



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2016

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Darren DiCarli	Gold Ridge
Dave Cornelssen	CSC Fire	Jack Piccinini	CSCF
Marshall Turbeville	CALFIRE	Gina Petersen	Sonoma County
Jack Thomas	Santa Rosa	Kirk Van Wormer	CALFIRE
Greg Martin	Sonoma County	Jeff Holden	Petaluma
Jim Comisky	Sonoma Valley	Mark Gradek	CALFIRE
Todd Derum	CALFIRE	Tom Knecht	CALFIRE
Spenser Andreis	SVFRA	Chris Jurasek	CALFIRE
Scott Westrope	Santa Rosa	Ken Sebastiani	Santa Rosa
Bill Shubin	Santa Rosa	Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay
Loren Davis	Mountain	Dan Bull	Sonoma County

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Martin called the meeting to order at 0905 and had a moment of silence in the memory of Mike Haberski who was past President of the organization.
- II. **Self-Introductions:** Self-introductions followed.
- III. **Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion to approve by Capt. Petersen, seconded by Chief Comiski, unanimous vote.
- V. **Presentations:** None
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
 - A. **Chiefs:** No report
 - B. **FPO's:** No report
 - C. **Marin TO's/OPs:** Gina shared most of the meeting involved PG & E training. Other topics including continuing CAD issues
 - D. **CALFIRE:** Chief Jurasek reported fuels are burning like they would in later summer and they are dealing with retardant in waterway issues and have asked that if fire personnel see any in drainages (with water) they notify the Air Attack so they can make the proper notifications.

Kirk also shared the tragedy that occurred with Capt. Todeschini's son which has been difficult for the Ranger unit.

Chief Derum shared he has been on a tree mortality task force and the loss has been massive in the southern Sierra. He expects it to also effect oaks in this area soon. CAL Fire will be sending out bulletins regarding this. He also spoke to the concept of Unified

Command and making decisions jointly in the same vehicle.

Chief Martin asked if there has been any issue regarding drones in the unit. Chief Jurasek referred to an FAA website where known drone activity is posted. It's: <https://skyvector.com/> He added if one is seen during an incident to advise the IC immediately.

E. NBIMT: Chief Derum reported an O305 (All Hazards Command for general staff) was held in Marin County and recommended the class.

F. CICC: Capt. Thomas reported for certain Type III positions, the deadline is now December 31 and he encouraged folks to apply if they have the experience. The next CICC meeting will be after the Sept. 13 TO's/OP's. A discussion about the application process followed.

G. Fire Tech Advisory: Randy shared the following:

- The RIO class went off as planned on June 6, had 38 folks attend and generated \$760 for the organization. The Ethics was held the next day and had 30 attend.
- The 90th Fire Academy begins the 30th of this month and to accommodate as many as possible, we will be running with 40 students. We will also be running the Volunteer Fire Skills class ((9/28-11/5) so Saturdays are going to be busy at the PSTC
- He reminded the group that now that SFT extended the deadline for completing the *current* Instructor I Task Book (now Dec 31, 2017), he is offering Instructor IC this fall to accommodate those wishing to obtain this certification and circulated the flyer.
- As reported at our last meeting, Randy shared that he has developed a survey to query the level of interest agencies have for a stand-alone FFI & FFII test course for those agencies that choose to conduct their own FFI & II training. It was sent in early June to most departments in Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Lake and Mendocino Counties. If you have not turned yours in, please do so. He also handed copies out to the group. While he indicated he has only received 45% back, the demand shared by these results alone will be on the average 28 a year for FFI & 35 a year for FFII. To accommodate this need, we will conduct one Intensive (instead of two) academy in the spring, and following the academy in late April/early May conduct the stand-alone cert tests as needed.
- He added that with the requirement to have academy staff approved SFT Skills Evaluators it will adversely impact the academy by reducing the pool of those to draw on to serve as evaluators. If anyone is interested in becoming a Skills Evaluator, to contact him.
- He took delivery of a 4' x 4' fire pan to meet the 2013 FFI extinguisher requirements and a compressed gas cylinder prop for use in the FFII test process. Both work well and generate a large volume of fire.
- In an effort to address the duplication of subsequent Driver Operator class offerings, after this meeting, those DO stakeholders will be meeting to establish a schedule to adequately meet the needs in the county and prevent "over-booking".

H. REDCOM: No report. A short discussion about some REDCOM glitches followed. It was suggested these items be shared at the Chief's meeting tomorrow.

VII. Old Business:

A. 2016 Goals: Chief Piccinini shared where the group was. Most items are on-going with the exception of the "Move-Up" matrix. He also reminded the group the hope was to have each zone sponsor a drill that was open to all other county departments (as a replacement to the MAD drill). He added Zone 7 hosted the last as vent training with good instructors and

facilities. If we get a couple more, he feels we can meet the intent of that goal. Chief Holden said Petaluma would host one.

- B. Instructor IA & IB:** As a follow-up to the action taken by this group at the last meeting to sponsor Instructor IA & IB and provide \$2500 of seed money, the classes have been set up with Ken Sebastiani instructing and the location here at the tower. He handed out copies of the flyers which are also included as attachments to these minutes.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Fire Nuggets Class:** Chief Holden shared that Dave Sprague from Fire Nuggets had contacted him and was interested in co-hosting classes. Nuggets has had to cancel some some classes so he realizes collaboration is important. He would like to bring "The Art of Reading Smoke" class to the county. A short discussion on the interest of "non-certificate" classes followed. Chief Piccinini ended the discussion by making the following motion: "The organization provide a not to exceed amount of \$500 to bring the Art of Reading Smoke Class to Sonoma County" Second by Chief Andreis. The vote was unanimous.
- B. Tactical Frequency Changes:** Chief Andreis handed out a draft of the proposed Tactical Frequency channels by zone. The changes were precipitated by Zones 4 & 8 having to make some changes due to FCC regulations and the draft includes the changes. He cautioned the group that some of the frequencies have distance imitations. He will bringing these to the Chiefs tomorrow and if approved, will have to amend SOP 5 with the goal of going live with the changes August 1st.
- C. REDCOM SOP 28:** Chief Andreis shared Chief Van Wormer and himself have been reviewing the SOP's with the goal of making them consistent with the practices occurring in the field. He reviewed SOP 28 (SRA & MTZ Incidents) and explained the changes. The most significant pertains to vehicle fires in the SRA/MTZ (refer to the attachment for these changes). A discussion about some particulars followed. One of the general concepts they are trying to follow is to avoid having St Helena become the dispatch all the time but play a "supporting" role to REDCOM. A long discussion about the practicalities of implementing these changes and incident history followed. Chief Piccinini spoke to the importance of maintaining some flexibility. Chief Andreis stressed the importance of sharing these changes with all our staff and emphasizing radio etiquette. Chief Turberville suggested including "MTZ Fire" in the pre-alert which was accepted as a good idea.

IX. Good of the Order:

- Darrin said Zone 8 Interface drill at Freestone was well attended with 60 attending.
- Chief Piccinini encouraged folks to not wait to host a zone drill.
- Chief Martin opened the Volunteer Fire Skills class to all agencies.
- Randy shared he will be meeting with the person Chairing the College's Facilities Bond to discuss the possibility of constructing a fire training ground that reclaims water so they can continue to train during a drought.

X. Adjournment: Chief Piccinini adjourned the meeting at 10:41

Next meeting: September 11th, 2016 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted July 11, 2016
Randy Collins