



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2019

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Spenser Andreis	Sonoma Valley
KT McNulty	REDCOM	Darrin DiCarli	GR/BV
Ray Spradlin	Santa Rosa	Nicole Henricksen	REDCOM
Marshall Turbeville	CALFIRE	Ken Reese	REDCOM
Nick Barber	REDCOM	Mark Dunn	Sonoma County
Mike McCallum	Santa Rosa	Travis Collins	Santa Rosa
Jack Piccinini	Sebastopol	Brad Caldwell	CALFIRE
Matt Ryan	CALFIRE	Mike Medeiros	Petaluma
Doug Williams	SMART	Jeff Nicks	RPDPS
Jason Jenkins	Santa Rosa	Herb Wandel	Rancho Adobe
Kirk Van Wormer	CALFIRE		

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Andreis called the meeting to order at 0907
- II. **Self-Introductions:** Whereas there were a number of new faces, self-intro's were made.
- III. **Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Since there was not a quorum at the May meeting, approval of the March meeting minutes were considered. Motion by Chief Piccinini to approve, second by Capt. Caldwell. Unanimous vote.
- V. **Presentations:** Van Riviere the CEO of Tablet Command could not make it due to a conflict. A brief conversation about the product followed. He will present at our September meeting. Ken Reese spoke about using a demo at the Hex-com conference and its different versions and price points. All of the feedback on it has been very positive.
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
 - A. **Chiefs:** Chief Andreis and Randy shared the following from the last Chief's meeting:
 - **A Tablet Command Presentation:**
 - **PG&E Update:** Jim Wickham spoke to their plans for planned outages and while they try to give 48 hour notification, sometimes it can be as little as 12. They are following the same protocols as SC Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric in other parts of the State. He also shared that they will have Type VI engines staffed beginning June 17 at their Occidental facility to protect their infrastructure. Their lead is Dave Hotchkiss and he can be reached at da8a@pge.com 628-249-9813. He also let the group know that their Winter's gas training facility is available to our staff.

He ended by speaking to a grant opportunity available the group will be considering and Randy suggested if awarded, to use some of the funds to replenish the \$10K they took from this group in April.

- **EMT Expanded Scope of Practice:** James Salvante spoke to the following:
 - Beginning July 1, when renewing proof the updated training occurred must be provided and if training has not occurred by 6/30/21, you will lose their certification.
 - Agencies who provide BLS must submit a BLS CQI Plan to CVEMS (their Medical Director will sign-off on)
 - They have a limited number of IPAD's to share with agencies to document patient care using Image Trend. It was suggested having a rep from the Image trend workgroup give a report at their next meeting.
- **Battalion Response:** Has been kicked down to this group which is agendaized for later in the meeting.
- **Fire Working Group:** The focus has been the ½ cent sales tax measure and to work with the County to verify the level of funding available to them. Chief Gossner is working to set up a meeting with the City Managers & City Chiefs.
- **Alerting:** Chris Godley reported that Tim Romero has been hired as their new Warning Manager and they have elected not to send NIXILE notifications for every fire but will leave that call to individual fire agencies. He also cautioned the group that the home medical industry has been advising their oxygen patients to contact the fire department if an outage occurs. On July 24 a de-energizing exercise will be held with PG&E. He also shared he has \$200k to conduct training and is looking for topics. Their approach to Evacuation Planning will use a simple 2 page draft guidance document to be distributed to communities, obtain feedback, revise and then be used to perform an exercise (see attachments section of the website). It is not expected to be complete this season. To that end, areas will be prioritize based on criteria like roads, fire history & established existing networks (CERT, Fire Council, Neighborhood Watch). They will also only participate if the local fire agency is agreeable.

B. FPO's: Last met in Petaluma for the joint Sonoma-Marin-REACO meeting

C. Marin TO's/OP's: No report.

D. CALFIRE: Peak staffing begins Friday with 35 engines and they will begin using Image Trend software by the first of the year.

E. NBIMT: Chief Piccinini reported they completed a training exercise in May and deployed to the Sand incident in June for which they received a very complimentary email from CALFIRE. He added they are always looking for folks to participate. They are also coordinating well with the other 2 Bay Area IMT's to cross staff.

F. CICC'S: No report.

G. SRJC Fire Tech Advisory: Randy shared that despite the summer break, they have been busy with the following:

- Hosting a DO1A class May 17-26 for this group.
- Hosting the CAL-JAC FCTC written test May 11.
- Hosting a SFT RIO & Skills Evaluator courses for this group & Ethics through the JC.
- The Truck Academy ended May 17 and while logistically very challenging, they received excellent evaluations from the students with the goal of repeating next Spring.
- A successful S-219 class began May 30th but had to wait till June 17 & 18 to burn. Plan to offer again next Spring but as a CA-219.

