



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
March 13th 2019 at 9:30 AM
Hosted By Healdsburg

ATTENDANCE

Ken Reese	REDCOM	Steve Akre	SVFRA
James Salvante	Costal Valleys EMS	James Williams	Sonoma County
Randy Collins	SRJC ARTP	Bonnie Plakos	NSCFPD
Jeff Schach	Petaluma	Bill Braga	Sebastopol
Mike Bates	Rohnert Park	Ari Wolfe	CHP
Ron Lunardi	Occidental	Jim Colangelo	Sonoma County
Mark Heine	RV/Windsor	Kempen Robbins	Santa Rosa
Jason Jenkins	SR/Cloverdale	Ron Busch	RV/Windsor
Dave Francheschi	Forestville	Linda Collister	Healdsburg
Matt Epstein	Dry Creek	Nick Silva	Lakeville
Mike Mickelson	Wilmar	Rob Cassidy	Russian River
Ben Nicholls	CALFIRE	Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa
Marshall Turbeville	Geyserville	Ron Busch	Windsor
Doug Williams	SMART	Dean Anderson	AMR
Spenser Andreis	SVFRA	Darren Bellach	Kenwood

Call to Order: Chief Boaz began the meeting at 0930 and led the pledge

Host Chief Introduction: Chief Boaz welcomed the group and explained lunch and asked for a head count

Presidents Report: Chief Boaz apologized for not sending out a SLG report and took a moment to recognize Chief Colangelo for his efforts in helping facilitate the enormous transition that have occurred with the fire services in the County

Approval of Minutes/Changes to the Agenda: Motion made to approve the February minutes by Chief Heine. Second by Chief Bellach. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report submitted by Hans was as follows:

Chiefs General Fund:	\$5,512.61
Survivors Fund:	\$105,896.31
OP's/TO's Fund:	\$17,613.79
FPO Safety Trailer:	\$8,431.90
Career Succession:	\$2,719.09
FPO General Fund:	\$3,137.22
FITF	\$2,298.05
Safety Pals Gen. Fund:	\$41,985.32
Safety Pals Trailer:	\$2,500.00
	\$190,094.29

Correspondence: There was no correspondence

Presentations:

- **EMS:** Chief Heine began by reporting there are some things occurring at the state level on the EMS front that will impact us. The first is the interpretation of 201 rights. The second is the composition of the EMSA. Because of these issues, for the first time Cal Chiefs endorsed Gavin Newsom as Governor and during their meeting with him, addressed these issues to which he expressed his support of helping the fire service in this

regard. A legislative remedy is proposed for the first topic and recommendations for future EMSA candidates have been submitted to the Gov. He added that what is occurring in Sonoma County is reflective as to what is occurring statewide and to the importance of being involved in this process. He ended by saying if you have any concerns or comments, to let him know. Chief Gossner reinforced Chief Heine's remarks and spoke to the importance of being involved with, and a dues paying member of Cal Chiefs. Chief Heine added that Cal Chief's & CPFF have filed a complaint with the Office of Administrative Law against the EMSA for approving "Underground regulations". A date has been set with an OAL Judge. Chief Boaz shared that at an earlier meeting the group had agreed to provide financial support to Cal Chief's legislative efforts to the Triton Group and that an MOU was drafted to formalize this process. He asked what the mechanics are to access the funding of the Survivor's Fund to do so. Randy shared the language from section 6.6 of the By Laws, which addressed the use of the Survivors fund monies. It was agreed to bifurcate support of the MOU from the funding issue. To that end, a motion by Chief Heine, second by Chief Akre to approve the MOU to support Cal Chief's efforts. Funding shall be agendaized for a future meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **CAL CHIEF's MOU:** Addressed above
- **SRJC Survey:** In an effort to gauge the need for FFI & FFII testing needs, Director Collins distributed a short survey which he will be using validate data for a White Paper he is preparing for his Administration and Board.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Strategic Leadership Group:** Chief Henie shared some of the background that led to the outcome at the Jan BOS meeting. There has been an acknowledgement that the problem is come April 1, there will be no support for the VFC's. Moving forward, the SLG will be recommending Gold Ridge as the agency to oversee the SLG. They will also be seeking clarification on what their role will as they move forward as well as the funding component and possibly changing the complexation of the group. Chief Boaz added his support for this effort. Chief Heine ended by expressing his appreciation to Chief Colangelo for his leadership. Chief Schach thanked the group for the update. Chief Mickelson echoed the need to be present to support the proposal at the BOS meeting next week. Chief Akre reminded the group about the importance of being unified.
- **Regional Zone Reports:** Chief Boaz asked for and received the following reports from the Zones:
 - Zone 1: No report
 - Zone 2: No report.
 - Zone 3: Chief Akre reported their master planning group continues to meet and identify opportunities.
 - Zone 4: Chief Plakos said she is glad Skaggs Springs is open
 - Zone 5: Chief Franchesci thanked the group for their support at the Graton CP during the floods.
 - Zone 6: Chief Jenkins shared their Ad-Hoc committee is meeting and expects to have the Knights Valley component finished by May or June
 - Zone 7: Chief Gossner reminded the group to be diligent with all the change that is occurring as it will trickle down and impact all of us in some form or manner so be prepared. Chief Andreis shared the discussion that occurred at the TO's/OP's meeting yesterday regarding engine numbering as one small example of this. Chief Heine indicated they are in the middle of the LAFCO protest period, which will end on April 23rd. April 4 remains the go live date for the new district and they will need to address the numbering issue Chief Andreis referred to.
 - Zone 8: Chief Braga shared they are looking at a shared Duty Chief and continue to meet.
 - Zone 9: Chief Schach reported RP has been re-structured with Mike Bates being appointed to Deputy Chief and RA is conducting Captains promotion.
 - CALFIRE: Chief Nicholls reported they are going through the re-hire process and working on several VMP projects with limited resources. They will also be starting vegetation mgt inspections in Camp Meeker.
- **Training/OP's:** Chief Andreis reported they met yesterday and covered the following topics:
 - Staffing the Graton CP during flood events
 - Exploring the use of Tablet Command, which is an I-pad based mini-MDC (a presentation has been scheduled for their May meeting).
 - Engine identifiers
 - Implementing the "EverBridge" system which will facilitate the up-staffing and "wet-hire" process
- **FPO's:** Kemplen Robbins shared their last meeting was cancelled due to a call-out and their next is at RA.

