



**SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS
ASSOCIATION MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2020 at 9:30 AM
Healdsburg Fire Station**

ATTENDANCE

Daren Bellach	Kenwood	Mark Heine	Sonoma County Fire District
Bill Bullard	Graton	Marshall Turbeville	North County
Jeff Schach	Petaluma	Shepley Schroth-Cary	NBF/Gold Ridge
Kirk VanWormer	CALFIRE	James Williams	Sonoma County
Ron Busch	Sonoma County Fire District	Steve Akre	Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue
Matt Epstein	DCRFD	Mike Mickelson	North Bay Fire
Dave Franceschi	Forestville	KT McNulty	REDCOM
Jason Boaz	Healdsburg	Matt Gustafson	Sonoma County Fire District
Doug Williams	SMART	Chris Godley	Sonoma County Emergency
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Bonnie Plakos	NSCFD
Vern Losh	Fire Safe Sonoma	Mike Bates	RPPS
Dan George	NBF/Gold Ridge	Ray Mulas	Schell Vista
Robert Johnson	Sonoma County Fire District	Cyndi Foreman	Sonoma County Fire District
Kemplen Robbins	Santa Rosa		

Call to Order: Chief Boaz began the meeting at 0934 and led the pledge.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chief Boaz

Host Chief Introduction: Chief Boaz welcomed everyone

Presidents Report: None

Changes to the Agenda: Received an email from Chief Bullard and stated that Graton could not host the April meeting. Chief Bullard said he could also trade for another meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Chief Heine, second by Chief Grinnell Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Hans reported the following:

Chiefs General Fund:	\$1,231.88
Survivors Fund:	\$105,896.31
OP's/TO's Fund:	\$4,415.92
TO's Command Grant	\$25,000.00
FPO Safety Trailer:	\$8,956.90
Career Succession:	\$875.64
FPO General Fund:	\$1,948.20
Youth Fire Setter Fund	\$41.53
FITF	\$1,613.49
Safety Pals Gen. Fund:	\$36,850.47
Safety Pals Trailer:	\$2,500.00
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	\$189,330.34

Correspondence: None

Presentation: Chris Godley – COVID 19 update. Virus is a pandemic event, wide spread all over the world. Mitigation, trying to protect the most vulnerable. Trying to slow the spread of the virus. County proclaimed a local emergency, EOC activated. Precautions from all EMS workers to not get infected and take appropriate precautions. This is moving very fast right now. Not sure how communities will respond. The County has divided this into three types of events. Mild, Moderate and Severe pandemic events. Guidelines for public events and isolation should be out by today. Dailey conference calls are starting today regarding this event.

Old Business: None

New Business: REACH Air Ambulance looking for a letter of support from County Fire Chiefs. Motion: Chief Mickelson, 2nd: Chief Grinnell. Unanimous vote.

Prop 172 Audit, Chief Epstein ask for the topic to be removed from the agenda. He will bring it back to the Chiefs at a later date.

Survivors Reunion Donation. \$1,000.00 Motion to approve by Chief Grinnell, 2nd: Chief Mulas. Unanimous vote.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fire Service Working Group: Chief Heine reported that the group was asked to work on a Measure G backup plan due to its failing. The question is what will happen now with the CSA40 agencies with no plan B. A sphere of influence recommendation was asked to bring forward to LAFCO in April. The recommendation was as follows: Sphere 1: Sonoma County Fire District, Russian River, Forestville, Bodega Bay, Cazadero and Monte Rio. Sphere 2: Kenwood, Glen Ellen, Mayacamas, Sonoma Valley Fire, Valley of the Moon and Schell Vista. Sphere 3: Gold Ridge and VFC's. Sphere 4: Geyserville and Sonoma County Fire. North Sonoma Coast and Healdsburg would be Sphere 5.

The final numbers have been turned into the County for LAFCO reimbursements. The County has entered into a contract with Lexdipol. The City agencies have been backed out due to the coast being too high. The next step is figuring out the reimbursement process. If you do have an outstanding invoice, do not pay it. Please email Chief Boaz if you have already paid so he can figure out the process details.

SMART: Doug Williams report a drop in riders since the COVID-19 virus outbreak. Not sure how SMART will react to the virus issue. The cleaning process has been accelerated on the trains. Areas that are less easy to get to for emergencies the Ops group will be meeting to discuss this problem and try to figure out a standardized deployment for those areas.

Regional Zone Reports: Chief Boaz asked for and received the following reports

CALFIRE: Chief VanWormer reported no up staffing date yet. Number of fires this year is above average. As of March 8th, 2020 467 fires for 625 acres in the SRA. Last year we were at 118 fires for 83 acres. The Fire Hawk for Boggs has been delayed until November 2020. Copter will be faster and have water when arriving on scene. Anticipating normal staffing for this year.

