



# Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

## Training/Operations Officers Section

### MEETING MINUTES

Sept 13, 2016

#### Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Darren DiCarli	Gold Ridge
Darin DiCarli	Gold Ridge	Jack Piccinini	CSCF
Marshall Tuberville	CALFIRE	Gina Peterson	Sonoma County
Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa	Brad Caldwell	CALFIRE
Greg Martin	Sonoma County	Ken Reese	REDCOM
Mark Gradek	CALFIRE	Sofia Betts	REDCOM
Keith Flood	Santa Rosa	Tom Knecht	CALFIRE
Spenser Andreis	SVFRA	Bill Shubin	Santa Rosa

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Piccinini called the meeting to order at 0909.
- II. **Self-Introductions:** Self-introductions followed.
- III. **Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion to approve by Capt Peterson, seconded by Chief DiCarli, unanimous vote.
- V. **Presentations:** None
- VI. **Liaison Reports:**
  - A. **Chiefs:** Chief Piccinini shared that CVEMS is offering their software free of charge for NFIRS reporting.
  - B. **FPO's:** Next meeting is the NOR-CAL hosted in Petaluma
  - C. **Marin TO's/OPs:** Randy attended their last meeting and shared the following items of interest:
    - EMD will be adopting updated their CPR cards which are going to hands only.
    - CAD continues to have issues with Intergraph & the rep is coming in Nov. to resolve issues. They have a punch-list of problems.
    - NextGen MERA: Motorola was the only vendor. Some folks will be going to El Paso to see how their recent implementation went. The portables are Motorola \$8k
    - Com. Center Support & Training: They are actively having staff attend shifts in the Com center to gain a better idea of their operation
    - Will be applying UASI funds to host LARRO, RS1, RS2, Confined Space and Trench Rescue classes
    - Ballistic PPE: Following their Active Shooter training, they are looking at "plate hangers" Ballistic protection & helmets with a \$1100 price tag for each ensemble. Goal is to put two on

each engine. Looking at UASI funds to purchase. Still working on the relationship side with law.

- Evacuation Policy: Both Police and Fire have adopted common the terminology used in Firescope and will be going to Fire & Police Chief's for approval this month. Once done it will be laminated and placed on all apparatus. The terminology has been incorporated into "Alert Marin" their reverse 911 system
- Reviewed use of their "Active Status" (in the beta stage at this time). It is not on the Chief's website but [Marinfire.org](http://Marinfire.org). Need to have gmail account to use.
- Marin Co is conducting an off-road driving class at Hicks Valley. It is designed for water tenders
- S Marin got a \$200k wellness grant
- Larkspur-Corda Madera is merging. Getting a Type III
- Jason Hatfield is San Rafael's new Training BC

**D. CALFIRE:** Chief Knecht is interested in what fitness standard is required in this county for apparatus operator. They had some experiences in Napa County related to the Clayton Fire and did receive some feedback from other Sonoma County agencies. A discussion followed on the Class B physical versus the more strenuous fit test standard. Capt Peterson spoke to the inconsistency with Vol. Fire Companies in this County. It was agreed to put this item on the Nov. agenda with the intent of developing a "Best Practice" document for recommendation to the Chiefs.

**E. NBIMT:** Chief Piccinini reported they have a few more persons on the team. They were deployed on the Clayton Fire (and replaced by a Type I) and remain active and are available.

