



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2014

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Spencer Andreis	SVFRA
Jeff Holden	Petaluma	Dave Cornelsson	CSC Fire
Jack Piccinini	SRFD	Bill Shubin	SRFD
Chris Jurasek	CalFire	Darrin DiCarli	Gold Ridge
Dan George	BV/GR	Joe Gioridani	CSC Fire
Wes Kitchel	Sonoma Co	Ken Sebastiani	SRFD
Mike Bates	RPDPS		

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Cornelsson called the meeting to order at 09:06.
- II. **Self-Introductions:** Due to the small size of the group intros were skipped.
- III. **Presentation** There were no presentations
- IV. **Changes to the Agenda:** Under new business a discussion of active status was added.
- V. **Approval of the Minutes:** Dave indicated that because there was not a quorum at the March meeting only notes were generated and the minutes to be approved were from February. Motion by Jack seconded by Bill, unanimous vote. Dave welcomed Dan who was late.
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
 - A. **Chiefs:** Dan attended and shared there was little to report. Next meeting tomorrow at Gold Ridge (night meeting).
 - B. **FPO's:** Darrin reported they have submitted a \$300k grant to install CO & Smoke Detectors in all Mobile Home parks in the county. Some changes have also occurred to the Safety Pals schedule due occurred due to one school canceling on them.
 - C. **Marin TO's:** Joe did not attend. Randy reported that Dave Glenn shared at the Fire Advisory meeting the following activities:
 - They have gone to 6 meetings/year
 - They are starting their 3rd Vol. Academy w/ Mill Valley & Tiburon. 8 weeks each Sunday
 - Wildland Officers Academy – May 5th – 9th is open to everyone (see flyer)
 - Target Solutions training is being used extensively
 - They are in the process of developing a County Training manual.
 - D. **Marin OP's:** Piccinini No report.
 - E. **CALFIRE:** Chris shared the new mobile equipment numbering system they have adopted that is specific to each Battalion. For example, In Battalion 10, engine 1460 that is assigned

there, will now be 1461 (see attachment). Staffing they went to 10 engines April 7 and will have one engine at all stations by April 28 with hiring on the 21st. (final approval pending). The new Battalion Chief for SR should be on by the end of the month. Copter 103 should be staffed by May 5. There will also be helo training at Two Rock Coast Guard on May 10 open to all agencies.

F. NBIMT: Next meeting at Hamilton April 14 at 0900..

G. Fire Tech Advisory: Randy reported they met last Thursday (April 3) and covered the following items:

- The Volunteer Fire Skills Program had the graduation ceremony for its first class April 2 at the Wilmar Fire Station (17 graduated). The event was well attended with former State Fire Marshal Ron Coleman and Chief Terrell attending. The program will be repeated next year beginning in the fall.
- The new FFI curriculum is being incorporated into the Fall academy
- The date for our SFT reaccreditation site visit is Nov 12. I would like a member of the e-board present (or available) in case the Team has questions from the TOs/Ops.
- In response to an inquiry from SFT for the college to offer FFI certification testing to students outside the academy (& local agencies), the committee voiced its support. We will be looking into developing a 30-40 hour class on this once details on the process are provided by SFT.
- Will be preparing a proposal at the next meeting for the group to consider adding basic English as a prerequisite for the fire academy (in an effort to promote writing skills).
- Currently updating the curriculum for Investigation 1A and developing S-290 to meet potential need for the face to face version of this class to satisfy the new SFT CO requirements. Chris added S-290 is being pushed to local Ranger Units from the academy. Randy added coordinating the offerings will be important.
- The committee voted to support the three grants the program is pursuing (Aluminum SCBA Bottles, Hand and Power Tools and Wildland PPE and Practice Fire Shelters).
- F/T Instructor position closed and we have 7 applicants so the process will move forward.
- FFI graduation on May 16 at 1000. All are welcome.

VII. Old Business:

A. LEXIPOL: Spenser reported implementation is a lot of work. Bill reported Zone 3 is using the 54 core policies and SRFD has budgeted it next year.

B. 2014 Goals:

- 1. Tactical Options:** The current work group consists of Piccinini, Holden and Taylor. Jack said the group will meet in May
- 2. MAD Drill:** Darrin reported they met last week and bumped the drill date to June 14 with a back up date of June 28. The NBIMT has been requested to handle the planning and Darrin will attend the next NBIMT to coordinate. Two Sonoma & one Marin ST are being requested for the drill. Plan is to have three stations (1 rail, 1 mobile attack and 1 hose lay) and have 200 and 300 level sign-offs for Task Books.
- 3. Training Needs Assessment:** Interest is to conduct a survey monkey. Due to focus of

the MAD drill, this will be tabled for now.

- 4. Strike Team/Active Status:** Jack spoke globally about filling specific positions and the potential impact filling one may have on another position (i.e. ST vs. Div/Gp) and how we wish to handle it. A discussion followed. The outcome agreed to was for Jack to develop a separate lists for a Single Resource overhead positions & place a draft on the website
- 5. Strike Team/REDCOM Duty Officer Class:** Dave reported that there will be one on the 29th at Windsor due to the new OES rep's aggressive training schedule. Other presenters include Cal Fire, Dan and REDCOM. There is still some time available to add another unit (possibly one on the Louder Fire Heli-tack burn over that occurred in the late 80's). Dan suggested a structure protection component which prompted Jack to share his experience at a recent OP's meeting and a discussion on a fundamental policy shift on how this occurs (i.e. structure protection vs. perimeter control). Dan shared that it is partly driven by the Fed's desire not to use the term structure protection. Chris added that they are actually trying to remove the term from the vocabulary used in IAP's. One outcome was to discuss this at the MTZ meeting Jack will be hosting.
- 6. RIO/Ethics Classes:** Randy reported they are slowly filling up but we still have plenty of time.
- 7. By-Laws:** Randy reported that he had placed this effort on hold since the Chiefs are in the process of updating theirs and once those are complete, they will be used as a template for this group.

VIII. New Business:

A. Active Status: Discussed above.

IX. Good of the Order:

- Ken reported they have lots of classes sponsored for UASI and including: RS-1, Haz Mat Tech and Spec.
- Jeff reported they just completed an Engineer's test and will be holding a Captain's and BC in the near future. If they don't have enough interest for the BC's they will go to the outside.
- Darrin added that Marin's local will provide some financial support for the MAD drill. The total cost is anticipated to be around \$5k.
- Chris mentioned that in the LNU they have restored the dozer they lost a few years ago. There are still 2 in the county.
- Randy suggested a long term goal of developing a policy in concert with law enforcement on dealing with active shooter scenarios.

X. Adjournment: At 1035.

Next meeting: May 13th, 2014 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted:
Randy Collins
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