



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
June 14th 2017 at 9:30 AM
Hosted By SVFRA

Attendance:

Jason Boaz	Healdsburg	Steve Andreis	SVFRA
Steve Akre	Sonoma Valley	Aaron Abbott	REDCOM
Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa	Mike Bates	RPDPS
Jason Boaz	Healdsburg	Dean Anderson	SLS/AMR
Darin Bellach	Kenwood	Ray Mulas	Schell Vista
Bill Braga	Sebastopol	Todd Derum	CALFIRE
Kirk Van Wormer	CALFIRE	Joe Petersen	CALFIRE
John Evans	CHP	Doug Williams	Retired
Rafael Bautista	REACH	Randy Collins	SRJC ARTP

Call to Order: Chief Derum called the meeting to order at 0938 and turned it over to Chief Akre.

Host Chief Intro/Pledge: Chief Akre welcomed the group, shared logistics and led the pledge.

President's Report Chief Derum shared the passing of the founding Wilmar Fire Chief Bob Mickelson's and indicated he will be reaching out to the family on behalf of the organization

Approval of March Minutes: Motion was made by Chief Braga & seconded by Chief Mulas Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report as submitted by Hans showed the following balances.

Chiefs General Fund:	\$933.41	Survivors Checking:	\$2,891.98
OP's/TO's Fund:	\$17,955.25	Survivors Savings:	\$110,147.02
FPO General Fund:	\$2,986.58		
FPO Safety Trailer:	\$6,106.90		
FITF	\$1,720.09		
Career Education:	\$4,592.28		
Safety Pals:	\$11,209.21		
Safety Pals Trailer:	\$2,500.00		
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	\$29,115.06		\$113,039.00*

* Note: Survivors Fund owes Chief's Fund \$5,000

Randy also shared that he and Han's will be working over the next few months to combine the By-Laws of this group and the Survivor's fund in order to eliminate the duplicate tax preparation and filings we currently must do.

Correspondence: None

Presentations: (to be conducted at lunch)

Old Business: None

New Business: Chief Derum inquired if we need to update our webpage. Randy indicated to make significant changes to the site he will need some assistance. He also brought up the goal of the TO's serving as a clearing house for all training classes and queried the group about posting classes to the site to help meet this goal. However he asked if this should be limited to classes sponsored by the Chiefs and sub-groups or include all classes (i.e. for-profit companies). While there were some concerns expressed, no direction was provided.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Training/OP's:** Chief Andreis shared the STL/Overhead course is tomorrow. He also recommended to the group that After-Action reports will be expanded to be required for all overhead assignments and looked to this group for support. To respond to Chief Gossner's question, he indicated this is not in response to an incident but to meet a best practice. Chief Derum questioned who should be reviewing the After-Actions? The consensus was it should be the agency Fire Chief and OP Area Coordinator. The action taken was to support this policy as well as the importance of conducting evaluations.
- **FPO's:** No report.
- **Fire Districts:** Chief Williams shared the next meeting is July 27 hosted by Bodega Bay at the Chancellor Ranch
- **Volunteer Fire Companies:** No report
- **SRJC Fire Program:** Randy conducted a short update presentation on fire program and the FFI certification test process for those agencies that conduct their own FFI training. More information and a copy of the course syllabus can be found on the website at the enclosed link: <https://pstc.santarosa.edu/firefighter-i-certification-test-class> He also shared that with the new USAR prop they will begin offering Confined Space Technician classes on a regular basis.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- **Fire Advisory Committee:** Chief Gossner shared there was a good turnout at the BOS meeting this week and he encouraged all agencies attend the workshop on July 1 which will be very important to the future of fire services in this county. A Chief and a Board rep from each District are recommended. He also asked if you are aware of agencies who do not plan on participating, to let him know so he can reach out to them. It will be held at the UFO building on Stony Point Road

REDCOM: Director Abbott reported at the March REDCOM Board meeting they discussed allocation costs and will be sending out information regarding this item including a cost benefit analysis. He added he is still working on the MUM's issues and is doing testing. No one has taken ownership for 5262 and he is planning to purchase back-up equipment as a replacement once it goes away. He added that they can now see SMART trains on their maps. Chief Gossner shared they had to shut their tracks down for a fire recently and spoke to having to be assertive when making this request. Director Abbott indicated they do have good communications with SMART. In response to Chief Akre's question, he indicated there has not been much movement with the *Image Trend* interface. A lengthy discussion about this topic followed. It was agreed a longer presentation on this topic at a future meeting will be in order.

Improving Efficiencies/Customer Service/Good of the Order:

- **Chief Akre** shared they are going through the new LAFCO requirements with their Glen Ellen merger and they have generally been very supportive but because these requirements are new, they have been the preverbal "Guinea Pig". He expressed his appreciation to Chief Williams for his support in this endeavor and thanked those agencies that provided mutual aid to their recent incidents. He ended by adding they are ordering a Type III for around \$325,000.
- **Chief Andreis** shared the following from the May Region 2 meeting; CFA agreements are due and if your Admin rate is higher than 10% you need to report that. Line EMT/Medics now need S-223. John Salvate will be moving back to Region I so expect a replacement soon.
- **Rafael Bautista** shared that REACH is working on a project to identify LZ's and is looking for a rep from each agency to assist in this process. The end goal is to have of them ID'd on the iPad the pilots carry.
- **Chief Mulas** shared their annexation is going slower than expected. He also spoke to the BOS meeting and the encouraging level of support expressed by the Board
- **Chief Gossner** shared they are "spec-ing" out two new engines from Hi-Tech which will run around \$620K. They are also still moving forward to annexing Roseland and the District as itself will remain with the City Council acting as the subsidiary Board.
- **Dean Anderson** thanked everyone who participated in EMS week. He added Sonoma County is well ahead with survival rates much higher than the national average.
- **CAL FIRE Staffing:** Kirk Van Wormer shared that effective tomorrow the air attack base will be up and running and next week all houses will have a second engine. He also introduced Joe Petersen as the new ECC Chief which generated a round of applause.
- **Chief Boaz** shared on June 22 there will be a Zone 6 Drill on Bradford Mountain with a WUI and Structure Defense emphasis that is open to all. He added they will be getting a Type VI for approx. \$218,000.

- **Chief Derum** shared tomorrow is the Warm Springs Dam burn. He added the Advanced All Hazard Inc. Management Class (S-520) is will have a scenario of new scenarios based on Sonoma County's 1986 Valentine's Day flood as a model

Closed Session: There was no closed session.

Adjournment: Chief Derum adjourned the meeting for lunch and the presentation at 11:05

Fire Dispatch Priority Protocols presentation: Director Abbott introduced Gary Gasso from *Priority Dispatch Corp* (& retired Assistance Chief from San Jose) who has been an enormous help to REDCOM on this topic. He spoke to the strong QA/QC protocols process they have on the EMS side that he feels they need to replicate on the fire side of things. He emphasized that this is not meant to change how anybody responds to calls but rather provide more data on the call response. Much of their work is devoted towards meeting NFPA 1221. He also spoke to the exceptions given for certain types of incidents to exceed the dispatch response times.

Next Meeting: July 12th, RPDPS. Presentation by Jennifer Welch of SMART

Respectfully Submitted: June 14, 2017

Randy Collins,
SCFCA Secretary