



**SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS  
ASSOCIATION MEETING  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 14, 2020 at 9:30 AM  
Conference Call In**

**ATTENDANCE**

Daren Bellach	Kenwood	Ron Busch	Sonoma County Fire
Cyndi Foreman	FPO's	Amanda Newhall	Healdsburg
Bill Bullard	Graton	Bonnie Plakos	North Coast Fire
Jeff Schach	Petaluma	Kemplen Robbins	FPO's
Ben Nicholls	CALFIRE	James Williams	Sonoma County
Steve Akre	Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue	Devon Gambonini	FPO's
Matt Epstein	DCRFD	Mike Mickelson	North Bay Fire
Dave Franceschi	Forestville	KT McNulty	REDCOM
Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa	Brian Henricksen	AMR
Doug Williams	SMART	Bill Braga	Sebastopol
Jason Boaz	Healdsburg	Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay
James Salvante	Coastal Valley EMS	Shawna Jones	CALFIRE
Todd Derum	PG&E	Mike Nicholls	Cazadero
Ron Lunardi	Occidental	Mike Bates	RPPS
Darrin DeCarli	NBF/Gold Ridge	Steve Herzberg	Bodega Bay
Tim Mattos	RPPS	Shepley Schroth-Cary	NBF/Gold Ridge

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chief Boaz

**Host Chief Introduction:** Chief Boaz welcomed everyone on the Conference Call

**Presidents Report:** Chief Boaz thanked everyone for the responses and coordination efforts to the Glass Fire.

**Changes to the Agenda:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** No Minutes to approve

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**Correspondence:** None

**Presentation:** Shannon McQuaide – Fire Flex Yoga: To prevent movement awareness and overall safety. Practical Is to regulate the nervous system. Overall to reduce the amount of injuries.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Chief Jones – Cal Fire Cost Sharing: Chief Jones thanked everyone for the response to the Glass incident. Jurisdiction responsibility, 82% of the County is SRA. Districts have a responsibility to respond to incidents with-in their jurisdiction. 48 hours into this incident was structure defense. The State of California cannot pay for you to fight fire in your own backyard. Even though this is not the way Cal Fire has been doing it, they should have been. We just had not gotten there yet. Cal Fire is preparing an operating plan that will discuss Master Mutual Aid, Wet Hires (ABH) and cost sharing. One example is to take the total cost and divide it by the percentage of acres burned in that District area. This is not expected to be paid due to total costs are very high. By next fire season, the plan will be detailed and approved by the County Fire Chiefs. Districts can apply for FMAG assistance to re coup the first 48 hour costs at 76%. Chief Gossner stated that the Tubbs Fire was done like this and the first 48 hours was on the city. Cal Fire has the ability locally to make these negotiations for cost sharing.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Fire Service Working Group:** No Report

**SMART:** Doug Williams reported the extension to Windsor is still under construction. Still having reductions in service and questions about the future.

**PG & E:** No Report

**Sonoma County Emergency Management:**

**Regional Zone Reports:**

**CALFIRE:** Chief Nichols reported an amazing group effort in the response to the Glass Incident and Lightning Complex. Staffing patterns in place due to the RedFlag Warning.

**Zone 3:** No Report

**Zone 4** No Report

**Zone 5:** No Report

**Zone 6:** No Report

**Zone 7:** No Report

**Zone 8:** No Report

**Zone 9:** No Report

**OES:** No Report

**Training OP's:** No Report

**FPO's:** Kemplen reported the Ring Presentation for FITIF. The presentation will be in November. County outdoor dining issues will be discussed at their next meeting. PG&E

settlement funds was discussed and was asked for funds for public education in regards to the public comments.

**Fire Districts:** Chief Grinnell reported next Thursday is the meeting and nominations for the VP will be taken.

**Volunteer Fire Companies:** No Report

**Vegetation Management:** Chief Williams reported 1,939 inspections have been conducted. Due to the fires, everything was put on hold. Discussing a Grant application due in December for Vegetation Management for \$50 Million, The Board allocated another \$150,000.00 for the Chipping Program.

#### **Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:**

**Fire/EMS:** No report

**County Alerting System:** No report

**Sonoma OP Area Up-Staffing Plan:** Chief Gossner reported, Everbridge was down during the last request for upstaffing and Active911 was used. OES approved ST2377C for the current upstaffing TF2379 was approved as well as overhead and a dispatcher. Chief Bates asked for conformation in regards to any upstaffing of equipment in the County if they could be sent to any neighboring County's if needed. Chief Gossner confirmed this.

**REDCOM:** KT McNulty reported they are upstaffed with 2 dispatchers. The CAD has been flagging COVID-19 cases. Due to the amount of logs, the CAD cannot accept all the logs and they will not be logging them anymore.

**Closed Session:** None

**Good of the Order:** Chief Gossner announced he will be retiring December 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year. Chief Williams stated that there were over 500 structures lost in the Glass Fire and Phase one of the sweeps will start in a couple of weeks. The HazMat courses has started and looking forward to new HazMat Techs soon. James Salvante reported that Theresa Lombardi is retiring. Chief Boaz stated if anyone has any items for the next few agendas, please let him know. Also issues with time restraints for reserve Firefighters and the 1000 hour rule due to all the fires and running out of hours. Chief Bellach stated he is having the same issues and we should talk. Chief Epstein added that there is room for discussion about this. The chiefs association should put out a letter to CSFA and try to get change in policy with PERS. Further discussion to follow.

**Adjournment:** @ 1100hrs.

**Next Meeting:** November 11<sup>th</sup> at Rancho Adobe

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daren Bellach  
SCFCA Secretary