

*Sonoma County*  
*Fire Chief's Association*  
**Operations/Training Section**  
**November 11th<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting Agenda**  
**0900 - Noon**  
**“Virtual Microsoft Team Meeting”**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Andreis  
9:02 by Spencer Andreis
- II. SELF INTRODUCTIONS:** All  
KT McNulty, Scott Westrope, Doug Williams, Justin Fox, Mike Musgrove, Evonee Stevens, Ambrose Stevens, Mike Mederios, Ben Nichols, Darrin Decarli, Travers Collins, Sean Lacy, Mike McCallum, Spencer Andreis, Gino Degrafenreid
- III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** Andreis  
None
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** Andreis  
No minutes due to technical issues.
- V. PRESENTATIONS:** None  
None
- VI. LIAISON REPORTS**
- A. Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Staff  
Andreis: Discussion on the Glass Incident. Vegetation mgmt.. was discussed as well as chipping program and upstaffing plan. Funding for upstaffing was exhausted midway though the summer. County added money to get us through the summer. Discussion was had about adding 1 mil. to fund for operational upstaffing. Multiple ST and overhead upstaffing through the state were due to our high scoring for the weather and fire behavior.  
Decarli: county admin office assured we would be covered for total funding for this year.
- B. Sonoma County Fire Prevention Officers DeCarli  
DeCarli: discussion had regarding tent like structures at restaurants used for COVID and how to make a common standard for use throughout the county.
- C. Marin TO/OP's Sebastiani  
Sebastiani: Marin updated info out on COVID PPE and washable COVID PPE. Marin looking at doing active shooter training within the month.
- D. Cal Fire Nichols  
Nichols: weather this week is helping to mitigate some of the significant fire behavior. 2 new engines being delivered to west division. Fire Hawk 104 looking more like Feb for delivery. Fixed wing on base through Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. Pitch was made to supervisors on switch to tablet command. So far, no change on the burn ban. They are issuing permits to fire agencies to do controlled burns.

E. NBIMT

Lacy

Lacy: a couple approved prepo deployments were made along with a couple other deployments. Jeremy Pierce will be taking over fire IC position with Chief Brown's retirement.

F. CICC

Thomas

Andreis: A lot of new quals are making their way though with a busy fire season. Jack would like to get the group together physically to look at applications.

G. SRJC Fire Tech Program

Sebastiani

Sebastiani: PSTC is still operating with police, fire and EMS academies. No COVID out breaks. Classes coming up that will count towards CO degree. Classes are wildland ops, FF1 certification test. No longer allowed to do FF1 or FF2 checkoffs anymore. You must do it through an ALA unless you are an approved ALA. Truck academy pushed back to May 2021. Fire 82 new class....Company officer fire inspection. DO class upcoming. Discussed not having duplicate classed throughout the county in the same year due to difficulty filling classes.

Andreis: please get the list of classes out to group once a formal date is set.

Sebastiani: Flyers will be made up and distributed to group once they are posted on state fire training.

H. REDCOM

McNulty

KT: KT got promoted. Evonne was promoted to Ops. Manager position. Will Buck will be cleared from training soon and will be running his shift. Interviewing supervisors' position. Thank you to SRS and AMR for allowing employees to participate in relief supervisor interviews. Dec is the date for terminating the fire season upstaffing shift.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Tablet Command (Andreis): received updated quote from tablet command. \$36,400 to get project rolling. \$20k from PG&E fund. \$5K from agencies that wanted to go above 3 licenses. \$5,507 in TO/OPS fund. It costs \$2K a day for training. There is a way to interface daily staffing into the module. Redcom is loaning the group \$18K to make connection for 1-way communication.

Motion made by Spencer to spend \$5K from fund to cover Tablet command.  
Second made by Sean Lacy.

Discussion: Decarli questioned if fund gets replenished. Yes, according to Spencer. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Andreis: Training for the tablet command modules will be limited to 2 people per agency. About 5-16 departments will be participating. Looking at January for training. Each agency will be responsible for their own infrastructure to use the program. iPads is typically the preferred device. Ideally cellular connectivity is needed for the devices.

Westrope: we can accommodate the class at the tower with social distancing requirements.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**GOALS:**

Andreis: Goals for the new year. Spencer would like to see us moving back towards meeting in person.

Westrope: development of a standalone emergency action plan. Typically, the AHJ has a standalone IAP for the IMT that comes in.

Nichols: Sully may be working on this already with CalFire.

Andreis: conduct a review of the deployments for the year. It will be good due to the use of IROC for it's first year. Most likely happening in Jan.

Nichols: we can do an AAR for the Glass and or the lightning complex. Chief Parks and Chief Nichols to discuss putting them together.

Andreis: we need to update our website including forms, documents and minutes. Doug and Darrin to discuss updating the site.

DeCarli: can we work on providing and engine boss class.

Decarli: look at the all call and how we use it and when.

Andreis: for next meeting lets look at the all call to fine tune the details of its use.

OFFICER POSTIONS: (Andreis) send me any interest in filling positions next year.

SMART: (Williams) cloud over funding for Windsor funding. Did a special train ride to Larkspur for FF's to provide training to fire crews. Continue to operate under COVID protocols.

#### **IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Sebastiani: SRJC is still recruiting for adjunct instructor. If interested, please apply. Intern meetings coming up in the future. If you have interns come by to meet the potential interns. Fire departments are encouraged to attend the academy to sell their department and recruit employees. Last semester Cal Fire picked up 15 employees and Marin County picked up 5 or 6.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:06 made by Darrin DeCarli. Second made by Evonne.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**