- The PSTC hosted Sonoma County Fire District's 1st recruit Academy between May 20 & June 28 which included delivering a Fire Control 3 class as a capstone for it.
- Volunteer Fire Skills is on track to begin on Sept. 18 and run through Oct 26 (Wed night & Sat 8-5). He distributed a flyer, and encouraged sign-ups.
- They have taken delivery of SRFD's old SCBA's and will be incorporating them into the 95th academy beginning this month.
- Speaking of, the Academies continue to be popular and in addition to the 75 that we could not accommodate over the last year, there were another 19 on the fall wait list we could not take.
- On the SFT front there are a number of big changes coming our way. They include:
 - Fees will be going up with an FSTEP class going from \$20 to \$75 and CFSTES \$80 to \$140. Because this will add close to \$500 in fees to the FFI academy, he is working with Cal Chief's, CSFA, the TO's, CPFF and Cal-JAC to pursue a permanent general fund allocation legislatively.
 - FFI & II is slated to be combined into one course consisting of 4 modules; Structure (FF1A), Haz-Mat (FF1B), Wildland (FF1C) & FFII Structure (FF2A). The work experience for FFI is being moved to occur at the end of FFII so when a FFI academy is completed, students will get their FFI (unclear if 1 or 2 yr work exp.). For a link go to: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/media/5056/attachment10-firefighter12-2019-curriculumcertification.pdf>
 - Fire Control 3 is being updated to a 24 hour course
 - LARRO will be replaced by a 40 hour Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations and a 40 hour Rope Rescue technician Class.
- **REDCOM:** Ken Reese introduced Nick Barber who is working in their technical services division as a Data Systems Administrator. He added they will be updating their system which will bring their IPAD project on-line. He will keep us apprised as developments occur. In response to Chief Piccinini's question, MUM's is not dead and is fact being tested with an upgrade tomorrow.

VII. Old Business:

- A. 2019 Goals Update:** In reviewing the 2019 goals, Chief Andreis
 - I. Conduct a review of deployments (done)
 - II. Continue to maintain a training calendar on the website and coordinate all outside trainings through the group (on-going)
 - III. Continue to maintain liaisons with the Chief's, FPO's & and Marin TO's/OP's (on-going)
 - IV. Host a RIO & Ethics class (done)
 - V. Encourage the concept of Zone drills (on-going)
 - VI. Host a STL/Overhead Refresher Course (done)
 - VII. Develop a Tactical Response to mass shootings (in-progress). Chief Medeiros commented he feels we are not that far from being completed.
- B. Emergency Button SOG:** Chief Andreis reported Petaluma and Rancho Adobe are ready to move forward. The policy developed by BC Costa will be reviewed at the next DOAG meeting.
- C. Nominations for Vacant VP:** Chief Andreis shared with Gina gone, they are looking for a VP. Chief Piccinini nominated Mike Medeiros, second by Chief George. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. New Business:

- A. XSN Battalion Coverage:** Chief George reported this emerged at a Zone 9 meeting after BC coverage was reported running through other jurisdictions. He indicated on many incidents response by a closer BC may not be necessary while it will for others.

The bottom line is: “Are we ready to send the nearest BC?” With duty Chief 29 going away, the consensus was now is the window to make this change. Ken Reese indicated he has this set up in the CAD to implement and they are ready to implement County-wide next week suggesting doing so would give time to work the bugs out with the “growing pains”. In the roundtable that followed on proceeding, Zone 7 shared with many of their recent internal changes, they need to be cautious. There was also concern voiced about bigger agencies being committed to long-term incidents outside of their jurisdictions. Where the BC is “stated” will also have an impact (particularly in Zone 6) as well as if all BC rigs are MDC equipped. With RP’s new command structure they need to address their responses with RA. After the discussion, it was agreed to implement as a beta test and work on issues as they arise, get the feedback needed to resolve them and bring back for a review with the goal of full implementation around the first of the year.

B. Vol. BC Task Book Assistance: Chief Andreis shared there are a few Vol. BC’s working on SFT Task Books but do not have the capability to complete them so they are looking for larger agencies to “host” them and give them that opportunity to do so. It was felt an addendum with specific Sonoma County issues be included. The link is: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/media/3187/cfo-taskbook-secured.pdf>

IX. Good of the Order:

- Chief Suter shared Ironman is happening July 27.
- KT shared they will have a dispatcher at the event and NRHA which is the same day.
- Chief Turbeville shared July 31st is the Wildfire Coordinating Workshop by OES at the Water agency
- Chief Nicks shared they have done a de-brief due to the recent SMART train fatalities and encouraged more peer support County-wide including the sharing of resources. Capt. Spradlin offered Santa Rosa’s. At Chief Piccinini suggested, it was agreed to agendize this item for the Sept. meeting under New Business.
- Doug Williams spoke that despite the differences in culture, these actions would also help RR personnel. He added you can expect to see more trains with testing of the Larkspur extension beginning soon and he welcomes any fire personnel who would like some orientation training. On a historical note and having attempted to promote battalion coverage in the 80’s, he shared how pleased he is to see it finally starting to be implemented.
- Chief Van Wormer shared they have 54 in their re-hire academy.
- Chief DiCarli reported they are meeting with Zone 9 agencies to coordinate their response and work out the kinks.

Adjournment: Chief Andreis adjourned the meeting at 10:52

Next meeting: Sept 10th 2019 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted July 9th, 2019
Randy Collins