**F. CICCS:** No report

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

- The 90<sup>th</sup> Fire Academy is in its 6<sup>th</sup> week and going well. SVFR donated a 1994 Pierce which has been a huge help in the delivery as an older engine was experiencing mechanical problems. Recently used the new 4' x 4' burn pan required by SFT for the Fire Extinguisher unit which was very intimidating with the amount of fire generated
- The Volunteer Fire Skills class ((9/21-10/29) is almost full with 26 students from seven different agencies attending so Saturdays are going to be busy at the PSTC
- We are in a transition mode offering many SFT courses for the last time including Instructor IC, Prev. I, and of course Inst IA & IB through this group (and he distributed flyers for each).
- Next semester he circulated a flyer with the following course offerings:
  - *Fire Inspections & Investigations for CO's* (Fire 272) Paula Dueweke
  - *S-290* (Fire 219) Marshall Turbeville
  - *Fire Service Instructor I* (Fire 273.1) Ken Sebastiani
  - *Stand Alone FFI Test class* (Fire 208.4)
  - He also hopes to offer *All Risk Command Op's for CO's* (Fire 270.1) but is waiting to hear back from the instructor.
- He is helping Lower Lake High to start an ROP program with the goal of developing a feeder program for the JC.
- At the suggestion of several instructors, a Scholarship in Mike Haberski's name has been established for the FFI academy. To that end, solicitation letters to endow it have been sent to most fire departments, associations, Chief's and TO's/OP's groups in the north bay

including this one. Given this groups balance of over \$17k he asked if the membership would be willing to make a donation

- He added they have 13 registered in the Instructor series classes so no subsidizing will be needed by this group.
- In an effort to address the duplication of subsequent Driver Operator class offerings, after the last meeting, the DO stakeholders met and agreed to the following:
  - The JC will offer DOIA & IB once a year in the spring
  - Sonoma Valley will offer on as “as needed” basis for Zone 3
  - To simplify SRJC registration, the county will handle it for the VFC’s and those agencies they have training contracts with
  - Any agency who contemplates holding a class will share it with the other stakeholders and coordinate with them

**H. REDCOM:** Ken Reese reported that they have implemented MUMs (Move-Up-Manager software) but primarily use it for ambulances. The next step they would like is implement on the fire side which will require close coordination with all fire agencies. They have a new version which they will be implementing for ambulances on October 1 and hope to follow with fire. Ken will provide an update at the next meeting. Chief Piccinini suggested reporting to the Chiefs at the October meeting. He added they are conducting RAWs training.

Chief Piccinini asked how the deployments went. Chief Gossner spoke to the deployments for the Clayton Fire and that they filled the needs as the orders came in. He emphasized having a contact (Marshall) in St Helena (for ROSS) and the Duty Chief actually being in REDCOM was critical. Chief Turbeville suggested we send out a single tone for this type of deployment rather than rely on email. He emphasized the key is having a comfort level with getting the resources going even if there is no Order number and securing them later. Chief Gossner shared that more resources were sent out for this incident than the Valley because it was handled this way and REDCOM and St Helena did a great job.

## VII. Old Business:

- A. 2016 Goals:** Chief Piccinini shared he wasn’t sure of the status of the drill Petaluma is hosting but encouraged the other Zones to step up and host one. He spoke to the success of the Zone 7 drill. He also encouraged members to submit names for recognition at the Installation luncheon if they have made a notable contribution or reached a professional goal. Randy indicated the form is on the website and has been attached to these minutes

## VIII. New Business:

- A. Nominations for 2017 Officers:** Chief Piccinini opened the floor for nominations to be voted on at the November meeting. Chief Martin said he would not be seeking another term as he does not have the time to commit to and nominated Gina Peterson as VP. There were no other nominations. Chief Piccinini said he would continue in his capacity as President. There were no other nominations for that position. Randy agreed to continue on as Secretary. With that, nominations were closed with the slate Jack President, Gina VP and Randy Secretary (Hans will remain as Treasurer).
- B. Hosting S-230/231 Class:** Captain Peterson asked if there was interest in this group hosting these classes in April with Steve Davis instructing. Chief Piccinini was supportive

but asked she return with specific costs at the next meeting.

**IX. Good of the Order:**

- Chief Piccinini spoke to the request Randy had made to make a contribution to the Mike Haberski Scholarship and made a motion to donate \$1K. Second by Chief DiCarli. Unanimous vote.
- Chief Turbeville shared that Mendocino ROP in conjunction with CAL Fire will be hosting a Wildfire Academy.

**X. Adjournment:** Chief Piccinini adjourned the meeting at 10:12

**Next meeting:** November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted Sept 13, 2016  
Randy Collins