



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES

Sept 12, 2017

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Gina Peterson	Sonoma County
Jack Piccinini	SRFD	Ken Reese	REDCOM
Justin Fox	Bodega Bay	Mark Gradek	CALFIRE
Sophia Betts	REDCOM	Darren DiCarli	BV/GR

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Piccinini convened the meeting at 0903 and since a quorum did not exist, began a discussion regarding the Dispatch Protocols/Announcements to MDC's (& non-MDC users). Currently REDCOM is going to great lengths to repeat dispatch information for non-MDC users and it is occupying an inordinate of air time. However, existing SOP's (9.1, 11.1 & 17.5) require this. To this end, he indicated dispatch will continue this practice but there will be emphasis on confirming they are paraphrasing accurately what was relayed to them. For officers responding to a call who cannot read the MDC, they will not receive a full dispatch report unless they ask for it. The basic understanding is that all radio users should be working in accordance with the respective SOP's. This will be confirmed at the dispatch meeting on the 26th.

At 0935 Chief DiCarli arrived established a quorum starting the formal meeting.

- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** Darren made a motion, second by Travis. Unanimous vote. Randy reported that the balance reported from our treasurer is \$18,392.22. Jack added he will follow-up with his Nurse Mary Valance presentation. He added that a SO from Butte County has a one day class on tactical communications. Since finances were being discussed Randy followed up on the direction he was given at the last meeting to explore ways to be able to subsidize the new SFT Company Officer classes to ensure they are not canceled regardless of enrollment. After looking into writing a policy on how to address this and talking to the finance people in the college, he said the best approach might be to deal with each on a case-by-case basis and asked the group their thoughts. Chief Piccinini asked if this would mean bringing each to the group for a vote as needed which Randy confirmed would be the case. He indicated he would be agreeable to that practice.

III. Presentations: None

IV. Liaison Reports:

- A. **Chiefs:** Chief Piccinini shared Fire Advisory and EMS are the key issues. There were also presentations by both PG&E and REDCOM.

Randy added that for tomorrow's meeting they will have a webinar on LEXIPOL and by introducing an amendment of the By-Laws to combine the Survivors Fund into the Chiefs so they are no longer two separate corporations (to save time and money on annual reporting requirements).

B. FPO's: No report.

C. Marin TO's/OP's: No report:

D. CALFIRE: Chief Gradek shared they have 3 S/T out of county at the time and have aircraft responding to the lightning strikes in Santa Clara. On Sunday they conducted Zone 6 training at Lake Sonoma

E. NBIMT: No report

F. CICC: No report

G. Fire Tech Advisory: Randy shared the following:

- The FFI academy is in its fifth week and is at 26 students.
- The volunteer fire skills course has 30 students from seven different agencies.
- The curriculum for a Burn Boss (S-219) is scheduled for review on October 9 and will be ready to be offered next summer.
- Due to everyone being on fires, the shoring structure part of the USAR prop is behind schedule. The prop will be used to conduct a SFT Confined Space Tech class in November (see enclosed flyer).
- Curriculum for those core classes required for an AS degree are being updated so by next Spring, all will be offered on-line.
- They are in the process of adding two ladder props to the facility; ladder raise and extension so these skills can be added to the Fire 208 class.
- Since many of the Advisory committee members attend the FFI graduation, starting this semester, the Advisory Committee will meeting immediately after the graduation so the next will be December 22 at noon (lunch will be served)
- If anyone is interested in learning more about topics of interest amongst Community College Fire Programs, next Thursday the PSTC will be hosting the quarterly meeting of the California Fire Tech Directors Association. Both CSTI and SFT will be there to report on whats happening in their respective agencies and lunch will be provided.

H. REDCOM:

VII. Old Business:

A. Goals Review 2017: No report

VIII. Good of the Order:

- Darren shared the Region 8 Zone Drill went well and thanked Cal Fire for their help.
- On Nov 7 & 8, Bidega Bay is hosting two days of rescue training
- Gina shared there is good interest in the Executive Fire Officers Courses

- On behalf of Christine Gossner, Randy shared Coastal Valleys EMS Agency is preparing to provide multiple free training opportunities to support the new EMT Scope of Practice regulations. Training will include administration of Auto-Injector Epinephrine, Intra-nasal Naloxone (Narcan), Aspirin administration and blood glucose determination. This training is mandatory to maintain current EMT certification in California.

To ensure they connect and communicate with all of our fire agencies she asked to please send an email to her at christina.gossner@sonoma-county.org or text her at 799.6982 and provide a name and email contact for your agency's current training officer. Also please let her know if you're interested in hosting one of these trainings.

This will assist CVEMSA schedule trainings in your area and provide a full schedule of all scheduled regional training opportunities for your staff convenience.

X. Adjournment: Chief Piccinini adjourned the meeting at 9:53

Next meeting: November 14th, 2017 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted Sept 12, 2017
Randy Collins