



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

February 2011 Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

**Hosted by Windsor Fire Dist
Station #1
February 9, 2011, 9:30 am.**

Attendance:

Name	Department/Agency	Name	Department/Agency
Randy Collins	SRJC	John Zanzi	Sebastopol
Dan Northern	Forestville	Bob Uboldi	Kenwood
John Marty	Rohnert Park	Peter Van Fleet	Glen Ellen
Ken Reese	REDCOM	Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe
Paul Pigoni	Geyserville	Kent Coxen	Coastal Valley
Dean Anderson	AMR/SLS	Ryan Kilgor	CHP
Gary Duignan	Red Cross	Allan Capurro	CHP
Larry Anderson	Petaluma	Mark McCormick	Santa Rosa
Ron Collier	Windsor		
Marvin Howard	Cal EMA		
Doug Williams	Rincon Valley		
Annie Murphy-Springer	Bodega-Retired		
Bill Braga	Sebastopol/REDCOM		

Call to Order at: 9:37

Host Chief Introduction: Made by Chief Collier

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Chief Treanor, with a correction to the Treasurers report, second by Chief Williams, passed unanimously.

President's Report:

The Eboard is working on number of issues:

- 2011 Goals:
 - REDCOM - The radio situation is dynamic we will continue to monitor.
 - Improving Efficiencies – Continue to keep committee reports to be kept brief and use web site for minutes and sharing other pertinent information.
 - Training /Ops – Monitoring both groups everything appears to be progressing well.

- Succession Planning – The goal is to pass on institutional memory to future chief officers and leaders in the Sonoma County Fire Service. Topics such as standardization, FLSA, legislative process are being considered, additional topics should be passed on to Eboard members. As of this date the Succession Planning Forums will be scheduled quarterly with Chief Collier presenting the Fire Service Legislative Process at the first Forum scheduled for late March.
 - Widows and Orphans Fund – A sub committee has been formed to draft a proposal to expand the use of the Widows and Orphans Fund to include, as an example, donations to firefighters due to injuries in the line of duty.
- Dues - The Eboard discussed increasing dues but decided not to do so at this time.
 - Official Address - The official address for the SCFCA has been changed to Rincon Valley Fire, P.O. Box 530, Windsor California.
 - Membership - To remain consistent with the SCFCA By-Laws, President Collins is an Associate Member and although he may remain as President he is not entitled to make a motion or vote on an issues (Section 1.01(b) of the SCFCA By-Laws)
 - Web Site
 - The Eboard agreed to thank Mike Johnson for his work on previous web site and to present him with a \$100.00 gift card/certificate for his efforts.
 - The new web site is up and running. Chuck Abshear has made a presentation to the Operations/Training Group and will make a presentation to the FPOs in March.
 - The discussion page will be open to all Sonoma County Fire Chiefs.
 - Fire Prevention Grant - The Eboard agreed to be the sponsor of the Prevention Officers Grant in order to take advantage of the Associations a 501-C3 status allowing for a non-matching field fire inspection grant. The grant includes hardware and software to conduct paperless fire prevention inspections, pre-plan drawings, incident command pre-plan applications and several other functions.

Treasurer's Report:

- Chiefs Checking Account 1,672.31 as of 12/31/10
- W&O Checking ...17,666.88 as of 1-31-11
- W&O 7 Month CD 116,403.87 as of 1-10-11

Correspondence:

- The SCFCA, Vice President Northern, sent a letter to San Jose Fire regarding surplus fire apparatus in support of SRJC fire tech program.

Presentations: None

Committee Reports:

Training Section – Chief Collins reported that the group met yesterday for the first time in 30 years as the Sonoma County Training Officers Association. They have elected new officers and begun the process to revise their by-laws. They are working on providing and supporting classes relating to CICCIS 2010 Strike Team requirements such as S-270 and S-234. In addition Rohnert Park is hosting a Grant Management (not writing) Workshop on April 21 and 22. The Training Section also discussed the impacts of AB1648 and agreed there was a benefit to creating a Task Book to meet driving requirements. President Collins will be working on this project with Eleanor Ratliff.

Operations Section - Chief Northern, the Ops section met yesterday following the Training Section meeting. Discussed an ongoing issue regarding the fire ground elimination of 2 out when RIC is established. This became an issue in Modesto at a recent fire event when firefighters fell through the roof of a building. The group wanted to obtain an OSHA opinion as to whether they would rule in favor or against an agency that

eliminated 2 out when RIC was established. After a discussion with OSHA there was no conclusion. The recommendation from Chief Piccinini was for all agencies to review their existing policies on each, train to them and use them on the fire ground. There was a recommendation to not develop a County wide SOP on the issue. STL renewal applications are due by March 30th for all Strike Team Leaders and Trainees. Chief Northern presented samples of reflective Engine Company Identifiers that slide over the SCBA bottle retainer strap and attach to the front of the SCBA harness. The Ops group will consider standardizing the designators and colors of the identifiers and determine if there are any agencies interested in a group purchase.

Prevention Section – Chief Zanzi, the Prevention Section has completed the in the field paperless fire inspection grant on a Sonoma County regional level.

District Chiefs – Chief Northern, the SCFDA is working with the County Auditor/Controllers office regarding the Financial Fees currently charged to Districts. A Committee is looking at the current distribution of fees between agencies and will be requesting a reduction to the proposed collection of 100% of the cost for providing financial services. More information should be available at within the next week. Chief Collier stated that the County is expecting a 2% reduction in property tax next fiscal year.

