



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

October 12th 2016 at 10:30 AM
Hosted By Forestville Fire District

Attendance:

Ken Reese	REDCOM	Dan George	Gold Ridge
Randy Collins	SRJC	Loren Davis	Mountain
Max Ming	Forestville	Bill Braga	Sebastopol
Todd Derum	CALFIRE	Mike Bates	RPDPS
Leonard Thompson	Petaluma	James Williams	Sonoma County
Darren Bellach	Kenwood	Mike Mickelson	Wilmar
James Salvante	CVEMS	Bill Bullard	Graton
Bonnie Plakos	NSCFPD	Michael Palacio	CHP
Greg Martin	Sonoma County	Jack Piccinini	CSCF
Hans Henneberque	H & S Associates	Bill Shubin	Santa Rosa
Al Terrell	Sonoma County		

Call to Order/Pledge: Chief Braga called the meeting to order at 10:35: AM and had Chief George lead the pledge.

Changes to the Agenda: OES was added at Chief George's request. .

Host Chief Introduction: Chief Ming welcomed all, explained logistics, and encouraged the group to stay for lunch which is Tri-Tip. Donations are welcome.

President's Report Chief Braga shared he would like a change next month's start time to 930 since it will be our planning session for 2017. The regular business meeting will run to 11 and the planning session will follow with a working lunch provided by Rancho Adobe (at Cotati). Randy indicated that he will be on vacation and we will need a secretary and Chief George indicated he will have Jennifer take minutes.

Chief Braga also expressed the appreciation of the group to Linda Collister and Debra Nelson for completing the SRA Prevention grant for 2017. Chief George recommended that we reach out to CALFIRE and advise them of our application.

He also congratulated Chief Freeman of SVFRA for recently achieving an ISO Class One rating. Although absent, he also congratulated Chief Treanor who will be retiring in December and Chief Boaz for having a new baby girl.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Chief Shubin, seconded by Chief Williams. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Was submitted from our Treasurer as follows:

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| • SCFCA Chief's General Fund – | \$ 3,455.90 |
| • SCFCA Operations Fund - | <u>\$16,441.24</u> |
| | \$19,897.14 |
| • SCFCA Survivors Fund Checking Account - | \$ 2,911.42 |
| • SCFCA Survivors Fund CD Account - | <u>\$110,072.17</u> |
| | \$112,983.59 |

Motion to approve by Chief Davis, second by Chief Thompson, unanimous vote.

Correspondence: Randy shared that he has received no correspondence.

Presentations: Sandy Wargo made a presentation on the comprehensive Safe Schools program which she implements successfully in Novato.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chief Piccinini suggested for future New Business and at the planning meeting we make a goal to become more involved with the County Fire Advisory Committee. Chief George also expressed his support for this recommendation. These concerns are based partly on the conflicting information being disseminated regarding REDCOM funding

Committee Reports:

OES/OP Area: Chief George shared the next Region II meeting is November 10 10 AM in Dublin. He also expressed he will be working on the notification issues related to Strike Teams and will raise this at the Region level. He also spoke to the deployments that were made at the Sawmill Fire and reminded folks that was immediate need fire the first 12 hours are free.

EMCC: James Salvante spoke briefly to the new policies that they have adopted now the public comment period has closed they have been previously sent out and are not addressed here). The next policies out for review are the Sepsis Alert to be followed by their MCI Plan. The next EMCC meeting is October 24 12:30 at the Water Agency. The last thing shared is they will be updating their Ambulance Ordinance. Chief Piccinini suggested the MCI Plan rewrite could be made a goal of the TO's/OP's for 2017 and James welcomed that support

SRJC: Randy shared he is working closely with the TO's/OP's group to offer SFT Fire Officer cert courses before they expire at the end of the year including Instructor IA & IB and Prevention I. He is also offering Instructor IC for those wishing to complete their existing Instructor I cert before it is retired as well. If attendance is low, it will be run through the TO's so as to guarantee the class continues even if enrollment is low. Driver Operator IA has been added and IB will follow in January.

He indicated they were the recipient of a \$38,000 grant to build a structure collapse prop and will be working with Wes Kitchel and Mike Stornetta to complete the project.

Speaking of next semester, he circulated a flyer with of the SFT Classes he will be offering including S-290, Company Officer 2-C (Inspections & Investigations) & 2-D (All Risk Operations) and Fire Service Instructor I. Lastly, they will be offering for the first time the Firefighter I Cert test class for those agency staff that conducted their own FFI training but need the test. He asked the group for their support in helping get the word out since the audience is smaller agencies.

He added the next Fire Advisory Committee is November 3 at 10 AM at the PSTC and welcomed all. Among the topics is a proposal to make a certificate program out of the 8 courses required for Company Officer.

He also advised the group of the changes coming to the SFT Fire Investigation cert track that will be much more intensive requiring 4 years of P/T and investigation of 20 fires (10 structure) as the primary investigator and a very specific task book. It will make it very difficult for volunteers to achieve the certification and impact the demographics of the FITF.

He ended by sharing a fund raising lunch will be held at the PSTC Friday to raise funds for the Mike Haberski & Vic Pozzi scholarship. scholarship and asked if this group would be willing to make a donation.

Chief Braga asked if there was interest in the group to make a donation. Chief Piccinini made a motion for the Chiefs to donate \$1,000, second by Chief George. Unanimous vote.

REDCOM: Ken shared they will begin working on replacement of MDC's and "demo-ing" different models at the Santa Rosa UFO October 26. James reported that SVFRA is testing pads for this as we speak. Chief George asked if REDCOM was reimbursed for the Gran Fondo (they are). There was some discussion on why Control 9 was not used for the event. He ended by adding that they continue to meet all the requirements to be an ACE accredited and expect to be successful soon with that endeavor. Chief Piccinini asked about adding MUM's under REDCOM to the agenda. Ken shared progress continue with testing going on as we speak.

Improving Efficiencies/Customer Service/Good of the Order:

- Chief Piccinini asked if he felt this group should take a position of Measure L. A short discussion followed with no commitment made.
- Randy shared that at the SRJC Football game on Nov 5 (at 5 PM) will be a Public Safety Recognition night. Participating in the event are Santa Rosa, RP, Sebastopol PD, Lakeville and the Coast Guard. If you are interested, let Randy know. The level of commitment is to simply march onto the field for the national anthem and be recognized by the audience. If you are interested in participating let Randy know.
- Chief Bullard thanked the group for the donation in memory of Marion Miller.
- Hans reminded folks that the new fire code goes into effect in January.
- Chief Derum expressed his appreciation for all the help local agencies have provided recently and would be interested in having a further conversation about the reimbursement process if there is a need. He also added by sharing that among the 6 counties he covers in his LNU, the Sonoma OP area is the model to follow.

Closed Session: There was no closed session.

Adjournment: Chief Braga adjourned the meeting at 12:30 and encouraged folks to stay for lunch

Next Meeting: November 9 Rancho Adobe at 9:30 *Note Time Change*

Respectfully Submitted October 13, 2016

By, Randy Collins, Secretary