



# SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES

Hosted by Rancho Adobe

November 14, 2012, 9:30 am.

### Attendance

Eric Hoffmann	Cal Fire	Mark Aston	County Fire
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Philip Garcia	Sonoma Valley
Paul Smith	Marin FCA-Kentfield	Dick Luttrell	REDCOM
Ken Reese	REDCOM	Bill Braga	Sebastopol
Gary Duignan	Red Cross	Andy Taylor	Rancho Adobe
Dan George	Gold Ridge/Bennett Vly	Mark McCormick	Santa Rosa
Paul Pioni	Geyserville	Larry Anderson	Petaluma
Tim Streblow	Cal Fire	Doug Williams	Central
Peter Van Fleet	Glen Ellen	Jim Geib	Glen Ellen
Steve Adams	Healdsburg	Daren Bellach	Kenwood
David Frazer	UASI/County Fire	Ray Mulas	Schell-Vista
Max Ming	FRV/RRF	Dean Anderson	SLS/AMR

**Call to Order:** President Hoffmann called the meeting to order at 09:30.

**Host Chief Introduction:** President Hoffmann introduced B/C Andy Taylor who welcomed everyone to Rancho Adobe. Self-introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes:** President Hoffmann called for a motion to approve the October minutes. Chief Williams moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Chief Braga. President Hoffman called for the vote; all were in favor none were opposed.

**President's Report:** President Hoffmann said he did not much to report since he has been busy with a lot of Cal Fire business; although he did report that he had been talking with the nominations committee.

### Treasurer's Report as of 10-31-12:

- Checking: \$3,051.96
- Survivors Fund Interest checking: \$14,526.31
- Survivors Fund CD: \$ \$116,932.65 (September)

Payment needed to FPO for last membership dues of 2012. \$200.00.

### Correspondence:

- Junk mail: The IRS is conducting a communication survey, the other item was a solicitation for an Oakland Faith based non-profit seminar.

**Presentations:** VP Aston introduced Dave Frazer, UASI Program Manager, who represents Marin, Napa, Sonoma, and Solano Counties. Mr. Frazer had just attended the North Bay planning meeting recently, which was attended by most everyone here today. We are looking for direction from this group. By leveraging our risk factor of 7.5% of total bay area (Sonoma County) share of the \$500,000 money for our

area is equal to about 40,000. Projects in this price range, related to terrorism, and crosses county lines stand a good chance of funding and consideration. Inter-operability is still the number one consideration. We bought you a lot of stuff; where is it and do you know how to use? I send info out already as an email attachment-it has gone out twice with revisions, and now required another revision. Please contact me. An online application is available now. Funding to stay the same and core capabilities are the focus. Application period is open until November 30, 5pm. The process is: application is made, then reviewed by one of four working groups, then reviewed by the UASI management team, then its off to the inter-ops group (working group) go to that meeting (you should attend that meeting), at the work group meeting they qualify your application, then the application is sent to the hub meeting, (we have rep) where op area mangers then decide (four) worthiness, then the application finally goes to approval committee.

VP Aston added an explanation of grant dust. Funding that has not been used for various reasons goes back to the hub. Sometimes the State does not take its 20%. Dick Luttrell asked if there was an average residual amount? **A)** the amount if never known and nothing to count on. No average amount. The goal is not to return any money back the Federal Government or face getting less money next year. Shovel ready projects for this grant dust has the best possibility for funding. Chief Braga said we are fortunate to have Dave. Phone...565-1108.

VP Aston asked the group to contact Chief Anderson or himself for projects or ideas...President Hoffmann asked since one of things that is most valued is regional, are we reaching out to other chiefs associations? No we are not but that is a good idea said VP Aston. Chief Williams said it was to bad that John Zanzi was not here-Is there is a connection with SMART and anti-terrorist activities and the commuter rail? Could we use that as a platform for more training or security? **A)** Since we have only have a few days left, SMART related plus the Marin county tie in, we do not have enough time, but this as a future project has merit. Dick Luttrell said REDCOM will submit two proposals and will attempt to coordinate with others. Speaking of SMART project, Dave Frazer said next year would be the best bet. Chief Anderson asked if the timing of UASI funding is a regular? **A)** Yes it occurs the same time every year-but funding amounts will change.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Training & Operations Section:** Chief George reported that Chief Lantz would revise the DMV policy for recent changes and have it to us by the next meeting for review/agreement. Eleanor and her group is taking the applications for driver trainer recognition. Jason Jenkins is working on STL and single resource training refreshers for our folks. Two classes are in the planning phase, one north and one south. STL program draft changes are still out there. We are now experiencing Google doc access issues, but we are looking to fix these issues. Chief Williams has tasked the ops group with lesson learned from past deployments. Chief Williams's added that we have something to learn from each deployment. Jason Jenkins is looking into to LEXIPOL for future use and consideration.

