



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES July 10, 2018

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Gina Petersen	Sonoma County
Justin Fox	Bodega Bay	Spenser Andreis	Sonoma Valley
Sophia Kitta	REDCOM	Ryan Lantz	Russian River
Darren DeCarli	GR/BV	Nicole Henricksen	AMR
Mike McCallum	Santa Rosa		

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Andreis called the meeting to order at 0902
- II. **Self-Introductions:** Were not necessary as everyone knew each other although Chief Andreis welcomed Mike McCallum as a new member
- III. **Changes to the Agenda:** Chief Andreis asked if there were any changes. There were none.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Captain Fox, second by Chief Andreis. Unanimous vote.
- V. **Presentations:** None
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
 - A. **Chiefs:** Chief Andreis shared the following from the last Chief's meeting:
 - PG&E presented on the policies they will be implementing following last October's fires including potentially de-energizing the power grid during Red Flag events and that they wish to make a donation to the Chief's Association which will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting.
 - The Bd of Supervisors agreed to allocate \$500K to an early warning system
 - Concerns were expressed regarding the potential for many competing fire related ballot measures in the Nov. election
 - B. **FPO's:** No report
 - C. **Marin TO's/OP's:** Randy shared they are meeting today. They will be conducting a *Response to Violent Incidents* training with the Marin SO at Indian Valley College at the end of this month. Their next meeting is Sept 4th which he plans to attend.
 - D. **CALFIRE:** No report. Chief Andreis commented there are 5 ABH engines assisting CALFIRE so they are experiencing significant drawdown.
 - E. **NBIMT:** No report

F. CICCS: No report although Chief Andreis reminded the group the 2018 CICCS Guide is in effect.

G. SRJC Fire Tech Advisory: Randy shared the following:

- The 94th FFI academy begins July 21 and is full with 40 students.
- The RIO, Ethical Leadership and Skills Evaluator classes hosted by this group were delivered last month and netted around \$1900.
- In response to this groups input on jointly sponsoring the SFT Course Offerings, in the Fall semester he will offer:
 - Command 2A Human Resource Mgt for CO's (Fire 271.1) Date Nov 30, Dec 1,2,7,8 & 9
 - Command 2B Admin Functions for CO's (Fire 271.2) Date Oct 26,27,28
 - Driver Operator IA (Fire 241) Dates Dec 7,8,9 & 14,15,16

The balance of the courses for the CO cert will be offered Spring semester 2019 including:

- S-290 (Fire 219)
- Instructor I (Fire 273.1)
- All Risk Command OP's (Fire 270.1)
- Wildland Inc OP's (Fire 270.1)
- Insp/Investigations for CO's (Fire 272)

Following what was agreed to at our last meeting, if any are canceled by the JC due to low enrollment, he indicated will proceed with running through this group to guarantee their delivery. He circulated a flyer with the fall SFT courses and registration instructions

- He will also be offering Instructor II and will repeat Fire 283 (S-219 Ignition Ops).
- He is moving forward with submitting purchase orders for the grant he received for the forcible entry props as well as the Drager Phase II prop
- For new course offerings he is writing curriculum for SFT Confined Space Technician, Fire Instructor III and Fire Control 3B which he hopes to begin offering in 2019.
- He ended by thanking Marshall and Mark and the burn coaches for the delivery of the S-219 class at Lake Sonoma. Speaking of which, the class went extremely well and he will be advocating at STEAC to increase the hours so there is time to sign off all task book functions.

H. REDCOM: Sophia shared the following:

- Their Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) went live yesterday. Bob Stratton has begun conducting Zone training on the protocols with Zone 7 first. Camp Meeker will be next (Zone 5)

VII. Old Business:

A. 2018 Goals Discussion/Adoption: Chief Andreis reviewed the goals.

- Review of Deployments (completed at the March meeting)
- Continue to maintain training calendar on the website (on-going)
- Continue liaisons with Chiefs, Marin & FPOs (on-going)
- Host a RIO & Ethics course (completed in last month)
- Encourage the concept of zone drills (on-going)
- Host a STL/Overhead refresher course (conducted April 23rd)
- Work with FPO's to pursue common terminology and procedures for evacuation.
- Recognize staff achievements at the Chief's Installation luncheon
- Implement a single "All-Call" page. Chief Andreis shared it is done and they are waiting for individual agencies to program their respective paging systems

- Develop a Tactical Response to Conflagrations course (conducted in STL/Overhead refresher course April 23rd)
- Develop a Tactical Response to Mass Shootings course. Chief DeCarli indicated law is not taking the lead and is leaving it up to individual agencies. He expressed concerns this approach will lead to fragmentation. He suggested approaching the Chiefs and coming up with a single policy. Randy echoed the idea and went so far as to suggest drafting a county wide policy (possibly based on Santa Rosa's or Petaluma's), getting buy-in from this group and then taking to the Chiefs. Chief DeCarli will begin the process with assistance from Sophia (on the dispatch side) and Captain Fox
- Develop Drawn Down protocols: Chief Andreis shared he reached out to the Zone Chiefs and has heard back from Zones 3, 6 & 9 and will be following up with the rest. Once that occurs, a draft policy for the Chief's review and then send to the DOAG

B. Drawdown Procedures: Chief Andreis indicated Captain Fox will be assisting as he has been swamped with the Up-Staffing Policy.

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Good of the Order:

- Nichole reflected on the differences she has seen regarding active shooter and MCI drills in the Counties she has worked in
- Chief DeCarli reported hearing some confusion regarding the up-staffing concept. Chief Andreis shared the intent was to add depth to the response system by first notifying the Zone Chiefs who would assign the additional units to allow some flexibility. This makes it simpler by minimizing labor issues, sleep arrangements, etc. More to come when the draft policy goes to the Chief's tomorrow. Darren ended by commenting they are hiring.
- Captain Fox shared they are working with Russian River on a MMR. They are also hiring.
- Captain McCallum said he is happy to be here
- Captain Lantz shared Russian River has taken delivery of their Type III and have two in background. They are also continuing their discussions with Bodega Bay and hope to have a MMR going by October. They are also conducting a lot of joint training. Chief responsibilities are being shared between the three Captains
- Sophia shared they have a new F/T Dispatcher and a P/T with six others completing their backgrounds.
- Chief Peterson shared they expect to take delivery of their gas meters and hope to distribute soon.
- Chief Andreis shared the equipment part of Active Status is live and feeding directly to Region II. He hopes to have the Overhead portion live by the end of the week. Then, the only calls to the dispatch center should be to fill orders. He also reminded the group about the FBOR class on Nov. 13 at the Petaluma Community Center (free to this group). Randy shared he has posted the class information on the events part of the website's home page

Next meeting: September 11th 2018 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted July 10th 2018
Randy Collins