



# SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES

July 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 9:30 AM

Hosted By

Rohnert Park Public Safety  
500 City Hall Drive, Rohnert Park

### Attendance:

Mark Aston

Phillip Garcia

Roger Sprehn

Dean Anderson

Gary Duignan

Doug Williams

Max Ming

John Marty

Sonoma County Fire

Sonoma Valley

Corte Madera/Marin

AMR/SLS

Red Cross

Central Fire

Forestville/Russian River

Rohnert Park

Steve Adams

Will Horne

Randy Collins

Dick Luttrell

Spencer Andreis

Peter Van Fleet

Frank Treanor

Loren Davis

Healdsburg

Mayacamas

SRJC

REDCOM

Sonoma Valley

Glen Ellen

Rancho Adobe

Mountain VFC

### Call to Order: 0936 Hours

**Host Chief Introduction:** Chief John Marty welcomed all present to Rohnert Park and announced his retirement to be effective next month.

### President's Report

No Report

### Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve by Chief Williams and seconded by Chief Treanor, and all voted in favor.

### Treasurer's Report

Chief Adams reported the balance for SCFCA Account is \$4525.28 and SCFCA Survivor's Fund is \$117,006.19. Motion to approve by Chief Treanor and seconded by Chief Marty, all in attendance voted in favor.

### Correspondence

None

**Presentations:** NONE; A presentation form Sonoma County will be provided at the next meeting regarding changes to the financial accounting system and impacts to participating Fire Districts.

### Old Business:

- **Sonoma County Finance-** Chief Treanor reported discussions with Donna from Sonoma County Finance and they are preparing to answer questions from fire districts regarding impacts the new system may have.
- **Type III Engine Requirements-** Chief Aston reported new FOG Manual will identify new NIMS requirements and some agencies may experience changes in apparatus typing to their current type III's. Chief Williams reported the State will not require agencies to meet NIMS standards during request for this year.
- **STL Status Update-** Chief Andreis reported on the new status system in the SCFCA Associations and updated the group on the new status web site. If any agency experiences problems, please contact Chief Andreis or Dave Cornellson. The new system ID's those in red who are in need of follow up to continue in the rotation.
- **Fleet JPA-** Chief Aston reported that the County is working on a date to allow interested agencies to attend.
- **By Laws / Financial Policies-** Chief Aston reported the County Council would be contacted to review if available. Chief Adams suggested if County Council wasn't available then the group to consider paying private attorney fees for review.

## **New Business:**

- **SRJC State Fire Training Endorsement-** Chief Adams recommended the SCFCA endorse the SRJC in re-accreditation. Chief Williams motioned to approve and seconded by Chief Garcia, and all in attendance were in favor.

## **Committee Reports:**

- **Training/Operations Section:** Chief Gossner reported on Lexipol and T/Ops continues to pursue County Wide service. Lexipol is reaching out to the fire service to standardize fire department policies and has provided services to law enforcement for many years. Chief Gossner stated there is great benefit for fire agencies to join and the group is looking into the actual cost.
- **Prevention Section:** Chief Williams reported the last meeting was a joint FPO, Marin FPO and REACO meeting and discussed distilleries. Cyndi Foreman coordinated joint code purchase and was able to bring the cost down substantially. Chief Gossner reported Fire Marshal Fergus request information regarding grow related fires and encouraged the group to respond
- **District Chiefs:** Chief Williams reported the next meeting is the 25<sup>th</sup> in Bodega Bay Fire District.
- **Volunteer FF Association:** Will Horne reported the Association is working on a letter to assist in remaining active at the County level regarding the recruitment of the County Fire Chief. Another meeting is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> of July.
- **CAD Group:** Chief Williams reported the group is scheduled to meet on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Cal OES Operational Area:** Chief Aston reported the group met on how to assign and assemble ST's and the duty officer would establish the criteria for REDCOM. Upon Chief Astons reported Dan George will become the OP area coordinator and Chief Adams suggested the group vote to memorialize. Chief Adams motioned to designate Chief George as the Op Area coordinator, Chief Williams as second alternate and Chief davis seconded, all in attendance were in favor.
- **Cal OES Region:** Chief Williams reported notification to region regarding two recent fires in Sonoma County; one in Rancho Adobe and had involvement from Marin County. EMS was requested to SFO for the airliner crash and Dean Anderson reported San Mateo requested 2 Sonoma AMR resources. It was unclear who had EMS transport service to SFO.
- **County Fire:** Chief Aston reported the Homeland Security Grant was being discussed with Chris Helgrin to identify needs for the County and approximately \$500,000 possibly available to the Op Area.
- **Legislation:** Chief Aston request for someone to take interest in assuming legislative updates.
- **EMCC:** No report
- **Grants:** No Report
- **SRJC Advisory:** Randy Collins reported the next academy starts August 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Volunteer Fire Skills to start after 5 years of hard work and the one FT faculty is retiring and Job Announcement to be out soon.. Randy thanked the group for support in re-accreditation. Randy also reported on upcoming changes to instructors abilities to sign off on Firefighter I and II task books and may make it difficult for current instructors to sign off.
- **CHP Liaison:** No Report
- **Red Cross:** Gary Duignan reported Mendocino had 21 adults and 23 children supported by Red Cross and in Sonoma County 4 local instances and a lot of aid to the states.
- **Marin Chiefs Liaison:** Chief Sprehn reported on County Open Space District is preparing VMP produced with little input from fire. The County Chiefs are working to get input. County Sherriff's is updating CAD. Mergers amongst some Marin agencies are being discussed.
- **Fire Safe Sonoma:** No Report
- **Cal Fire:** Chief Derum reported on recent FF Fatality in RRU and emphasized that it was a result of something every agency does every day and their copter program is available as needed when local H1 is not. Chief Derum wanted to clarify Cal Fire Copters capabilities were not intended to replace local resources, but rather to be available when local resources were not available. Discussion was had regarding evacuation plans.
- **SMART:** Chief Williams reported

**Improving Efficiencies:** No Report

## **Customer Service/Good of the Order**

Loren Davis reported on pancake breakfast in Mountain this weekend.

Chief Adams reported on current Municipal Services Review being conducted for Zone 6, including Healdsburg, Geyserville, Cloverdale, and all County Service Areas.

Chief Derum reported Battalion Curtis Brown has been made permanent BC for 1413 and all spoke very highly of the assignment and were encouraged of the assignment.

Dean Anderson reported all County Fair staff has been trained in CPR and First Aid.

**REDCOM:** New DOAG chair is Chief Andreis and tomorrow is the Board meeting and the first quarter evaluation of the director will occur.

**Closed Session: (If Necessary)**

**Next Meeting:** August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - Hosted by Two Rock Coast Guard at 0930 Hours  
**Please RSVP to Steven Adams at [sadams@ci.healdsburg.ca.us](mailto:sadams@ci.healdsburg.ca.us) and members attending in POV's must provide at the gate proof of insurance, vehicle registration and license.**