



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES

Sept 9, 2014

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Spencer Andreis	SVFRA
Joe Giordani	CSC Fire	Ken Sebastiani	SRFD
Jack Piccinini	SRFD	Bill Shubin	SRFD
Jack Thomas	SRFD	Ken Reese	REDCOM
Dave Cornelssen	CSC Fire	Scott Westrope	SRFD
Kirk Van Wormer	CALFIRE	Jeff Holden	Petaluma
Marshall Turbeville	CALFIRE	Darrin DiCarli	Gold Ridge

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Cornelssen called the meeting to order at 0907
- II. **Self-Introductions:** Intros were skipped.
- III. **Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Bill seconded by Ken to approve the June minutes. Since the July meeting consisted only of notes, a vote to approved was not called. .
- V. **Presentation:** There were no presentations.
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
 - A. **Chiefs:** Bill Shubin attended and shared that the agenda was dominated by the presentation by Chris Thomas from the CAO on the Zone 6 MSR and a discussion on Battalion 29 coverage. He also shared that there is not a enough interest in a joint apparatus maintenance program. Darrin indicated they are considering conducting a survey on the level of interest for a future MAD drill. Dave suggested conducting it jointly with the Marin TOs. Darrin or Ken indicated one of them will attend and raise the issue.
 - B. **FPO's:** Darrin reported they will be offering a Prevention IC class. They also have a Pub-Ed group from Mexico helping with the Safety Pals at the NORCAL meeting which they are hosting at Petaluma on Sept. 26th.
 - C. **Marin TO's:** They have also gone to bi-monthly meetings there has been no meeting since our last. There next meeting will be Monday Sept 29 0830 at Kentfield.
 - D. **Marin OP's:** No report.
 - E. **CALFIRE:** Curt reported that Scott Upton is the Unit Chief. They are still involved with the Happy Camp fire, otherwise status quo. Mark Gradek is the new Battalion 1413 (Curtis Brown moved back to San Diego). Dave asked if any of the procedures they use for the

Hire process had changed. He shared that the engines need to have at least two Bendix-Kings programed with their frequencies. Darrin shared that at the last Chiefs meeting it had been suggested including a tab on the Active Status program to create an rotation for the "Hire" list with the goal of making the process more transparent

- F. **NBIMT:** Jack reported they were activated to the Napa Earthquake but were cancelled before they left. Darrin acknowledged some kudo's to them for their work on the MAD drill
- G. **CICCS:** Jack reported he is spending a lot of time cleaning up files. He reminded folks to send their after actions to the OP area coordinator (not him) and stated they have reviewed 3 applications lately.

The biggest issue appears to be Fireline Medic and EMT which do not fall under the per-view of the group (it is a local agency decision) but they do need to go through this group to be put in ROSS so he asked what the pleasure of the group was (Marin's CICCS handles theirs). Dave suggested adding another tab to the active status The consensus of the group was to recommend to the Chiefs that EMTs & Medics go through the same system so we can be sure they are meeting all out of county requirements.

- H. **Fire Tech Advisory:** Randy thanked everyone who showed up for Linda Mercurio's retirement luncheon. It was well attended and she greatly appreciated seeing everyone. Rachel Smith has made a smooth transition into her position and seems to be enjoying herself so far. Eleanor Ratliff was offered and has accepted the F/T position and will begin in the Spring semester. Other things going on in the program include:
 - The new FFI curriculum has been written and is going through the approvals process. We plan to begin using it next fall. Are looking at setting up the new FFI Cert testing process as a stand-alone class so those who wish to conduct their own FFI but do not have the resources to put on the test can obtain it at the JC. However, because of the logistical challenges, we are exploring offering as a Community Ed course to cover our costs. Preliminary cost estimates are approx.. \$360 per student.
 - The curriculum for the following courses for the new CO cert path have been written and are going through the approvals process including: S-290, Hazmat IC and Human Resource Management for Company Officers. Fire Admin (20 Hrs), Fire Prevention Inspections and Investigations, Incident Command Operations, Wildland Incident Operations and Fire Service Instructor I to follow.
 - Please mark Nov 12 on your calendar as it is the date of our site visit form SFT for our reaccreditation and I would like the opportunity for the team to meet with you.
 - Vol Fire Skills is again being offered on Wednesday evenings (Wilmar) and 8-5 Saturday at the PSTC Sept 24 thru Nov 1
 - He distributed a list of all other SFT courses being offered at the JC this fall.

Jack commented that he has heard from students that they are having difficulty getting into Command IA because of the Prevention I prerequisite and suggested we draft a letter to the state asking them to rescind this requirement. Randy suggested that since he would be at the next STEAC meeting he would ask the item be agendized if it was the pleasure of the group. Jack made motion to do so with a second by Bill. Unanimous vote.

VII. Old Business:

- A. **LEXIPOL:** Bill requested that since this is now a individual agency issue it does not need to be discussed, that it be removed from future agendas.

B. 2014 Goals:

1. Tactical Options: Jack asked if everyone had reviewed the document as he would like to adopt it. After some brief discussion a motion was made by Jack, second by Jeff. Unanimous vote (see enclosed TO policy).

2. MAD Drill: Reported under Chiefs above

3. Training Needs Assessment: Dave shared some background on the topic. With one meeting left, he indicated we need to act by the next meeting. Ken Sebastiani said he would be willing to take this on and create a survey for the group's review.

4. Strike Team/Active Status:

A. Rotation Lists To answer Jeff's question about Petaluma's lack of deployments, Dave, Bill and Jack shared some history of the ST rotation list including why SR is on the list more than once. A long discussion about deploying Petaluma more frequently followed. Dave said he would look at Active Status to find a more advantageous spot to place them..

B. Recent Deployments

Time delays for Immediate need: Dave reminded folks that agencies need to report back on the control channel once notified otherwise they are skipped (there was a 45 minute delay recently). He suggested we also follow-up with agencies that fail to adhere to this standard and Wes will have this discussion with the CSA 40 departments. He also requested Ken Reese look at ways to improve the process at REDCOM including duplication of ST numbers.

Duty officer notification Dave just reminded the group that there is a Duty Officer tab on the active status now. Jack added that part of that process is eliminating the "Duty Officer call REDCOM" page.

5. RIO/Ethics Classes: Randy reported both classes were fairly well attended. A total of \$5,900 was generated with costs of \$5078 resulting in a net of \$822. He also thanked Santa Rosa for providing the classrooms free of charge

7. By-Laws: Randy reported the Chief's By-Laws are up for a vote at tomorrow's meeting. If approved, he will submit a draft of ours for review at the next meeting.

VIII. New Business: There was no new business.

IX. Good of the Order: Ken shared SRFD will be offering the following SFT level II classes:

Management 2A 11/14-17 2014 Management 2B 12/05-08 2014

Command 2A 11/21-24 2014 Command 2B 01/16-19 2015

RS I November 17-21. 2014 Grant funded through UASI.

Jeff shared Petaluma will be hosting a Fire Nuggets class on Sept 29

X. Adjournment: At 11.02. Most attendees stayed to watched the televised BOS meeting

Next meeting: November 11th, 2014 at the SRFDDT.

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