



# Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

## Training/Operations Officers Section

### MEETING MINUTES May 9, 2017

#### Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Darren DiCarli	Bennett Valley
Jack Piccinini	SRFD	Sofia Betts	REDCOM
Mark Gradek	CALFIRE	Chris Rickert	CALFIRE
Todd Derum	CALFIRE	Spenser Andreis	Sonoma Valley
Gerald Williams	Healdsburg		

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Piccinini called the meeting to order at 0915.
- I. **Self-Introductions:** As everyone knew each other, introductions were skipped.
- II. **Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion to approve by Chief Andreis, seconded by Chief DiCarli, unanimous vote. Randy reported that as of April 12, our balance is \$17,955.25
- V. **Presentations:** Randy made a presentation on the stand-alone FFI certification course he has created to provide a path for those FF's who are trained at their own agencies to complete the certification test process. Some of the significant points include:
  - Students must have completed all the training as identified in the SFT FFI Course plan.
  - Students must be competent with the 67 skills as found on the SFT FFI skill sheets
  - Students must know the material in the 3 texts used to develop the on-line test questions
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
  - A. **Chiefs:** some of the topics covered included:
    - A short presentation on Pulse Point by Dean Anderson & James Salvante
    - A discussion about the future of the COMM Unit. With the County no longer maintaining OES is looking for other agencies to host and staff the unit.
    - CALFIRE ABH review (same as is occurring at today's meeting).
    - Fire Advisory Committee has approved LEXIPOL for all agencies and facilitated a workshop on April 13 which the group agreed to pay for lunch.
    - A report from Ken at REDCOM that they are making progress implementing the changes in the system to accommodate MUMS
  - B. **FPO's:** Darrin reported there was a prolonged discussion on Cannabis regulations
  - C. **Marin TO's/OP's:** Randy reported having attended their April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting & made the same presentation he made today. The following items of interest were also shared:
    - They have put in for a grant for Ballistic PPE.
    - On their training block they have begun Wildland & RT-130 training.

- New Officers are Dan Mahoney Pres. Steve Ardigo Sec & Dave Glenn Treas.
- Their STL/Overhead Refresher class is May 16 201 Seminary Drive Mill Valley
- Just completed a SMART drill April 26<sup>th</sup>
- May 20<sup>th</sup> tis a Wildland skills drill scheduled in Mill Valley (stage at Tamalpais High)
- Looking at a “Blue Card Command” training module developed by Brunacini
- Next meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup> Marin

**D. CALFIRE:** Chief Gradek shared they have gone to one engine in Hilton, Healdsburg & Petaluma. No aircraft yet and one fuels management crew is operating for now.

**E. NBIMT:** No report

**F. CICC:** No report

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

- The Spring (91<sup>st</sup>) academy graduated last Friday and Jack delivered a great speech.
- A stand-alone test course for FFI was rescheduled for the fall due to low enrollment.
- He has been holding off offering a stand-alone test class for FFII but has received several inquires and asked the group of their level of interest.
- He is close to completing the USAR prop.
- He is developing an 8 hour Fire Dynamics course to create a simple avenue for outside agencies to use the Draeger flashover prop.
- The RIO class has been scheduled for June 6 which he asked to be run though this group as has been done over the past two years. He also has an Ethics class scheduled (through the college) on June 7 with both to be offered at the PSTC.
- He asked the group if there is any interest in running a S-219 class through the college as he has received multiple requests.

**H. REDCOM:** Sophia reported they are in the recruitment stage with 4 folks in background. She queried the group when they want to switch the winter matrix off. We were reminded that is Chief George’s call. She added that MUMs improvements are occurring but he has to defer to Ken Reese for the particulars. Chief Piccinini asked that they try to expedite this process

## VII. Old Business:

- A. Goals Review 2017:** Jack shared he has been asking folks to step up and develop a drill in their respective zones that are open to all in the county. He has yet to hear of any being put on and encouraged those present to develop one. Chief Gradek mentioned Zone 6 has an orientation drill on June 24. Chief DiCarli shared he is working on scheduling a Thursday night wildland drill in the west county. He said he can explore the feasibility of a Saturday drill also. Chief Andreis said he is working on something for Zone 3
- B. Response to Rail Incidents Policy:** Chief Andreis asked it be removed from the agenda.

## VIII. New Business:

- A. CALFIRE ABH Procedures:** Chris Rickert shared the new Assistance By-Hire policy. He indicated they are only interesting in hiring “Wet” engines and would like to use a rotational process using the active status system. Participating agencies are expected to meet all the CALOES requirements they would adhere to if they are on a strike team The biggest change

is the billing system. The documents that were shared in the presentation can be found on the Fire Chief's website on the Documents Tab under Documents to Share.

Chief Derum added that it is important the "wet engines" in the active status are clearly identified. Chief Andreis said he would confirm it is up to date and accurate.

**IX. Good of the Order:**

- Chief Piccinini commented on the poor meeting attendance and inquired as to ways to increase participation. Randy suggested using some of our funds to have a hosted lunch meeting. Chief Derum suggested rotating meeting locations and then have the host sponsor a training.
- Chief Piccinini reminded the group July 1 is the next Fire Advisory Bd Workshop
- Chief DiCarli reported they have acquired a structure and will be conducting a training opportunity soon (date TBD). The first Sunday in June is their Pancake Breakfast
- Chief Andreis reported their Bd's approved the contract with Glen Ellen. They have also promoted 3 Engineers and 3 Captains. They have also just purchased a mobile burn trailer jointly for Zone 3.
- Capt. Williams reported they are looking at forming a Zone 6 training committee
- Chief Derum reminded everyone this is Wildfire Awareness week and there is an APP for wildland fire information and it also has information on assessing your home for defensibility.
- Randy shared the email from Keith Mulheim on the request for a donation to the Burn Run. Seeing there was no motion to support a donation, Chief Deum suggested the item be deferred to the Chiefs

**X. Adjournment:** Jack adjourned the meeting at 10:23

**Next meeting:** July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted May 9, 2017  
Randy Collins