- **Fire Districts:** Chief Akre reminded the group an Ethics class is occurring on March 23rd in Windsor that satisfies the AB 1234 requirements. The Fire District's conference will be at the Napa Valley Marriot on April 3-5 and the FDAC will be sponsoring a new Board member class. He added that Lisa Guerro has stepped down and they are looking for administrative support person. Chief Jenkins shared Cloverdale will be hosting the next District's meeting.
- **Volunteer Fire Companies:** Chief Mickelson cautioned that there will be a lot of work to be done if the BOS approved the plan next week.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- **Fire EMS Committee:** Chief Akre shared two work groups have been formed. One working on the RFP and one working on the EMS ordinance. The dept. of Health Services has terminated the contract with the Abris group
- **County Alerting System:** Chief Boaz shared the quote he obtained for the Red Flags came to \$7,449. Chief Braga asked if an agency had previously purchased flags, would they be reimbursed. Chief Heine suggested we defer the item until we review the minutes from the meeting to examine this (to be deferred).
- **Sonoma OP Area Up-Staffing Plan:** Chief Colangelo shared Gold Ridge will no longer be handling the reimbursement process and an agency needs to step up in their place. He also indicated the County will be looking at paying for flood response activities out of this account.

REDCOM: Ken Reese reported they have successfully brought CALFIRE's EOC on-line and it has been working well. He added there will be some "tweeking" of response plans as use of the system steps up. This upgrade will allow users to see the CALFIRE resources committed to your incident. They are also continuing to resolve outstanding problems with Imagetrend

Closed Session: None

Good of the Order:

- Chief Jenkins shared the mapping group's work continues. Chief Akre added they have received and/are seeking funding for this project.
- Ken Reese spoke to the County Evacuation Maps and reminded the group the Fire/EMS CAD committee continues to meet recommend updates to the fire run book. A broader perspective of including overlapping elements was suggested. Incorporating the evacuation maps as a layer in the current GIS environment was mentioned. The work being done by Chris Godley and his team was referenced and included things such as alerting. Vegetation mapping through the LIDAR (light detection and ranging) process was also part of the discussion.
- Doug Williams talked about the role of liaison with SMART (Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit). His contact is: Dougw5591@gmail.com
(707) 696-8244
- Chief Funkhouser announced a rib cook-off scheduled for May 10, 2019.
- Chief Williams updated the group on vegetation management programs. About \$500K has been approved to start the program but more will be needed. Several grant applications are being processed. He encouraged adoption of a single standard for the subject. Chief Williams also reported on the need to revise district contracts based on the prevention transition to Permit Sonoma.
- Director Colangelo thanked the group for the support he had received during his tenure in the county. He reinforced his support for the Strategic Leadership Group and complimented them on putting the general good ahead of their own individual interests.
- Rob Cassidy reported the long-serving Russian River paramedic Glen Ramponi had retired.
- Chief Nichols clarified that CAL FIRE would be hiring new firefighters to start April 15, 2019, and they would be participating in a two-week academy.
- Chief Andreis asked if the all-call test on Wednesdays at noon should continue in the same fashion. Ken Reese shared some of his observations. There was a request to have the test pre-alerted.
- Chief Gossner reminded the group that the SHSGP (Homeland Security Grant Program) applications were due immediately. There is approximately \$200K available in the program. He added that a simulation table at the Santa Rosa Training Tower with upcoming joint training with CAL FIRE in the works.

He also reported that an OES up-staffing meeting in Sacramento was well attended. The process continues to evolve. The new OES chief, Brian Marshall was in attendance. He noted that locally there had been 10 up-staffing events covering 20 days and more duty chief depth would be helpful.

- Chief Turbeville reinforced the warning that power shut-offs during risky weather will probably be more often and cover larger areas.
- Chief Boaz reported that the City of Healdsburg had approved a development agreement that provides for the purchase of a new ladder truck.

Adjournment: Chief Boaz adjourned the meeting at 1130.

Next Meeting: April 10th, Gold Ridge Watertrough Rd Sta.

Respectfully Submitted: March 19, 2019

Randy Collins,
SCFCA Secretary
with thanks to Doug Williams for covering Roundtable