



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

August 13th 2013 at 9:30 AM

Hosted By

Two Rock Coast Guard Fire Dept.

Attendance:

Sean Grinnell
Phillip Garcia
Matt Gustafson
Gary Duignan
Todd Durum
Larry Anderson
Bill Braga
Cyndi Foreman
Gary Duignan
Eric Hoffman

Bodega Bay Fire
Sonoma Valley
CSC Fire
Red Cross
CalFire
Petaluma
Sebastopol
CSC Fire
Red Cross
Cal Fire

Al Ramos
Will Horne
Randy Collins
Tony Gossner
Lori Anello
Jason Jenkins
Ray Mulas
Wes Kitchel
Darren DiCarli
Max Ming

Two Rock CG Fire
Mayacamas
SRJC
Santa Rosa Fire
Two Rock
Cloverdale
Schell Vista
Sonoma County
Gold Ridge
Forestville

Call to Order: Chief Grinnell called the meeting to order at 0936 hours.

Host Chief Introduction: Chief Ramos welcomed all and asked for a head count of those interested in staying for lunch. He also announced this would be his last meeting given his pending retirement and presented Chief Grinnell a check for his dues as a symbolic gesture of the delays encountered with the Federal bureaucracy.

President's Report Chief Grinnell shared the letter of resignation he had received from Chief Aston

Approval of Minutes Motion to approve by Chief Davis and seconded by Chief Treanor, all voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: No report in Chief Adam's absence.

Correspondence None

Presentations: Randy made a presentation on the changes occurring with FFI and the impacts of IFSAC/Pro Board testing including the mandatory vs. voluntary issue.

Old Business:

- **Fleet JPA-** Wes shared that Chief Aston had asked if another agency would be interested in spearheading the program. As there was no interest, the item will be removed from the agenda until further notice.
- **By Laws / Financial Policies-** Chief Kitchel had no report in Chief Aston's absence. Chief Hoffman mentioned it would be prudent to have an e-board meeting on the topic. Chief Grinnell added it was his and Chief Adam's desire to have a private attorney review. Cyndi asked if the review was to include those By-Laws of the sub-groups (Yes). A motion was made by Chief Treanor, second by Eric to have a private attorney provide a quote for the needed services. Unanimous vote.

New Business:

- **Homeland Security Grant:** Chief Anderson shared that he will be meeting with Wes this afternoon to authorize the Homeland Security grant. \$379,000 will be split between Fire, Health & EMS with funds dedicated to the GIS project, a fire/ems data management project (to promote operability with IPADS. Other projects include money for haz-mat upgrades for the County & Santa Rosa. While no vote was taken the group was supported of the proposal, He also reported that of the **AFG** grants, 81% of the awards have been made but only 7-1/2% has gone to California. 2013 AFG will be opening in October and SAFER is open now (will close Aug 30 1700 PST). Eric spoke to the VFA grants Calfire administers and said due to an unexpected funding surge, all grant requests will be funded (but he doesn't know when).

Committee Reports:

- **Training/Operations Section:** Chief DiCarli reported on yesterday's meeting. The Active Status was reviewed and the same presentation on the changes to FFI was made. Chief Jenkins reported on the price quote from LEXIPOL of \$100,000 and handed out a spreadsheet of the breakdown. A discussion about the advantages of the system followed. It was agreed to have Peter Roth from LEXIPOL attend the October Chiefs to present and answer questions. Chief DiCarli added that the REDCOM Duty Officer SOP has been updated and the current officers are Jack, Dan, Dave & Tony. Chief Grinnell indicated that Jack and him are both users on the Chief's Google doc's.
- **Prevention Section:** Cyndi reported there are some hic-ups occurring with the FITF call out and reminded the group to follow REDCOM SOP 36. Randy offered to post the policy to the FITF section of the website. She also queried the group regarding some technical assistance with an arson problem. She ended by indicating Careleon will be submitting another chipper grant on behalf of Fire Safe Sonoma. The code committee is still meeting regularly with an update to be made at the next meeting. The group is looking to host a code update course in January. Safety Pals will be doing two shows in November (Sonoma Valley & RP).
- **District Chiefs:** Chief Treanor reported on the July meeting at Bodega Bay and the presentation on the County accounting system by David Sundstrom. He added more details on the system will be released today. Sean added that the Bodega Sec is the new Secretary of the Fire District's organization.
- **Volunteer FF Association:** Chief Horne reported on what actions his group is taking regarding the section process for the County Chief's position and the committees they have established to work with it. Chief Jenkins added that Zone 6 is putting out an RFP for a MSR for a Geyserville-Cloverdale consolidation. Funds for the MSR and some on-going labor costs are being provided by the County.
- **CAD Group:** No report
- **CAL/EMA:** No report
- **County Fire:** Chief Kitchel spoke to the flyer for the Chief's position. He expects the next few months to be exciting and fun
- **EMCC:** Chief Garcia shared that most of the discussion at the last meeting surrounded the impending casino opening and what the true impacts will be to the EMS community. Frank shared that the study conducted for his agency predicted 30 runs a day. A discussion about a variety of impacts followed.
- **Legislation:** No report.
- **Grants:** Covered above.
- **SRJC Advisory:** Randy shared they are finally offering the Volunteer Fire Skills this semester using a contract with the county. He thanked the group for their support with the re-accreditation with SFT and said he has turned the application in and expects a site visit in about 8 months.
- **CHP:** No report.
- **Red Cross:** No report
- **CALFIRE:** Chief Durum reported for dispatches to structure fires **without** a threat to the veg. their ECC will be sending 3 engines but no air resources. He stressed that they are still available upon request and the change will not impact any Mutual Threat Zone dispatch matrixes. He also thanked the group for including CalFire in your public relation events
- **SMART:** No report.

Improving Efficiencies: Chief Mulas said they just put a new type III in service. He queried the group if anyone has had experience with the Open Space acquiring land, taking it out of the tax roles and the impact to agencies as a new park with higher use and agency demands. A brief discussion regarding this followed.

Customer Service/Good of the Order

Chief Anderson reported Mike Grummell retired and Capt. McCarthy is going to SF.

Chief Horne reported him and Wes went to Henderson to finalize a type VI engine.

Chief Treanor reported a staff member is going to SF.

Chief Ming thanked the group for their support it has provided and expressed confidence that he will continue at RR.

Chief Gustafson alluded the casino continues to take enormous staff time. They are looking at a joint purchase on a Type I with Santa Rosa

Chief Grinnell reported they have taken delivery of a rescue boat from East Contra Costa County. He added they are running deficit spending and are looking at a bond measure.

REDCOM: No report. .

Respectfully Submitted by: Randy Collins

Next Meeting: September 11th Hosted by CHP