



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES
May 11th 2016 at 10:30 AM
Hosted By Sebastopol Fire

Attendance:

Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Dan George	Gold Ridge
Randy Collins	SRJC	James Williams	Sonoma County
Scott Westrope	Santa Rosa	Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe
Max Ming	Forestville	Linda Collister	Healdsburg
Bill Braga	Sebastopol	Michael Palacio	CHP
Mark Freeman	SVFRA	Leonard Thompson	Petaluma
Barry Phagan	Marin Senior Access	Bonnie Plakos	NSCFPD
Greg Martin	Sonoma County	Todd Derum	CALFIRE
Aaron Abbott	REDCOM	Rachel Berry-Phillips	Marin County
Al Terrell	Sonoma County	Bob DeLambert	San Rafael FD

Call to Order/Pledge: Chief Braga called the meeting to order at 10:37am and led the Pledge.

Changes to the Agenda: Chief Braga asked if anyone had any changes to the agenda. There were none.

Host Chief Introduction: Chief Braga welcomed all, explained logistics, introduced Capt. Bob DeLambert who in-turn introduced Dr. Barry Phagan and Rachel Berry-Phillips who will be presenting shortly. He also explained the lunch details.

President's Report Chief Braga recognized Ernie Loveless and Chief Dan George for their hard work in working with the County to obtain Prop 172 funds for REDCOM fees. Chief George echoed that it was a joint effort and it represents a start with a long way to go. He added Mendocino County also received some Prop 172 monies as well.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Chief George, seconded by Chief Grinnell. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Was submitted separately from Hans and is as follows:

• SCFCA Chief's General Fund –	\$3,555.90
• SCFCA Operations Fund -	<u>\$16,769.24</u>
	\$20,325.14
• SCFCA Survivors Fund Checking Account -	\$7,920.90
• SCFCA Survivors Fund CD Account -	<u>\$110,016.69</u>
	\$117,937.59

He followed by circulating the ledger for the last month.

Chief Treanor spoke to the review of our books he recently conducted with Hans. He indicated Hans is bonded (for omissions) and spoke to the reimbursement system that is utilized. All in all, he found the books in proper order. He further suggested conducting reviews every other year and ended by submitting to Chief Braga a written report. Motion to accept the two reports by Chief George, second by Chief Thompson. Unanimous vote.

Correspondence: Chief Braga shared that he had contacted Chief Vela in the CALFIRE SRA Prevention Fee Program via email of our interest in any residual funds from the SRAFPP grant. There was a prolonged discussion regarding the distribution of these funds to specific areas despite the funds being collected locally. Chief Braga asked if anyone would be interested in serving on a sub-committee to address this. Chief Freeman agreed, but it will also be taken up in concert with the Fire Districts.

Presentations: **Captain** Bob DeLambert from San Rafael Fire introduced Dr. Barry Phagan and Rachel Berry-Phillips who spoke to the Marin Senior Access Program. Dr. Phagan provided his personal perspective as to its origins. It was piloted in San Rafael and has been in place for two years. Some of the benefits/features include:

- It connects repeat 911 callers with age related problems to the agency that can address their needs.
- It has reduced repeated aged related 911 calls in San Rafael by over 75%.
- It utilizes a form the responder completes and then has the patient/caller sign (which waives HIPPA) and allows the FD to forward to Health and Human Services who in turn will contact the patient and make an appointment.
- Because of the success of the program, the Marin Grand Jury is recommending implementation by all Public Safety Agencies in Marin County by the end of the year.
- He recommended contacting the Sonoma County Health and Human Services Dept as a first step to implement locally (although they are not quite ready at this time). He also suggested using the Grand Jury to help gather support.

After a brief discussion, it was suggested it be passed to EMCC for implementation. Chief Leonard agreed to host a pilot program at Petaluma. Aaron reminded the group the next EMCC meeting is on the 25th. Chief Freeman indicated he would work with Capt. DeLambert & Dr. Phagan to arrange a presentation at the EMCC. Chief Martin will carry to the OP's/TO's.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

District Chiefs: Chief George indicated his report was already covered above.

OP AREA: Chief George shared from the OES meeting that they are predicting the same weather this season as last year. He also noted that his position for the area is up for election and the floor was opened for nominations. All three positions need to be filled (Dan George OP Area, Tony Gossner 1st Alt and Spenser Andreis 2nd Alt). Sean nominated the slate, second by Frank. Unanimous vote.

County Fire: Chief Terrell reported:

- With the promotion of Greg Martin to Assistant Chief, they are conducting an internal promotion to fill his vacant Training Officer's position. Congratulations Greg
- The Fire Advisory Council will meet on Monday May 16th.
- The BOS passed a Vegetation Management Ordinance (pilot program).
- There is a need for EMTs at Sonoma Raceway during their events. If you have staff that is interested, contact Captain Gina Peterson, Interim Fire Training Officer.

Grants: Chief Freeman reported a survey would be coming out soon to gather feedback on grant needs. Responding to his inquiry, Aaron indicated the "Emergency Button" feature grant has been funded and is moving forward with Dennis Smiley with the Sherriff's working on it.

SRJC Advisory: Randy reported the following from the Fire Program:

- The 89th Fire Academy graduated last Friday. Dan was the speaker and did a great job. He also expressed his appreciation for all who attended and the recognition he received from the Fire Advisory Committee and this group.
- He also thanked those agencies that participated in the "Ride Along" program for the academy students and will plan on beginning earlier next semester.

Marin Chiefs: Chief Gossner submitted the following notes from their last meeting:

- Active Shooter Trainings will be occurring on.
- They have been working to integrate Integraph into their CAD.
- Marin County has been prepping for the fire season.

On the topic of Active Shooter, Chief Braga indicated he has received requests to obtain body armor for his personnel and asked what other agencies are doing. Chief Thompson shared they have obtained armor and recently completed a training with their PD. A discussion regarding the intricacies of implementing such a program followed. One outcome suggested was to invite a rep from the Police Chiefs to our next meeting. Chief Freeman will make the invite to his counterpart on the law side since he is hosting. Commander Palacio indicated that because most law agencies

do not have the resources to handle such an incident; you will vary agreement on how much fire participation they will want in the early stages of an incident and levels of collaboration will differ.

It was also noted that the body armor PPE requires individual fitting, the shelf life is 5 years, and it's quite expensive, with an average cost of \$5000.00 for 4 sets. We would investigate FEMA Federal Funding through a Regional Grant.

Improving Efficiencies:

- Aaron reminded that the matrix is still in "Winter" mode and asked when we want to shift to fire season. Chief George suggested June 1st, which they will do.

Customer Service/Good of the Order: None

Closed Session: There was no closed session.

Adjournment: Chief Braga adjourned the meeting at 12:25 pm and encouraged folks to stay for lunch

Next Meeting: June 8th Sonoma Valley (need presentation)!

Respectfully Submitted May 11, 2016

By, Randy Collins, Secretary