



# SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION & SONOMA COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES ASSOCIATION



## JOINT MEETING MINUTES

Hosted by Forestville Fire Dist

October 10, 2012

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Meeting

### Attendance:

Eric Hoffmann	Cal Fire	Al Mello	Wilmar
Mark Aston	County Fire	Doug Williams	Central Fire
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Ron Lunardi	Occidental
Wilbert Horne	Mayacamas	Steve Krausman	Cazadero
Cary Fergus	Petaluma	Peter Van Fleet	Glen Ellen
Bill Shubin	Kenwood	Philip Garcia	SVFRA
Lori Anello	Two Rock	Darin DeCarli	BVF/GFD
Randy Collins	SRJC	Ray Mulas	Schell Vista
Bill Braga	Sebastopol	August Grube	Knights Valley
David Cornelsson	Central Fire	Loren Davis	Mountain
Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa	Nick Neisius	Valley Ford
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	Brian Perry	San Antonio
Mark McCormick	Santa Rosa	Kevin Gonsalves	San Antonio
Gary Duignan	Red Cross	Marvin Howard	CAL OES
John Marty	Rohnert Park	Steve Baxman	Monte Rio
Dean Anderson	AMR/SLS	Marshall Tuberville	Cal Fire
Bryan Cleaver	EMS	Max Ming	FRV/RRF
Bill Bullard	Graton		

**Call to Order:** At 18:55 the meeting was called to order by Presidents' Hoffmann and Horne.

**Host Chief Introduction:** President Hoffmann introduced Chief Ming who welcomed everyone to Forestville Fire and thanked everyone for coming. The cooks were introduced and a round of applause followed. Logistics were pointed out.

### Approval of Minutes:

- Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association: Chief Anello moved to approve the minutes, Chief Davis 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor, none were opposed.

- Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association: Chief Williams moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief DeCarli, no discussion no, all in favor, none were opposed.

#### **President's Report:**

- **Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association:** Chief Horne reported there was no meeting since June. The Association by-laws are almost revised. It was a great meeting to attend-the presentation of the Standards of Coverage to the Board of Supervisors.
- **Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association:** President Hoffmann said he was glad to be back, three full weeks now. President Hoffmann congratulated Chief Aston on the completion and presentation to the Board of Supervisors of the Standards of Coverage document, excellent work and a good blueprint for the future.

President Hoffmann appointed past Presidents Williams and Collins to the nominating committee for the upcoming year. Chief McCormick also volunteered to be on the committee.

Chief Williams added he read an article about by an Eric Hoffman, reporting about Moody's downgrading of CA bonds.

#### **Treasurer's Report as of October 1, 2012:**

- Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association
  - Checking: \$1683.83
    - One check to Sec of State for \$20-filing
  - Savings: \$1645.03

Chief Neisius moved to approve the VFC's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Grube. All were in favor, none were opposed.

- Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association
  - Survivor Fund CD: (9-10-12) \$116,932.65
  - Survivor Fund Checking (9-30-12) \$14,525.69
  - Chiefs Checking: (9-30-12) \$3,051.96
    - More checks and deposit slips cost- \$27.65
    - One bill-Wildfire Web-web hosting- \$500.00 needs to be paid

VP Aston moved to approve the report and expenses, Chief Mulas 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor, none were opposed.

#### **Correspondence:**

- Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association-**none**
- Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association-**none**

#### **Presentations:** None

#### **Committee Reports**

**Operations & Training Section:** Chief Gossner reported they met yesterday. S/T sub-committee will propose changes to active status. More to come. Discussion on lessons learned from this year's call outs. A flow chart for future call outs will be created. Chiefs Williams and Piccinini as well as Ken Reese to create the flow chart. Changes created by AB 1567 are being addressed. Chief Jenkins mentioned Lexipol for policy development and use. Chief Tuberville presented (modeled) a new proto type single layer and compliant uniform for wildland firefighting. Chief Williams spoke more to active status and handed out a draft document on changes to the Policy.