**Prevention Section:** Meeting today...

**Fire Districts:** Chief Williams reported this group would meet in January. The Sonoma County Fire Districts Association will consider offering Board and staff member training for harassment.

**Volunteer FF Association:** No report

**CAD Group:** Chief Williams reported this group met on October 16. A few projects continue such as enhancements to mapping adjuncts and a couple of groups are looking at various things for priorities, to keep the funding alive. Today is GIS day; I encourage all of you to stop by the Finley center today. Chief Price of San Ramon Valley will attend and talk about the Apple application pulse point. Dean Anderson added a little more explanation of pulse point.

**Cal EMA Op Area/region:** Chief Williams reported no activations for this period. Chief Williams was elected as the Region II Coordinator for a one-year term. Alameda County will remain the primary dispatch center for the Region. Jim Magill of Livermore Pleasanton will be first alternate. Chief Streblov will allow St. Helena to be the back up ECC for our region. Chief Tom Reeves will remain 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate.

Lessons learned for 2012 is my primary mission. Chief Streblov added its nice to see someone of Chief Williams caliber in the position and offered a thank you for stepping up. President Hoffmann confirmed Chief Williams's term, one-year increments, up to three years max with election.

**County Fire:** VP Aston reported on the flood-planning meeting. They had an interesting discussion of smaller river flooding that we regularly deal with and how best how to prepare. El Nino is developing but it has not materialized. Our greatest potential is of that atmospheric river known as the pineapple express is most likely that will cause small stream flooding but River flooding is not known. A great new tool is the national flood gage map...app for apple (added Ken)-flood watch.

**EMCC:** Dean Anderson reported EMCC has not met since October. The next meeting is scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday. Officers have been filled out and have been sent to the Board of Supervisors. Kent Coxon retires Christmas eve.

**Legislation:** VP Aston reported that things have ben quiet. Chief Williams added that the super majority might be interesting.

**Grants:** Chief Anderson reported that AFG has made no awards for awhile. Of the 51 AFG awards only three have been in California. Several ideas were expressed for the delays in awards.

**SRJC Advisory:** Chief Williams said they met in early November. We will see what happens since the vote went good. Rand Collins hosted the state fire tech directors meeting. Ken Wagner spoke of SFT career tracks. New courses are being developed and others are being revamped. Chief Williams also said that he is considering using Fire 208 as a way of screening applicants. Chief McCormick will come back to us for future discussions regarding the SRJC consideration to move to the fire academy to PSTC. President Hoffmann said the JC is the proud owner of the skid truck. Chief McCormick said the city is negotiating with the Water Agency for use of that space as well.

**CHP Liaison:** No report.

**Red Cross:** Gary Duignan reported that Red Cross deployed to Sandy: two response vehicles, 33 personal, 5800 volunteers, 1300 partners, 137,000 shelter nights, and served 5.3 mil meals. We had a couple local call outs.

**Marin Chiefs Liaison:** Paul Smith, Kentfield Fire Chief, representing the Marin Chiefs and asked how this is working? The rotation? Works greats was the sentiment expressed by the group. Records management programs are being reviewed currently none interface with CAD. Working with committees and vendors and we are moving forward. Marin OES rolled out a self subscription to disaster or police action to telephone notification-Text and email. Recently, of a couple hundred evacuated homes, 205 had no landline. Last year we locked into a tech grant-apparatus tracking on a beta study, hockey pucks (locaters) on Tiburon engines; all stations in Marin can track locations of emergency vehicles. SRA Fees-Randy Collins attended the Marin/Sonoma Fire Chiefs press conference. An interesting exercise with no traction locally. In 2013 bills go out in March and April of next year. There is a heightened awareness with prevention and protection in State fire fee because of this. Chief Streblov added that he is assisting Marin County Fire with interviewing of New Chief, 7 applicants now.

