



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

April 10th, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Night Meeting

Joint SCFCA/Sonoma Co. VFC Association

Hosted By

Gold Ridge Fire District

Station 2, Water Trough Road

Attendance:

Steve Adams	Healdsburg	Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay
Annie Springer	Bodega (retired)	Mike Mickelson	Wilmar VFC
Eric Hoffman	Cal Fire	Curtis Brown	Cal Fire
Loren Davis	Mountain VFC	Gary Duignan	Red Cross
Mark McCormick	Santa Rosa	Dick Luttrell	REDCOM
John Marty	Rohnert Park	Randy Collins	SRJC
Doug Williams	CSCF	Bill Braga	Sebastopol
Dean Anderson	AMR/SLS	Darrin DeCarli	Gold Ridge/Bennett Valley

Call To Order: 1710 Hours

Host Chief Introduction: Chief DeCarli welcomed everyone to Gold Ridge FPD and began a round of introductions by all in attendance.

President's Report: Chief Grinnell reported President Chief Aston was unable to attend and he would be running the meeting in his absence.

Approval of Minutes

- **Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association:** Quorum not present
- **Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association:** Motion to approve by Chief Williams, 2nd by Chief Hoffman and all voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report

- **Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association:** No Report
- **Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association:** Chief Adams reported the balance for SCFCA Account is \$4523.16 and SCFCA Survivor's Fund is \$11,528.69. Chief Adams provided copies of financial reports for both accounts. Motion to approve by chief Braga, 2nd by Chief Davis and all voted in favor.

Correspondence

- **Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association:** None
- **Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association:** None

Presentations: David Frazer provided an update on the DS7 Digital Sand Box Software program which provides an advanced analytical program allowing organizations to monitor and prioritize threats and risks during planned major events. (A copy of his presentation is attached)

Old Business:

- **Photovoltaic Policy:** Chief McCormick reported to bring to next chiefs meeting and Chief Williams read letter from Cindy Forman, SCFPO President, advising the SCFCA they have requested direction from the Nor Cal FPO's on the documentation prepared by Petaluma Fire Marshal Cary Fergus.
- **SCFCA 2013 Goals**
 - **Fleet JPA:** Chief McCormick reported Chief Jones from SRFD would be the participating in the evaluation of a County wide Fleet JPA and further discussion would have to be postponed to the May SCFCA meeting.

- **Review of Financial Policies and By Laws:** Chief Adams reported the current By Laws have been provided to an attorney with nonprofit experience to evaluate any needs for updates and recommendations regarding financial policy,
- **Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association:** None

New Business:

- **Election of OES Fire Operational Area Coordinator, 1st and 2nd alternate:** Chief Williams reported this evenings meeting lacked attendance to proceed with the election.
- **Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association:** No new business

Committee Reports: (Please keep Report to 5 Minutes or Less)

- **Training/Operations Section:** Chief DeCarli reported on the approved STL Policy that a sub group of the Ops Section working for the Op Area Coordinator would be created to help facilitate future request for strike teams. MAD Drill this year is in Mill Valley on May 4th from 0800 to 1300 hours focusing on wildland and evacuations and only requesting 5 engines. Reviewed Type III IMT capabilities. Chief Williams discussed Lexipol and the need to look at a County wide program using Lexipol. Randy Collins discussed the Active 911 system and the Ops group will be presenting information at a later date.
- **Prevention Section:** Working on Code adoption process. Chief Williams reported ICC is making changes and next FPO meeting at GRFPD
- **District Chiefs:** Meeting at Petaluma Cattlemen's on 4/25/13 and presentation from So Co Code Enforcement.
- **Volunteer FF Association:** No Report
- **CAD Group:** Chief Williams met in March and CAD in the upgrade cycle due for next spring and mapping is being upgraded this year and if there are any corrections, now is a good time to get to GIS. There was discussion regarding the cost savings limiting the need to print and ability to update was a benefit go to I Pad or tablet technology.
- **Cal E-M-A Operational Area:** Chief Williams report no significant activity
- **Cal E-M-A Region:** Chief Williams reported May 9th is the next Region II meeting in Dublin. Engine typing within the State and trying to fall in line with NWCG typing is creating challenges. Currently under the new typing system Sonoma County may only be able to commit 5 type III engines for mutual aid to the State.
- **County Fire:** No report
- **EMCC:** Next meeting at the end of the month. Chief McCormick reported on MAC group and cardiac survivability statistics regarding data in Sonoma County and AMR assisted a lot to assist with access to information.
- **Legislation:** Chief Williams reported on the SRA fee and the repeal committee failed. The emergency response initiative maintains very little support from local jurisdictions. Chief Hoffman reported on the emergency response initiative and currently it is more of an emergency response initiative and currently appears as though much work will be required for progress to be made. Chief Williams reported that in legislation the residential code regarding residential structures and sprinkler installations allowing C-36 Licenses to install systems. A current amendment would require additional training for those C-36 licenses.
- **Grants:** No Report
- **SRJC Advisory:** Chief Collins reported Curtis Newsom is retiring and a job announcement will follow. Chief Collins also reported the SRJC currently conducts wildland fire hose evolutions on concrete and he will be purchasing new hose and suggested to the group he would be consider trading with agencies their older hose with newer hose to provide the JC FF academy with older and more durable hose. Additionally the SRJC is conducting a strategic plan and encouraged participation from the SCFCA.
- **CHP Liaison:** No Report
- **Red Cross:** Gary Duignan reported no call outs and 6 new personnel assigned to the disaster action team.
- **Marin Chiefs Liaison:** No Report
- **Fire Safe Sonoma:** No Report
- **Cal Fire:** Chief Hoffman reported on 6 new BC's in the unit. New engine 1477. Air tankers scheduled to be no later than June 15. Chief Hoffman also suggested we inquire

in November as to what the outlook the 2013 Fire Season may produce.

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- **SMART:** Chief Williams reported construction for SMART has slowed down due to environmental issues. Smart owns tracks between Novato and Napa and a proposal has been made for transport to the Raceway.

Improving Efficiencies: None

Customer Service/Good of the Order: None

REDCOM: Dick Luttrell reported on the last board meeting where the 13/14 FY budget was passed and progress was made on the expansion of REDCOM. The DOAG is updating SOP's and Chief Pigoni is retiring and is leaving position on the DOAG. Luttrell acknowledged Chief McCormick for his efforts in supporting REDCOM with the 13/14 budget process.

Closed Session: None

Next Meeting: May 8th, 2013- Hosted by Sebastopol Fire Department
(1030 Hours) Please note the Time Change

Meeting adjourned at 840pm