



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES May 12, 2015

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Spencer Andreis	SVFRA
Mark Gradek	CalFire	Darin DiCarli	Goldridge
Marshall Turbeville	CalFire	Chris Gossner	CVEMS
Dave Cornelsson	CSC Fire	Scott Westrope	SRFD
Jeff Holden	Petaluma	David Kahn	Petaluma
Mark Gradek	CalFire	Sophia Bett's	REDCOM
Paul Fleckenstein	CalFire	Jeff Schach	Petaluma
Mark Basque	SRFD	Matt Dahl	SRFD

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Cornelsson called the meeting to order at 0910 and led the Pledge of Allegance.
- II. **Self-Introductions:** Dave began with self-intro since there were a few new faces in the crowd.
- III. **Changes to the Agenda:** Dave asked Matt Gustafson may arrive later to discuss Opticom.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Jeff to approve with the correction of Dan not giving the Chief's report, seconded by Darren, unanimous vote.
- V. **Presentation:** Costal Valley's EMS Job Assignments. Chris Gossner introduced herself as the new ALS Coordinator at CVEMS and that she has been tasked (along with others) to conduct training and outreach with outside agencies and work to develop good working relationships. She is starting by identifying the training contacts and conduct a series of Train the Trainer workshops based on the needs of local agencies. They are beginning with the new Spinal Immobilization policies and Pit Crew CPR. You will be hearing more from her as they begin to develop training programs but in the meantime she circulated the agency contact spread sheet and asked those present to fill in any blanks. Randy will also add her to this groups email routing to promote communication.
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
 - A. **Chiefs:** No report. Next meeting tomorrow
 - B. **FPO's:** No report.
 - C. **Marin TO's:** No report. Randy shared the next meeting is May 27 0830 which he will be attending.

D. Marin OP's: No report.

E. CALFIRE: Marshall reported that Ben Nichols is moving on to Mendocino. All nine stations have one engine and all air resources are in place. Dozers are also available 24/7. Mendocino added their air resources yesterday. Peak staffing is projected for mid-June with May 18 the official declaration of fire season. Jeff asked if CalFire is experiencing problems with Boufeng radios. The short answer is they are not narrow-banded and are subsequently not FCC compliant and have been banned by CalFire. A discussion about the problems with them followed. Mark added that with the loss of Tanker 81, tankers out of SR will be traveling further south. You will also be seeing a converted Coast Guard tanker. He added that when attending the Incident Management Team meeting there was a discussion on tank transport of combustible liquids and that 25% of the fuel in CA is delivered by rail

F. NBIMT: No report by Jack but Paul reported there was a drill yesterday that went well.

G. CICCIS: Spenser shared that there has been a big influx of line Medics and EMTs. A meeting is scheduled for noon today

H. H. Fire Tech Advisory: Randy shared the Committee met on April 2nd and following items were covered:

- The program's accreditation is on the State Board of Fire Services Agenda for approval at the May 21 meeting.
- The College's accreditation was completed in March and we did well with a number of commendations.
- The Intensive Academy concluded April 24 and the Extended last Saturday. Graduation is this Friday at 1000. All are welcome to attend.
- The next Fire Academy will be the first to use the 2013 curriculum and the cert. testing process and the schedule is being built as we speak but it will now be a min 480 hours and 15 units (the old was 420 hours and 12 units).
- Speaking of the academy, next fall we will also begin using a program called EVALs.net which is a cloud based program that videos the performance of students which can upload to their account. It also permits us to store videos that demonstrate the ideal performance which they can use as a model to practice. The nice part is once students establish an account, they keep it for their career which means they can take with them to use at their agency.
- To provide the instructional aids needed under the new curriculum, we have submitted grant applications for approx. \$220,000 of grants ranging from interior gas prop, iPads, 4 x 6 fire pan (for extinguishers), and a wide variety of misc equipment.
- Certification Testing Proposal. Randy shared that at the SFT Cert update workshop hosted on March 12, he was approached by some Mendocino County agencies if he would be open to using their staff as Evaluators to conduct the testing for those FFI applicants who were trained at their individual agencies but had to go through the JC for the certification testing. He expressed his support of the idea but felt it should be something extended to all agencies the program serves. To that end, he queried the group as to their feelings on it and if they would be willing to have some of their staff attend the SFT training necessary to serve in this capacity.
- FFII was also discussed at the Advisory meeting. More specifically, that because the new CO courses will require FFII as a prerequisite and only an accredited academy can

conduct the certification testing, if there was any interest in developing the curriculum for a FFII academy. The outcome was that all felt that because FFII is much more agency specific that each agency conduct their own academies but the program offer the certification testing.

- Due to the extended fire season, last fall we did not meet enrollment on our Command class offerings as well as Driver Operator so with the Advisory Committee's concurrence, we will not be offering them this fall since we expect another long season. However, because they will be retired at the end of 2016, we will over all three Command classes in both the spring and fall semesters.
- At the same STEAC meeting, it was unanimously voted to approve the FFI certification testing process. The IFSAC/Pro-Board reciprocity for FFI was also approved as a VOLUNTARY option. These have significant ramifications for anyone who conducts FFI training and he encourages folks to attend the SFT Certification Update Workshop being hosted next Thursday at the PSTC.
- The next Fire Tech Advisory meeting will be on Thursday November 5 at 1000.

I. REDCOM: Sophia asked when we want to change the response matrix to reflect the start of fire season. A discussion about how to approach this followed. It was agreed to make a recommendation to the Chief's tomorrow to begin immediately. Dave will carry the matter to the meeting.

VII. Old Business:

A. Goals

- 1. DO Training Program:** No report but Randy shared the changes that are coming to the updated Driver Operator series. He also shared that Auto Extrication is growing to 24 hours
- 2. MAD Drill:** Dave reported that the original date of May 30 will not work so they have 3 alternate dates (June 13, 16 & 18) identified and have set it up as a WUI drill in Zone 9 in conjunction with CalFire. Some activities will include Structure Triage, Hose lays, Pump and Roll and Shelter Deployment among others. A discussion about the benefits of holding these training at the Zone level followed including the IAP's and other training documents. Randy will post them to the website.
- 3. Host SFT Cert Workshop:** Randy thanked the group for co-sponsoring the event which was well attended. He also shared that they will be hosting another SFT Instructor Update workshop on October 23 in Petaluma
- 4. RIO/Ethics:** Randy circulated the flyers for the classes and reminded all of the dates.
- 5. STL Refresher Class:** Dave reported it was held on March 16 which this group sponsored and was well received
- 6. Active Status Equipment List:** Dave inquired if Jack had completed the equipment list. Apparently it has. Dave indicated that there has been some problems with the Active Status program which seems to stem from having multiple access points. Spenser will work with the host firm to try and resolve. Otherwise, the system is working well.

VIII. New Business: No new business

IX. Good of the Order:

- Santa Rosa: Mark shared that Scott Westrope has been promoted to handle training, Mike Jones has retired and been replaced on the line by Ken Sebastiani and Matt Dahl is handling EMS.
- Dave shared the Zone 7 MTZ meeting is May 21st. Also, next week, Zone 7 BC's will be rotating shifts

X. Adjournment: Dave adjourned the meeting at 10:27.

Next meeting: July 14, 2015 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted: May 12, 2015
Randy Collins