**Prevention Section:** FPO President Cary Fergus thanked safety pals for a great presentation – four shows in Petaluma during the Nor-Cal prevention meeting. 800 + kids saw the show. Black Hawk Down- Lt Colonel Tom DiTomasso presents leadership at the Petaluma Community Center on October 30. Some classes hosted by FITF and others are coming up on December 3 and 4. Arson Murders and Fire Death Investigations, and Serial Arson Investigations respectively.

**District Chiefs:** Chief Williams said the group as not met since our last meeting. January will be the next meeting and it will be hosted by Russian River.

**Volunteer FF Association:** Chief Horne said thatnk you again for all those that attended the SOC presentation at the Board of Supervisors, a great turn out.

**CAD Group:** Chief Williams said this group will meet next week on Tuesday at 9:30, in Windsor. Run book enhancement and how to integrate property information and hazmat plans into the system is a work in progress. The Marin County grant and the use of iPads was discussed. Rancho reports success with using iPads loaded with the County runbook. Brain Perry asked about map upgrades made and rollouts, yes updates made by us will be included-addresses are not upgraded (they have to go through a process). Chief Williams will resend the contact info for map changes. Funding will continue to be an issue. Chief Howard added-this follows the Marin grant, they are looking at MDC's and use of tablets. Updates to the cloud ares possible. All data that goes into the CAD system which makes it available to Law as well. Director Collins added that Marin chiefs-Jeff Davidson cautioned the tablets are tied to the vendor you are using which might cause connectivity issues. Consistency is needed for ease of use and repair.

**Cal EMA Operational Area-Local:** Chief Williams reported that we are coming off of a few deployments; every time we learn something. We had two significant waves of need. Immediate need to to neighboring counties, as a reminder the first team out goes direct with closest agency. We are collecting after action reports and area coordinators will began to review them soon. The hope is to develop a "lessons learned" report. Our system is not perfect but the calls were answered. Overall we did great. We will continue to learn. As a reminder-as we try to tweak things on the fly, other issues will come up as well. President Hoffmann added form the level of review standpoint and from all angles, we have good oversight and we send out ST all the time and we [Cal Fire] do not look that deep. A lot of effort is being put in the reports.

**Cal EMA Operational Area-Region:** Chief Howard reported at the height of deployments (57-58) Region-2 had 19 type three teams out and only one was a type one from OES and one type three team (OES). The paradigm shift about how we did structure protection with type ones, and now structure defense was used with type threes. Local government agencies did a lot of non-traditional work, IC's said we did great work, work that their own teams did not do. Locals went out with a can do attitude. Region two supplied many single resources. As a group-single resources-do not go through STL training, maybe they should. Crew rotations happened more often, a lot did it 3-4 times; Chief Howard was out 29 days. We need to look at that (using the f142 documents). You can get reimbursed for the crew coming in and the one being rotated (if approved-you have to go through channels) it gets paid. Couple other things: new FOG manuals coming out in about 45 days; ERG also available; OES will get 7 engines, so 7 will be for sale, Westmark build up and Freightliner chassis. The next region meeting will Nov 5<sup>th</sup> hosted at SCSO training room. All are welcome. Chief Howard warned everyone that the agency is not responsible for damage to the engine to and from the incident, only those thing that are directly related to the incident will be at the cost to the agency. President Hoffmann added that Cal Fire has to play by the same rules.

**County Fire:** VP Aston reported the emergency management meeting is today and the annual flood meeting will be on Nov 6 from 10:30 to noon. The impression is that it could be a strong El Nino, could be dry or wet. The Emergency Council meeting will be on Nov 14 at the Health Rotunda.

