



Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

Training/Operations Officers Section

MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2019

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	Spenser Andreis	Sonoma Valley
KT McNulty	REDCOM	Ben Nicholls	CALFIRE
Ray Spradlin	Santa Rosa	Nicole Henricksen	REDCOM
Marshall Turbeville	CALFIRE	Ken Reese	REDCOM
Kirk Van Wormer	CALFIRE	Mark Dunn	Sonoma County
Mike McCallum	Santa Rosa	Travers Collins	Santa Rosa
Scott Westrope	Santa Rosa	Matt Ryan	CALFIRE
Mike Bates	RPDPS	Ryan Lance	Russian River
Doug Williams	SMART	Darrin DiCarli	Gold Ridge
Jason Jenkins	Santa Rosa	Tim Snyder	CHP
Van Riviere	Tablet Command		

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Andreis called the meeting to order at 0904
- II. **Self-Introductions:** Were skipped.
- III. **Changes to the Agenda:** Tablet Command Funding was added under New Business.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Capt. Spradlin to approve, second by Chief Collins.
Unanimous vote
- V. **Presentations:** Van Riviere (retired BC from Stockton) the CEO of Tablet Command spoke to his firm's product. It is a cloud based iOS Apple compatible operational system and has a high level of reliability. Some of its features include:
 - Ability to manage incidents on a map, showing the location of your resources and their status (also on a table) and overlaying evacuation maps. Templates of incident forms are easily added and tap and dragging can be used to populate them.
 - Accessibility thru iPhones & Android using TC mobile
 - Auto display of the 10 most recent incidents at a location (fire only) during in the dispatch
 - Generation of auto-push notifications in typically 30 second before station ring-down
 - esri Integration to allow overlay of other maps (hydrants, veg management areas, etc)
 - Accessibility to pre-fire plans
 - Ability to share information across jurisdictional boundaries
 - An After-action data collection feature
 - The ability to continue to work if conductivity is lost
 - Agencies currently using are Denver, Marin & Contra Costa Counties

A demonstration of a simulated incident was conducted followed by a Q & A session. For additional information, Van can be contacted at: van@tabletcommand.com

VI. Liaison Reports:

- A. Chiefs:** Randy shared the following from the last Chief's meeting:
- **Fire/EMS Committee:** Shared by Doug Williams is focusing on the EMS ordinance with a first draft soon and will follow
 - **Youth Fire-Setters Presentation:** Kemplen Robbins and Devon Grambonini spoke to the program and that it serves Sonoma, Marin, Napa and Lake Counties and includes mental health professional. A training for the participants is scheduled for Sept 21 & 22 in Petaluma.
 - **Fire Service Working Group:** is focusing on the sales tax measure with the intent of putting on the March 2020 ballot. In the polling that has occurred, there is significant public interest in fire sirens so they will almost certainly be included in the ballot language. It was stressed that if there is organized opposition, it possess the greatest threat to the measure
 - **Vegetation Management:** Continues to be popular with a backlog of over 200 requests. However there is frustration of the lack of clearance over the County ROWs and the large piles being left by PG&E, especially in the west county which is starting to get political.
 - **REDCOM:** has a RFP out for a consultant for the Marin proposal.
- B. FPO's:** No report
- C. Marin TO's/OP's:** No report.
- D. CALFIRE:** Chief Nicholls shared there are several large incidents in the north part of the State so activity is picking up. Chief Turbeville added they are at peak staffing and there continues to be a crew shortage and they have a few private dozers in service in the unit. They are also working with REDCOM to exercise some CAD gremlins and asked this groups help by letting CALFIRE know if you are dispatched to an SRA incident. It was added that Henry 1 has been responding to nighttime incidents, which they do not condone and is contrary to their policies. He recommends caution on requesting them. A discussion on nighttime flying followed.
- E. NBIMT:** No report (deployed in Covelo).
- F. CICCS:** No report.
- G. SRJC Fire Tech Advisory:** Randy shared the following:
- The Chancellor's office has approved the model curriculum for a new certificate/degree based on the SFT Company Officer Cert track. In addition to the 8 courses required by SFT, Ethical leadership, I-200 and a new 3 unit Firefighting Tactics and Strategy have been added to reach the required threshold of 18"core" units. With the FFI academy as an elective, brings it over 30 units required for a degree. He is currently re-numbering all of the courses so they can be transferable to a CSU's or University of Alaska's BA program.
 - Thanks to a flurry of late interest & enrollment in the Volunteer Fire Academy, the class scheduled for Sept 18-October 26 (Wed night & Sat 8-5) is a go. We have room if anyone wants to send new recruits.
 - Interest in the FFI stand-alone certification testing and reciprocity has skyrocketed in the last couple of months with almost 40 people on a wait list so he is working to try and schedule a test the second week of December.