Volunteer FF Association – No Report

REDCOM – Director Luttrell reported on a recent issue communication issue that occurred in the Geyserville/Lake Sonoma area between H1, CHP and REDCOM due to a reluctance of the CHP to transfer the caller due to the fear of losing it (because of poor reception). The incident involved a vehicle off the road, the unfamiliarity of the caller with the area and the inability to obtain an accurate location of the victim via cell phone GPS. REDCOM is working on refreshing ROSS and Active Status with dispatchers.

CAD Group – Chief Williams, CAD meets next Tuesday, February 15th, at 9am at Windsor.

OES Operational Area – Chief Williams, coordinators meeting March 1st. A CICCS meeting is planned for March 1st.

Chief Howard stated that there are California Fire Service Agreement workshops coming up. The Sonoma County meeting will be in Windsor on February 17th from 9am to 12am. The Federal agencies are tightening their financial belts causing them to look at current reimbursement costs largely because the costs for local government strike teams are ranging from 25K to 30K per 24 hours with a 16 percent admin charge. Regarding narrow banding a letter will be coming soon stating that White Fire 1 will remain wide band, 2 and 3 will be narrow banded with new V Tack designators. Cal EMA is still working on a STL refresher that will also fulfill currency requirements. The Cal EMA version is not available so it will be up to the Sonoma County Op Area to make its upcoming refresher an OP area currency opportunity.

County Fire – No Report

EMCC – Kent Coxon, the EMS Agency has an intern working on the AED program and BLS cardiac care program. There was some interest in the County MCI plan being put out in FOG Manual style but that will not be occurring. Chief Howard shared with the group that some concerns have been raised about independence of the State EMS agency in conducting exercises without participation from the fire side which was expressed at the State level in letter form.

Legislation – Chief Collier advised the group to be ready for anything but that it is too early to tell what is going to happen but to expect bills on pension reform and SRA fees; he will continue to send out bills and Ralph Heim opinions.

Grants - Chief Zanzi, the Regional Pager Grant still in the process. Linda Collister and Chief Zanzi submitted the Sonoma County Regional Fire Prevention grant, using chiefs 501-C3 status, for software and hardware to do electronic field inspections. Included in the grant are; I-pads, laptops and software for approx. \$ 600K,. Chief Collier, the OTS Grant, Holmatro equipment is in, waiting for remainder of equipment and a media event before distribution.

SRJC Advisory – President Collins reported the next meeting is April 7th at 10am. The SRJC is expecting a \$4.1 to \$13.9 million dollar reduction overall next fiscal year. However, he does not anticipate any cuts to the Fire Tech program at this time since it would threaten the loss of additional funding.

CHP Liaison – Alan Capurro and Ryan Kilgore expressed the interest of the CHP in keeping communications open with Sonoma County fire agencies. Officer Capurro asked that he be called directly with any issues at 588-1400 and not to wait for the Chiefs Meeting. CHP copters are flying with medics at all times. They do not typically respond to medical emergencies but at times are near the incident and will respond. There were 28 new officers hired in the last 2 years so please be patient with them as they learn the area and fire operations.

Red Cross – Chief Duignan Ret, reported on the efforts of the Red Crosses to support the San Bruno fire victims. To date, they have spent \$250K supporting local citizens and will be in the community for another 3 years.

Marin Chiefs Liaison – President Collins, the next meeting February 27th, and will include the annual installation dinner.

Fire Safe Sonoma - No Report

Old Business:

- Chief Annie Murphy-Springer Ret. asked the SCFCA to underwrite or sponsor KRCB programming in exchange for a positive promotion for the fire service. She proposed to promote the fire service and fire safety. Keep on the agenda as old business.

New Business:

- Chief Collier – There will be a September 11th, 10 Year Memorial Event for Sonoma County, included as part of the Pacific Coast Air Museum's Air Show in August. The memorial will be centered around the F-15 Eagle acquired by the PCAM which was the first military aircraft over the Twin Towers on 9/11. The PCAM has asked for involvement from Sonoma County Fire Agencies. Chief Collier will represent the SCFCA at the planning meetings to develop the program. Anyone interested in participating should contact Chief Collier.

Customer Service: None

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- SRJC/Rincon/Forestville - A complement of hard suction hose, fittings and test equipment will be housed at the Windsor campus, near the pump test pit for use by agencies that use the facility.
- Discussed the CICCIS 2010 – Should the SCFCA Requirements for out of county response be blended with CICCIS 2010. Agreed to send this to the Ops Section and to ask them to update the SCFCA document to match or blend with CICCIS 2010.
- Chief Anderson - Petaluma is looking at a Cal PERS refresh. It is projected to save the City of Petaluma 200K annually. Contact PERS or look on the web site, PERS Refresh.
- Chief Collier - Freight train service will start in March between Novato (going east on 37) and Windsor. Train lengths should be 15 cars, running up to 5 or 6 times a day. Initially they may only be going as far as Airport BLVD, Standard Structures. Eventually service may continue to Ukiah and Sausalito.
- Chief Howard - Fire Support 5262 just got retrofitted with a new generator.

Closed Session: None

Adjourned: At 11:30

Next Meeting: March 9th – Hosted by Healdsburg Fire