



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES
June 8th 2016 at 10:30 AM
Hosted By Sonoma Valley

Attendance:

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| Randy Collins | SRJC | Loren Davis | Mountain |
| John Salvate | Cal OES | James Salvante | CVEMS |
| Max Ming | Forestville | Bill Braga | Sebastopol |
| Michael Palacio | CHP | Caerleon Stafford | Fire Safe Sonoma |
| Mark Freeman | SVFRA | Leonard Thompson | Petaluma |
| Kurt Henke | AP Triton | Dean Anderson | SLS |
| Doug Williams | CSC | Kirk Van Wormer | CALFIRE |
| Aaron Abbott | REDCOM | James Williams | Sonoma County |
| Frank Treanor | Rancho Adobe | Mike Mickelson | Wilmar |
| Roberta MacIntyre | Fire Safe Sonoma | Spenser Andreis | SVFRA |
| Jason Boaz | Healdsburg | Tony Gossner | Santa Rosa |
| Greg Martin | Sonoma County | Ray Mulas | Schell Vista |

Call to Order/Pledge: Chief Braga called the meeting to order at 10:37 and had Chief Freeman lead the pledge.

Changes to the Agenda: Chief Braga asked if anyone had any changes to the agenda. The CWPP was moved up in front of the presentation to allow Roberta to attend another engagement.

Host Chief Introduction: Chief Freeman welcomed all, explained logistics and lunch details. He introduced our speaker Kurt Henke, retired Fire Chief from Sac Metro.

President's Report Chief Braga shared the plaque he received from the Sonoma County Paramedic's Association for our sponsorship of the Survivor's Reunion and spoke to the special nature of the event.

He also spoke to the March meeting when it was discussed to forward the tactical frequencies to the DOAG and some potential confusion regarding their approval by this group. Chief Andreis spoke to have brought them to the TO's in February which was subsequently shared with the Chiefs in March. The concerns raised were that the document was not properly vetted. The discussion followed with the outcome that the changes in the frequencies would be implemented.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Chief Treanor, seconded by Chief Freeman. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Was made available after the meeting.

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| • SCFCA Chief's General Fund – | \$ 1,690.90 |
| • SCFCA Operations Fund - | \$ 16,769.24 |
| | <u>\$ 18,460.14</u> |
| • SCFCA Survivors Fund Checking Account - | \$ 7,921.10 |
| • SCFCA Survivors Fund CD Account - | \$ 110,035.08 |
| | <u>\$ 117,956.18</u> |

Chief Braga spoke to a recent disbursement from the Survivor's fund and subsequently turned the floor over to Chief Martin who spoke to the passing of Phillip Reiter, a long-time Volunteer with Bloomfield and Two Rock to whom a \$2000 benefit from the Survivor's Fund will be made to his Widow.

Correspondence: None

Fire Safe Sonoma: Roberta from Fire Safe Sonoma spoke to the process involved with preparing the Community Wildfire Prevention Plan and turned it over to Caerleon. She provided a short explanation as to the purpose of the document. After her presentation, Chief Davis made a motion to authorize President Braga to sign the document. Second by Chief Van Wormer. In the discussion, Chief Freeman asked if it was a "living" document. It is. Chief Van Wormer also spoke to the benefit of the document and one reason why we did not receive the SRAFPF grant was that we did not have an approved CWPP. It was also emphasized that if a local agency adopts a plan of their own, its goals need to be consistent with this document and ultimately added as an appendix to it. The simplest way to achieve this is to use the same template. Other signatories include CALFIRE, County Fire and the Chair of the BOS. The vote that followed was unanimous. President Braga subsequently signed the document and thanked Caerleon for her efforts.

Presentations: Chief Kurt Henke thanked the group for inviting him. He began by giving a short background on his company AP Triton. Their firm has contracts with numerous agencies to evaluate EMS systems and advocate for fire based ambulance transport. He spoke to the study they performed in Contra Costa County with the outcome being a Public-Private partnership, which they ultimately entered into with AMR using a "Unit Hour" based model. The RFP was drafted to make no reference to Federal reimbursement. The agreement provides AMR with a 10% profit margin and approx. \$6M in profit for Contra Costa Fire. Some of the benefits include an improved working relationship with LEMSA & the fire agency resulting in enhanced care. The same model is being looked at in San Bernardino County and Santa Clara and has proved that private industry does not necessarily do it for less money. He suggested when Sonoma County RFP's comes up in a couple of years, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the viability of implementing the same model here.

He also spoke to "First Responder" fees and that if you conduct a study that shows the cost of providing BLS services, you can charge a fee to the insurer for this service. He added that you could use a "compassionate" program for low-income patients. He emphasized the need for strong communication and outreach with the community if you choose to implement such a fee including educating your staff to answer questions from the public intelligently. They also represent Cal Chief's with an anti-trust immunity lawsuit that has enormous implications with 201 rights for which a decision is expected to be ruled on in about 8 months. Contact information for Kurt is: henke.kurt@hotmail.com 707 266-4309

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

FPO's: Doug shared the flyer for the joint REACO meeting next week in Petaluma, which will cover Code changes, and Marijuana growing.

Fire Districts: Chief Freeman discussed the SRA fee issue at the last District's meeting and the State will be sending a rep to the Districts meeting and will also present to this group upon request

EMCC: Chief Freeman shared that a discussion has begun with EMCC on the Senior Access Program

Grants: Chief Freeman reported they will be recommending a window based tablet for the grant for tablets and asked the members to complete a survey on tablets at: FDSURVEY@SVFRA.ORG

SRJC Advisory: Randy reported on the survey he had mailed to the Chiefs in Sonoma, Marin, Mendocino, Napa and Lake Counties regarding the level of interest in stand-alone FFI and FFII cert tests. He circulated a sample of the one page document and asked that all please take the time to complete it promptly and return as it takes 6-12 months to get a class scheduled and he wants to be in a position to meet the needs of the north bay.

CALFIRE: No report:

Marin Chiefs: Chief Gossner reported the following:

- The group was approached by College of Marin for their support in re-instituting the Fire Tech program. It was kicked down to the TO's group.
- Active Shooter training with law and fire continues at the Sheriff's Office off Lucas Valley road with scenarios occurring on July 20, 27, 28, Aug 3, 10, 11, 16 & 17. Observers from Sonoma County are welcome.
- LAFCO in Marin is slowing the ability for agencies to enter into contracts for services.

Improving Efficiencies: None

Customer Service/Good of the Order:

- Chief Salvate shared that fire season is upon us. He added the salary letters are out and reminded all to complete and return.
- Commander Palacio is arranging to have a tour of CHP's Golden Gate Communications center in Vallejo. Date TBA. If interested contact Doug Williams at dougw1955@aol.com
- Chief Freeman congratulated Chief Boaz in his absence for his appointment as Fire Chief.

Closed Session: There was no closed session.

Adjournment: Chief Braga adjourned the meeting at 12:28 pm and encouraged folks to stay for lunch

Next Meeting: July 13th Rohnert Park DPS Image Trend presentation

Respectfully Submitted June 9, 2016

By, Randy Collins, Secretary