohnert Park Public Safety

July 11, 2012, 9:30 am.

Attendance:

Mark Aston	County Fire	Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	John Marty	Rohnert Park
KEN REESE	REDCOM	Marvin Howard	Cal EMA
Bill Braga	Sebastopol	Dean Anderson	AMR
Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe	John Lantz	Central Fire
Doug Williams	Central Fire	Gary Guignan	Red Cross
Max Ming	Forestville/RRF	Phil Garcia	Sonoma Valley
Larry Anderson	Petaluma	Nick Neisius	Valley Ford
Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa	Peter Van Fleet	Glen Ellen
Cary Fergus	Petaluma		

Call to Order: VP Aston called the meeting to order at 09:34

Host Chief Introduction: VP Aston turned the meeting over to Chief Marty who welcomed the group to Rohnert Park.

Approval of Minutes: VP Aston asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Chief Williams moved, and Chief Marty seconded. VP Aston called for the vote, all were in favor, none were opposed.

President's Report: VP Aston reported that President Hoffmann was at a fire, no report.

Treasurer's Report: Sec/Tres Grinnell reported the following:

- Checking: \$3,919.61
- W/O Interest checking: \$14,523.17
- W/O CD: \$116,917.75

\$90 refund or no payment for Monte Rio FPD until 2015

\$2000 is owed to ops/training when they are ready.

\$500 is owed to the FPO's for recent & past dues collected.

These items were not paid yet due to banking reasons...but will be paid out in July.

Our Google Non-profit account was approved so we can move forward with the active status revisions using Google and move away from edit grid (no longer supported).

Correspondence:

- Two items from Vern Losh (CSFA): Napa County SAFER; California Casualty make over- Copies handed out.
- VP Aston reported the Press Democrat is doing an article on AB1x-SRA Fees. VP Aston spoke to her about the issues, the process of our working with legislators; why we are opposed; she was pointed to the website for our draft letter with Marin Chiefs. VP Aston reaffirmed our position. Chief

Williams said he was contacted by Mary Callahan, and he believes he might have been the one to say that Chief Hoffmann had recused himself as well as much of what VP Aston also said.

Presentations: None

Committee Reports

Operations & Training Section: Chief Gossner reported on his last meeting; The CICCIS issues are being worked on by an OP/TO sub-committee. The Training group met with our new UASI lead Dave Frasier who also saved us from a grant miscue that could help us get a \$50,000 for haz mat training. Thank you for hiring him. We have never been down there chasing these funds. Hazmat IC class coming up on August 2nd. Any time a grant comes through we will try and get it out to you.

Prevention Section: FM Fergus reported that FPO's had a great joint RICO meeting with Marin County, the topic was grow houses. June 18, is the next meeting. Petaluma had a quiet fourth of July; 3 were cited for \$1000. Safety Pals is doing great. The NorCal FPO meeting is Sept 28, at Lucchessi Center. We are still looking for a topic. The iPad grant was submitted under RVFPD, an error was made, the dist/dept share is 20% not 10% like it was before. \$425,000 is the estimated request amount. Chief Williams said that Safety Pals is interested and might make a good topic for the NorCal meeting.

District Chiefs: Chief Williams reported this group will meet on the 26; the newly appointed auditor/controller/tax collector David Sandstrom will speak.

Volunteer FF Association: No report

CAD Group: Chief Williams said the group met in June. Run maps and the symbology of non-public roads/driveways was talked about as well as the ability to modify the map on-line is still being worked on and any updates made will update the CAD map as well. Although if an address needs changing that is a separate issue with its own requirements. October is the next meeting. The group remains committed to getting AVL's on the trains and other enhancements and how to get this info in the right hands.

OES Operational Area: Chief Williams said the Sonoma Op Area has had no real out of county requests yet but we were almost called to action for a recent fire. We need to continue trying to remind people of active status-REDCOM uses this information. The Ops group might need to determine who should go out as a trainee. The issue is we have two groups: those that have gone out and those that need to finish the training. VP Aston asked if Dan Northern was engaged? Chief Gossner said Ops is aware of the problem and working on it. Follow up with Chief George. Ken Reese asked about active status, in the event there is a deployment (maybe Colusa) would we go with oldest trainee? Yes if stasured. The recent alert tone "Active status" message on REDCOM caused a few issues as many people called into REDCOM. Next time the message will be sent via alpha page only, furthermore if an alert tone is needed it will be prefaced with "contact your department".