**EMCC:** GM Dean Anderson reported the new Paramedic reg's are out. There is a registry on the County EMS website for all AED's to track them and notify the agency responsible for them when there is a call nearby (AED Link). Hands Only CPR has mannequins that are available for loan to any agency who wants to promote the program. Hospitals now have CARES program in place: Cardiac survival data management

plan (CARES) to obtain data for QA. Chief McCormick reminded the group that we are all part of the system. Bryan Cleaver said they have streamlined the Medical Director component and Dr. Pat Coleman will be a Med Director for free for anyone who wants to get an AED.

**Legislation:** VP Aston reported its been relatively quiet. Jarvis has filed lawsuit on SRA Fees. Waiting to see what happens with San Diego Co. as they have been a staunch opponent of the fee. The board of supervisors is in quiet opposition and realizes the issues.

**Grants:** VP Aston said he will attend the UASI meeting tomorrow and applauded Dave Frasier's efforts to identify our risks which should send more funds our direction. He also hopes to get more funding for his position.

**SRJC Advisory:** Director Collins reported that he is working on next semester's schedules. Two changes will be the Volunteer Fire Skills and Prevention which be replacing Prevention 1A & 1B for the Fire Officer series. We are also beginning the re-accreditation process with State Fire Training. Changes to the fire academy: addition of LARRO, and the Wildland Fire academy will be a part of the fire academy so students also get a Basic Calfire Firefighter Cert upon graduation and are eligible for hire as seasonal employees.

**CHP Liaison:** No report

**Red Cross:** Gary Duignan said he's happy to be here. Most Red Cross activity has been north so if you have any feedback regarding local activities, let him know.

**Marin Chiefs Liaison:** Director Collins reported the last meeting was dominated by the Marin open space director. New person in charge and is hopping to change past issues, Measure A to generate funds for more parcels and vegetation management. First meeting with Chiefs in three years. Chief Howard said it's that way across the state (a lack of communication).

**Cal Fire:** President Hoffmann reported they are beginning down staffing. Amount will depend on weather patterns (1 tanker at the airport). Ben Nichols is the new Prevention Chief. Curtis Brown has been hired as a relief BC (from San Diego). Note: If you want to do any training burns in SRA lands, they now have to undergo a CEQA review. Tim Streblov is retiring at the end of the year. Copters will be getting hoists. The unit also got it's 6th dozer back. Also formalizing policy to rent engines from local agencies (what hose loads, what type of BA's, etc.).

**Fire Safe Sonoma:** President Hoffmann reported that meetings have moved from our facilities. VP Aston said great article in the press today because of sudden oak death. Caerleon has ID'd a lot of our issues. Great job.

**SMART:** No report

#### **Old Business:**

- SRA Fees- Nothing more than what was already reported.

#### **New Business:**

- **Great Shake Out:** VP Aston reported on this state wide effort for a statewide drill. In this County we will hold a modified full scale event, department by department. November 18<sup>th</sup> all EOC's will activate. The County EOC had new software installed so this drill will be a good test of the system. The key is to automate the information as quick as possible. Anyone interested should contact VP Aston.
- Type-3 Management Mobilization Drill to occur in on our region. Let Chief Howard know if you are interested. November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Improving Efficiencies:** No Report

**Customer Service/Good of the Order:** Chief Neisius, back from the Fallen Firefighter Memorial, escorted SF Firefighter Rosario-It was quit an event; Chief Van Fleet said the Glenn Ellen village fair is this weekend; Chief Bullard reported great press for the dog rescue, it was front page news; Chief Braga said Sunday morning Sebastopol Fire is making pancakes, raffle prizes; Director Collins said the JC now owns the skid truck; Chief Horne said Mayacamas is finalizing the spec for the new type 3; Chief Garcia said the Vietnam Veterans Wall will be in Sonoma on Nov. 7-11.

**REDCOM:** Director Luttrell acknowledged four members present and one left (Brian Cleaver). The REDCOM board meeting is tomorrow at the Tower, the primary topic is the what to do about our facility.

**Closed Session:** None

**Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. President Hoffmann thanked Forestville Fire for great food and the venue.

**Next Meeting:** November 14, Rancho Adobe to host.