- With SFT fees going up significantly, he is working to get legislation to fund SFT and eliminate the charges they have for their courses. If successful, he indicated he will be looking for support letter from this group (among others).
- As reported in July, FFI & II are changing significantly and is slated to be combined into one course consisting of 4 modules; Structure (FF1A), Haz-Mat (FF1B), Wildland (FF1C) & FFII Structure (FF2A). The work experience for FFI is being moved to occur at the end of FFII so when a FFI academy is completed, students will receive their FFI. For a link go to: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/media/5056/attachment10-firefighter12-2019-curriculumcertification.pdf> How it will be delivered at the JC will depend on the wishes of the Advisory Committee and to that end, an early meeting has been scheduled for October 24 to get their feedback before I retire.
- For those of you who are Fire Control 3 instructors, if you wish to continue to teach, you will have to take a 24 hour update class or go through a PACE review process. In addition the new course will be 24 hours and require 5-1 student/instructor ratios
- LARRO will be replaced by a 40 hour Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations and a 40 hour Rope Rescue technician Class.
- He expressed concerns that the hiring process has not begun for his position, which is especially critical as SFT has scheduled the program for its reaccreditation in early 2020 with the site visit scheduled for March.
- **REDCOM:** KT reported not much is going on. Chief Turbeville inquired if the mountaintop repeater project is still moving forward. Ken Reese indicated they have been hindered by a lack of spare frequencies but we should re-visit it

VII. Old Business:

- XSN Battalion Coverage:** Chief Andreis shared Region 9 has implemented it and opened it up to the group. Chief Westrope indicated they have begun a conversation to implement in Region 7. Region 6 is also looking at it. Chief Van Wormer cautioned the group on making sure you take into consideration existing agreements and shared a personal experience. Chief DiCarli shared they have essentially implemented with Bodega, Bodega Bay, Bloomfield and Valley Ford and are talking to Sebastopol/Graton It was acknowledged there is more work to do and it will be agendaized for the next meeting. Ken ended with an FYI by indicating North Bay Fire identifier of NBF will be added soon.
- Response to Violent Incidents:** No report and can be removed from future agendas
- Emergency Button SOG:** Chief Andreis reported it was approved by the DOAG and can be removed from future agendas.

VIII. New Business:

- CIS Debriefing/Resilience:** Chief Andreis reported this was a pass-down from the Chiefs to ensure that everyone is aware of the resources available to the member agencies. It was suggested this information be added to the website. Chief Westrope suggested the use of key words in the dispatch to notify team members as an approach (as Phoenix does). Nichole suggested ambulance staff also be included. In the end it was agreed to add resources to the website and incorporate into dispatch protocols.
- Logistical Support for Stinger Class:** Chief Andreis shared the Stinger class will be occurring in November 13 & 14 at Santa Rosa and they are looking for this group to

fund the lunch for a not to exceed \$700. Seats will be open to outside agencies (Tech-Specs). Motion by Chief Westrope, second by Chief Turbeville unanimous vote.

C. Tablet Command Funding: Chief Andreis obtained a quote from Tablet Command of \$28,500 for 50 licenses (devices). His thought is to implement and include payment for the first year with each agency responsible for user license(s) for subsequent years (at \$450 per device) and focus on BC's first (while keeping existing MDC's). Motion was made by Chief Dunn, second by Chief Westrope to use the \$25K grant money and \$5k of the TO's/OP's fund to implement as these funds will allow. Unanimous vote Chief Andreis asked the membership to push this information out to yours and adjoining agencies.

IX. Good of the Order:

- Chief Williams (ret) reported he is working to develop training opportunities with SMART and encouraged folks to contact him early if you have projects near their ROW.
- Chief Andreis shared he will bring up 2020 goals at the next meeting.
- Chief Andreis also shared Sonoma valley's one page planned outage plan (Plan C)
- Commander Bates inquired how they can include their truck on an assignment matrix ahead of coming up on the air. Chief Andreis suggested coming up on the air to ask the IC.
- Officer Snyder reminded the group the Gran Fondo is in October

Adjournment: Chief Andreis adjourned the meeting at 11:36

Next meeting: Nov. 12th 2019 at the SRFDTT.

Respectfully submitted Sept 10th, 2019
Randy Collins