**Fire Safe Sonoma:** No report. Where are the meetings? No one knew.

**Cal Fire:** Chief Streblov reported that they are in winter preparedness mode now. Five engines and one dozer 24-7 in the unit; all camps have one crew. Copter104 has hoist now. Passage of Prop 30 gives us a break, no 30 mil cut. Thank you to everyone who attended our memorial for Rob Van Wormer. SRA fee, Jarvis group has filed a lawsuit, class action not injunctive, still a strong movement to stop. 4000 appeals so far to date. Some discussions to change this at state level are occurring. Huge issues with manufactured homes and the SRA Fee, such as the charging of mobile homes on Lake Berryessa that are no longer there and Cal Fire has to deal with these types of mistakes. The BOE staff has no idea of who is

where. Thank you for all that helped out for fire season. 40,000 acres burned in the unit. Personnel- filling the Glen Ellen B/C. Karin Shubin is out for the long term. Several events have been held to help out. Thank you all this will be my last meeting. 39 seasons. Monday we are holding interviews for my position. Thank you all. Chief McCormick asked about the mechanic OT issue for call out. They fall into the same Cal EMA 16-hour max pay for non-firefighting personnel; the IC, on a limited basis, can waive the requirement. Review your agreement.

**SMART:** No report

#### **Old Business-**

- **SRA Fees:** As discussed throughout the meeting. The BOE has contracted out the service side of things. The recommendation is to have residents pay the bill and then protest it.
- **Nominating Committee report:** Chief Williams reported the Committee recommends Mark Aston , as President, Sean Grinnell as Vice-President, and Steve Adams and Sec/Tres. Eric will be the immediate past president and Doug is still the 2<sup>nd</sup> past president. We will vote and consider other nominations in December.

#### **New Business-**

- **UASI grant opportunities:** Moved to presentations portion of the meeting
- **PG&E grant:** from FPO's. A spirited discussion ensued. The primary issues are related to the lack of notifications and polices such as a spending plan in place to deal with these situations. In the long run this is likely to end up as a project for 2013. The term donation is used in this particular case. Chief McCormick moved to deposit and to make available through Chief Williams as our agent, a check payable to the Safety Pals, so long as an itemized accounting of the moneys to be spent will be provided. Chief Streblov gave the second. President Hoffmann confirmed no more discussion and called for the vote; all in favor all, none opposed, Chief Williams abstained.
- **Planning meeting (2013):** The Goals for 2013 and how best to plan for the meeting. It was decided that we would use the Doodle.com app to pick a suitable date in January
- **Photovoltaic regulations:** FPO's and Chief Williams are looking to draft a county-wide protocol and wanted to know if chiefs could talk about. Chief McCormick suggested a panel that has a shut off at the panel for firefighters. UL is testing a shut for fire conditions. REACO (redwood empire association of code officials) group will suggest something soon too. Building officials asked for a small group of chiefs to sit down and talk about it. Further info coming from FPO and Ops; keep as old business. Chief Smith said that Marin no longer has a requirement of the extra shut off at the panel. Chief McCormick to send out more info.

**Improving Efficiencies:** None reported

**Customer Service/Good of the Order:** President Hoffman said that former Unit Chief is looking for a PDF Zone map (Ken Reese to provide). Chief Mulas expressed his gratitude for all who came by the Viet Nam Wall Memorial that was in town and said thank you. Chief Taylor asked if anyone was purchasing pagers and said he would like to jump on board.

**REDCOM:** Director Luttrell said the tenth anniversary of REDCOM is January 27, an event is in the works. You all should have received a letter from Scott Foster explaining the indebtedness and support of that action for facility expansion that has been the works for years. Tribal money will be used to fund a majority of the expansion project. 1.2 million dollars. Thank you for those that have responded; those that have not-please do it soon. Ken Reese said that the two/four simulcast is in place and ready for December 10. Fire load sheet for new load was included as an attachment to the letter. Chief Pigoni added that 2/4 direct and repeated for the ability to talk to C2/4 at different times since all mountain tops will need some work to make this all happen. Narrow-banding of REDCOM will occur at the same time. One last thing, beta application for iPad/iPhone app, Active 911. The Question of tone selection was asked and if it was a benefit? **A) no**

**Closed Session:** No

**Next Meeting:** Santa Rosa Fire Department, Dec 12, 2012, Tower Room 1

**Adjourned:**12:05