OES region: Chief Howard reported that Sheldon Gilbert has resigned as Alameda County Fire Chief and is now with Paramedics Plus. In the meantime Chief Williams has been placed into the position of regional coordinator. During the Fall Regional meeting decisions will be made for a permanent solution. The interim County Chief is Demetrious Shaffer. The Region has experienced some activity-we are little rusty but thank you for your patients all the same. Right now we have six strike teams out. The special staffing pattern is in effect in Southern California. Vacaville Fire District turned in is OES Engine. We are looking for interested parties, let us know if you might be interested. A regional USAR exercise in /eureka is planned for November 7 and 8. Marin County continues its work on creating incident management team. Contact Mark Brown if you are interested. UASI funds are actively being sought. Feds are pushing for type three incident teams. We are working on cross over training for other disciplines that might be placed in 500-600. The CICCIS committee has moved div/grp review process to the 400 committee. They will be looking to move it back to the 300 level. You might have people that might work locally as a division (and qualified), but does not qualify per the role and this should be allowed moving forward. Lets get our people trained if needed; if we do not change some of the how we do things we will suffer for lack of qualified people. An S339 class was offered by Chief Howard. Once one strike team is out, we will be looking to

put the next one together and this might facilitate further cooperation between op areas. Because of budgets, consolidations, and other economic influences will push cooperation. VP Aston asked about currency. Our CICC group needs to embrace new ways to satisfy currency issues. Such as single resource that an Eng Co Captain can have the ability to cross over. Multi hazards, multijurisdictional, multiple op periods-write the IAP (even if it is on the hood of the car), these ideas might alleviate some currency issues.

County Fire: VP Aston reported on the recent Infineon event-NASCAR, 85-90,000 people attended. A busy Sunday with two separate fires in the grandstand suites; a number of cooking fires; it was the busiest Sunday yet. What a difference a REDCOM dispatcher made to the overall operations; Katie did a tremendous job. One incident occurred after resources were released; a heavy boom lift operated by a track employee rolled over and trapped the driver underneath the boom. Fire resources took 30 minute to extricate the victim with serious arm and leg and pelvis fractures. Great job by all concerned and thank you to everyone who helped out. The Infineon event could be a great tool for currency and training issues. The County budget process this year was the smoothest processes I have been a part of. All budgets were on the consent calendar-except for that were pulled-the rest were approved under consent. We got the capitol to build two fire stations (types were explained three types) they know of four stations are in the hopper, two possible sites in Lakeville, and one in Annapolis. There will be an approval authority meeting for UASI today.

EMCC: GM Dean Anderson reported the next meeting is scheduled for the fourth Monday in ???

Legislation: VP Aston handed out the current 35 page report, via email. We should pay attention to AB 1551, This one addresses insurance issues for police of fire-if you get in an accident while on duty it will not affect your civilian insurance rate. AB 1567- the Jefferies follow bill was enrolled on 7-6-12, this changes the health and time frame for firefighter drivers licenses. Dean Anderson mentioned AB 2389 pushed by CPF and the hospitality industry. This bill would require vendors under contract for government must be identified as such. For AMR it means removal of Sonoma County Paramedic patch or other, and must be id'd as a contract for Sonoma County. Let Dean know if you are experiencing a problem and he can help. Chief Garcia asked? One department working for another? GM Anderson responded its well written in some areas and not so well in others. Case law is the only way this is likely to be worked out. Consumer affairs might be the enforcement agency.

Grants: Chief Anderson reported that SAFER opens July 16 and closes Aug. 10. Homeland Security kicks off this afternoon. We are still looking ideas for this grant. Regionally we are looking at-GIS (map book), Interface-Intergraph for Apple products. Santa Rosa would like to replace an IR device for HazMat Team- a laser gun that helps with ID of materials, REDCOM remodel? Others? Let us know...the dollars are shrinking and it will continue to shrink until it is gone. Emphasis is on regional. Chief Gossner added that Santa Rosa has a type 3 hazmat team. Types of teams were explained.