Zone 3: Chief Akre report LAFCO approved their application. By the end of this month all the SAFR positions will be filled and all engines will be 3.0 staffing.

Zone 4: No report

Zone 5: No report

Zone 6: Chief Turbeville reported MSR is being worked on by LAFCO. Working on a special tax for May.

Zone 7: No report

Zone 8: Chief Grinnell reported they are moving forward with the annexation with Sonoma County Fire District.

Zone 9: Chief Schach reported they hosted a FF survival training. Petaluma now has a fireworks ban starting this year. The City will be giving funds to the nonprofits effected by this ban. Property owners in violation will be getting a \$1,000.00 fine.

OES: No Report

Training OP's: KT McNulty reported that Tablet Command is having some issues with the way it reports to the CAD and are working on this issue. Target date is May to be up and running.

Chief Heine had spoken with Chief Andreis regarding the current apparatus numbering system for the County due to being maxed out on numbers. Training has asked the Chief's group to look into a possible new numbering system and to give any recommendations to the Training group. KT suggested that using the current 2 digit number for the agency and making that the station number. Agencies that are not running out of numbers could stay the same and agencies that are, can adopt a new number or fall back on the stations old number before any reorganizations took place. Chief VanWormer stated that the numbering system would

also have to work with-in the CAD and not have a duplication with the SO numbering currently being used. The group was also concerned about the costs for renumbering apparatus. KT will bring back an example spread sheet for the group to review. May 20th will be the Overhead refresher course.

FPO's: Kemplen Robbins reported they have been working on what to do with the Safety Trailer upgrades as well as the Safety Pals program. Looking at creating videos for the program and not have to go to schools and set up the production. This would be a great use for the funds. Ready, Set, Go and Water Safety will be the focus for the first productions. Chief Bullard shared that the National Fire Academy has openings for the Youth Fire Setter classes.

Fire Districts: No Report

Volunteer Fire Companies: Chief Mickelson shared some old photos from the County Volunteer Companies from the 80's that he found at the County offices.

Vegetation Management: Chief Williams shared that he is gearing up for the season. Start date of June 2020 for the inspections to start. Ordinance that removes the 5 acre parcel limit has been updated and will go to the Supervisors in May. The Expanded Fuel Reduction and Landscaping Campaign allocated approx. \$900,000.00 out of the TOT Tax over a 4 year period and will be talking about large parcels and work that has been done. The first half of the 6.6M grant for Adapted Fuels and Vegetation Management has been authorized, residents will be able to receive funding for vegetation management. The County Chipping Program will start on May 1st. Applications and requests can now be sent in digitally.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

Fire/EMS: Chief Schach reported the EOA Boundaries meeting had been canceled and is rescheduled in a couple of weeks. Most agencies have not requested any changes for EOA Boundary changes.

County Alerting System: No report

Sonoma OP Area Up-Staffing Plan: Chief George reported invoices have been submitted for County up staffing.

REDCOM: KT McNulty reported that the pre alerting SOP has been changed to pre alert the station or district with the street name. No more Box Numbers will be dispatched, but will be available upon request. ROSS is no longer in service IROC is now starting and training is underway. Congratulations to KT with her new position as Executive Director of REDCOM.

Closed Session: None

Good of the Order:

- James Salvante shared via email thanking Chief Schach for putting out up to date reports on the COVID-19. Anyone with any questions regarding the virus please email him and he will get back to you as soon as possible. Anyone in need of EMS supplies contact him as well.
- Chief Epstein shared he had sent out the flyer for the LGBT education training class and thanked everyone who has already signed up.
- Chief Turberville shared pilot Bob Valette will be retiring this year. Poll Mountain Lookout is currently looking into rebuilding it.
- Chief Williams shared that Haz Mat Specialist training is available and starts in April, hosted by County of Sonoma Fire Prevention and Haz Mat Division. Questions contact info@iectraining.or or call 650-508-9008. Approx. 14 spots are open.
- Chief Heine shared that LAFCO approved their application and annexation process for Russian River and Bodega Bay. They have by April 14th deadline to confirm that the gap funding problem between Sonoma County Fire District and Bodega Bay has been resolved. It's a 2.8M a year gap. The public protest period will close on May 6th. Target of July 1st go live date. Will be hiring a minimum of 7 to bring the engines up to 3.0 ALS staffing. Will also be filling a Deputy Operations Fire Chief position. Mountain Station 6 is underway with needed retrofits. Looking for building sites for Station 4, Todd Rd.

Adjournment: Motion: Chief Bullard, 2nd: Chief Turberville At 11:50

Next Meeting: April 8th, Graton Fire District

Respectfully Submitted,

Daren Bellach
SCFCA Secretary