



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING AGENDA

May 8th, 2013 at 10:30 AM
Hosted By
Sebastopol Fire Department

Attendance:

Steven Adams	Healdsburg	Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay
Mark Aston	Sonoma County	Frank Treanor	Ranch Adobe
Annie Springer	Bodega (retired)	Jeff Davidson	Mill Valley
Eric Hoffman	Cal Fire	Craig Lowe	Dry Creek Rancheria
Gary Duignan	Red Cross	Rich Bottarini	LAFCO
Max Ming	Forestville/Russian River	Cindi Foreman	Central Fire
Mark McCormick	Santa Rosa	Dick Luttrell	REDCOM
John Marty	Rohnert Park	Randy Collins	SRJC
Doug Williams	Central Fire	Bill Braga	Sebastopol
Dean Anderson	AMR/SLS	John Clary	Cal EMA
Larry Anderson	Petaluma		

Call to Order- Meeting called to order by President Aston at 1031 hours

Host Chief Introduction- Chief Braga welcomed all present to Sebastopol

President's Report- President Aston attended County BOS meeting on May 7th and Chief Paul Pigoni was recognized for his 40 years of outstanding and dedicated service to Geyserville and the County.

Approval of Minutes- Craig Lowe motioned for approval, Randy Collins seconded and all present voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report- 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 Treanor, 2nd by Chief Hoffman and all voted in favor.

Correspondence- None

Presentations: Rich Bottarini from Sonoma County LAFCO began by requesting feedback and direction from the Chiefs Association for him to bring back to LAFCO as they begin their mandatory 5 year Municipal Service Reviews for Sonoma County Fire Services. Rich described the many methods they can conduct the MSR's, by agency, area, sphere of influence, etc.. What LAFCO is looking for is what the fire chiefs want and they wish LAFCO to proceed in conducting the MSR's. Discussions continued regarding potential funding sources for special study areas involving two or more agencies and the County has some funds potentially available through district formation funds. Chief Aston asked the Chiefs how the group wishes to provide direction to LAFCO to move forward in MSR process, and suggested a possibly zone by zone process. Chief Williams agreed with the zone concept however suggested that there can be benefit to consider more global efforts and not be only bound by zone. There will be Agency data that was provided in the 2005 MSR to be updated and completed by all Sonoma County Fire Agencies.

Old Business:

- Photovoltaic Policy- It was agreed that fire agencies may continue to adopt different requirements relative to photovoltaic requirements relative only to secondary energy control. The Chiefs did agree that a policy would not be required to achieve consensus and that the updated code and the Chiefs would provide the FPO's a recommendation regarding the discussion.
- SCFCA 2013 Goals
 - Fleet JPA- Chief Aston provided results of the on line fleet maintenance survey responses, 13 responded, 53% from a public agency, 61% do not employ a mechanic and 38 do, 84% would entertain group discussion and 6 would participate in a work group. Chief McCormick suggested the group continue to look into and Chief Aston will contact the Chiefs that shared interest in joining and prepare a scope.

- Review of Financial Policies and By Laws- Chief Adams reported the attorney would cost up to \$300 an hour and up to two hours for review. Chief Aston suggested County Council might be able to review and would look into for an opportunity to achieve a cost savings. Chief Hoffman agreed to participate in this process.
- Election of OES Fire Operational Area Coordinator, 1st and 2nd Alternate- No email votes were provided to Secretary Adams and Chief Williams reported that a majority of the Sonoma County Fire Chiefs would be required and the group agrees County Fire Chief Aston did represent the VFC's. Chief Williams and the group agreed to take the majority of those in attendance to this meeting and additional votes by email would be considered for approval. Nominations to date were Op Area Coordinator is Chief Aston, First alternate is Chief George, Second alternates were Chief Andreis and Chief Gossner. Cal EMA Chief Clarey provided clarity to the Op Area requirements and suggested if there is quorum and proper notification was made then consideration should be made to move forward and all agreed since two months notification was made, there was enough present to vote. Chief Hoffman motioned and second by Chief Treanor and all voted in favor.

New Business:

- CERT Program Communications- Chief Aston reported on the Sonoma County CERT Association request to have the SCFCA Association become a point of contact for interest in County wide. The majority agreed that the CERT Association would remain as the point of contact for interest or inquiries.
- Chief Treanor introduced new business regarding the new County accounting software that could create problems for Fire Districts participating in the County Accounting program and the SCFCA will keep as old business for the next meeting for Chief Treanor to update on any potential concerns.

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

- **Training/Operations Section:** No Report
- **Prevention Section:** Cyndi Foreman reported next meeting Sonoma County Fire and presentation from Fire Safe Sonoma. The FPO's is looking at the FPO's treasurer's position and how it is filled. The Chiefs agreed to recommend the FPO's require two signatures for checks produced by the FPO's. Cyndi offered to the group that if there is interested in a group order of new California Codes to contact her. The FPO's are looking information on small breweries opening throughout Sonoma County. There was discussion regarding dues and Chief Adams will be distributing checks to the sections based on dues paid to date.
- **District Chiefs:** Chief Williams reported on last meeting hosted by Rancho Adobe and presentation from PRMD. The next meeting is in Bodega Bay on July 26th.
- **Volunteer FF Association:** No Report
- **CAD Group:** Chief Williams requested agencies submit map changes to GIS
- **Cal E-M-A Operational Area:** Region 2 meeting tomorrow...
- **Cal E-M-A Region:** Region meeting is May 9th.
- **County Fire:** No report
- **EMCC:** Chief McCormick attended last meeting an ambulance tag on charges still being discussed for next year.
- **Legislation:** Chief Aston continues to look for interest from the group to assume legislation update responsibilities.
- **Grants:** Chief Anderson reported on the AFG grant and that there remains significant fund and to date 1650 grants awarded, 188 Million and more to be awarded. California only received 59 awards and not a lot of Sonoma County on the list. The UASI grant from last came up fast and fire was not well represented.
- **SRJC Advisory:** Randy Collins reported on upcoming planning meeting at SRJC. The intensive and extended FFI academies graduation ceremony is this Friday.
- **CHP Liaison:** None
- **Red Cross:** Gary Duignan asked if Red Cross should continue to be on committee reports and the group agreed to keep the item. A question was made regarding when or what criteria Red Cross would respond to aid residents with loss. Chief Aston reported on the Hero's Breakfast.
- **Marin Chiefs Liaison:** Chief Davidson reported on cancellation of MAD exercise and they did conduct the evacuation exercise and 800 residents asked to participate and 20 % attended. Also 100 attended John Mclean's presentation and was a great success.
- **Fire Safe Sonoma:** No report
- **Cal Fire:** Chief Hoffman thanked for local assistance on recent Yellow fire. Currently staffing 21 engines and 31 engines in June 3rd, AA Base staffed and helicopter staffed, and all crews at Type I.
- **SMART:** No Report

Improving Efficiencies: None

Customer Service/Good of the Order

Chief Anderson reported after 156 years of service they have their first Strike Team Leader, BC Jeff Holden, and next year they will have a type III engine for the first time in history of the PFD.

Chief Adams reported on Chief Lantz retirement June 1st and Chief Pigoni will have a retirement party and date to follow.

Chief Aston requested we add new type III engine requirements to new business.

REDCOM

Dick Lutrell reported on the process of updating ROSS data and recent activity provided real time opportunities.

Closed Session: None

Meeting Closed at 1241 Hours

Next Meeting: June 12th, 2013- Hosted by Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority at 0930 Hours