SRJC Advisory: Chief Williams reported the next Academy begins August 4th and it will include the wildland component. A list of Fall classes was handed out.

CHP Liaison: No report

Red Cross: Gary Duignan reported that Jennifer Jones is the disaster coordinator, call us 24 – 7 if we are needed.

Marin Chiefs Liaison: Chief Williams reported that Randy Collins attended the June 21st meeting. They are creating a North Bay Type 3 incident team, let Chief Revere know if you are interested to help. They are looking at dues and the timing of the SRA Fee joint letter to the BOE.

Fire Safe Sonoma: No report

Cal fire: No Report

SMART: Chief Williams reported that SMRT has been taking delivery of the concrete ties for weeks now; welded rail is also coming in and being unloaded along the current tracks. SR to Petaluma is the first section to be completed, while lots of other work is being done. Consolidation of offices to Petaluma; taking title of the old Fulton processing plant, and of water agency property; still some questions of encroachment onto rail road property. Freight railroad has started the process to open the line all the way to Cloverdale...if you want to travel the route let John Zanzi know. Chief Treanor asked when they will replace the rail and what system will be used to pull the old stuff? Chief Williams explained the process of replacing the rail. SMART is being designed to run at 80 mph. Chief Gosner for communities that have SMART coming through-they are trying to do so much in a short amount of time it makes them difficult to work with. The more we can get ahead of it the better off we are.

Old Business-

- Grant projects: Safety Pals and iPads. The E-board has not met but a meeting is the works.

New Business-

- Revised RIC Policy was presented at the last meeting. VP Aston asked for questions? None were asked. VP Aston called for a motion, motion made by Chief Gossner, 2nd by Chief Williams, no further discussion, all were in favor, none were opposed.
- DMV driver instructor policy was presented last month-outlines the process to allow TO' to sign off on driver trainers. VP Aston asked for comments? None were made; VP Aston said what a great job that Chief Lantz had done. VP Aston called for a motion. Motion made by Chief Gossner, 2nd by Chief Neisius, all were in favor and none were opposed. Chief Lantz said he has tried to set up meetings with local managers (SR and Pet), not luck yet. Chief Gossner added that green cards have to be in person now; make sure you get a receipt. We still expect issues. GM Anderson said he might have a contact to help the process.

Improving Efficiencies: None mentioned

Customer Service/Good of the Order:

- Chief Howard-a number of orders came in for Fire line Medics-if you have fire line equipped medics with pick-up to travel let him know. Firescope 23-11 (10 is EMT) regulations on what is needed. Let Chief Williams know. Must be approved by chief and entered into ROSS
- Chief Anderson-Cal OSHA issue-we had a firefighter walking back to engine, miss-stepped and injured leg. Cal OSHA showed up, now roll the tape backwards, they did not show up 18 months ago when we had a different injury. VP Aston said it was hard to get them to show up at Infineon for that injury. Chief Gossner said they have had rude people show up. Fall protection seems to be a hot topic right now-safety supervision or fall protection required above 7.5 feet.
- Chief Anderson said the City of Petaluma has hired a Police Chief-mid August start time. VP Aston asked about the budget. A) Petaluma might be looking at special tax or sales tax increase (talking about it). For example 17 pieces of equipment need to be replacement in near future. Things are good at the moment, but reserves are disappearing quickly. But other projects being developed that will add revenue also-I'll keep you posted.
- Chief Lantz reported that a Rincon Eng. CO. had a James Bond wannabe jump on one of there Engines. A tail board ride NB 101.
- Chief Williams said that Windsor received a SAFER grant. Chief Williams spoke of an IRS story-in Oregon. There are many instances of IRS going after fire agencies with volunteers. Looking at equipment as taxable income. Chief Anderson said he lived through some of that...it is true. A lot of special apparel-like a polo shirt is taxable. Chief Howard added salary survey issues with volunteers; some organizations have created a policy to hire volunteer at a much higher rate. Just be careful-they are watching and so are others.

REDCOM: GM Luttrell report that the Board meeting is Thursday 2pm. The location will be SR Fire HQ. A sequence of training sessions for supervisors is being conducted. We were able to look at the Cal Fire Ridgeway site-no can do says the Architect.

Closed Session: none

Next Meeting: August 8, hosted by Coast Guard Fire

Adjourned: 11:19