



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

November 13th, 2013 at 9:30 AM

Hosted by

Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District-Cotati Fire Station

Attendance:

Steven Adams	Healdsburg	Gary Duignan	Red Cross
Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe	Doug Williams	Central Fire
Bill Braga	Sebastopol	Peter Van Fleet	Glen Ellen
Gary Duignan	Red Cross	Mark McCormick	Santa Rosa
Max Ming	Forestville	Roberta MacIntyre	Sonoma County
Dick Lutrell	REDCOM	Dean Anderson	AMR/SLS
Ryan Kilgore	CHP	John Salvate	Cal OES
Paul Smith	Kentfield Fire	Todd Derum	Cal Fire
Randy Collins	SRJC	Jeff Schach	Petaluma Fire
Mike Bates	Rohnert Park	Larry Anderson	Petaluma Fire
Jack Piccinini	Santa Rosa Fire		

Call to Order- Chief Adams called the Meeting to order at 0940 hours and reported President Chief Grinnell was unable to attend due to illness.

Host Chief Introduction- Chief Treanor welcomed the SCFCA to Rancho Adobe's Cotati Fire Station.

President's Report- No report

Approval of Minutes- Chief Williams made a motion to approve and Chief Treanor seconded and all in attendance were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Chief Adams reported the following-

- Widows and Orphans CD - \$117,109.48
- Widows and Orphans checking- \$11,530.78
- SCFCA Checking- \$8,601.16

Chief Treanor motioned to approve, seconded by Chief Williams

Correspondence: Chief Treanor handed out to all in attendance CSFA's volunteer insurance funding document to provide volunteers with enhanced coverage under a grant opportunity obtained by CSFA. If additional information is needed contact Chief Adams.

Presentations: None

Old Business:

- **By Laws / Financial Policies-** Chief Adams reported the Healdsburg Attorney is reviewing and providing comments relative to changes needed to the associations by laws and an update will be provided at the January planning meeting.

New Business:

- **EMCC Chiefs Rep-** Chief McCormick nominated Chief Schach as the Sonoma County Chiefs Representative. All in attendance were in favor.
- **Nomination Committee-** Chief Williams, Hoffman and Collins were appointed as the nomination committee to nominate the executive board members for 2014.

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

Training/Operations Section: Chief Collins reported the next meeting is December 10th and a short planning session is planned for this date.

Prevention Section: Chief Adams reported the FPO's is in the completion phase of adoption of the Fire Code and Chief Anderson reported Petaluma adopted as part of their ordinance to establish a ceiling for permits and may eliminate fireworks in Petaluma's jurisdiction.

District Chiefs: Chief Piccinini reported on the upcoming meeting in January and establishing goals for the group and raising dues to \$50.

Volunteer FF Association: Chief MacIntyre reported the County has hired Al Terrell to replace Chief Aston.

CAD Group: Chief Williams reported the CAD group is meeting in November to improve mapping system to include Hazardous Materials information and Chief Piccinini reported the work group was making progress to make changes.

Cal OES Operational Area: Chief Williams introduced the new Cal OES Division Chief John Salvate coming from Southern California/San Bernardino County Fire. Chief Salvate thanked all for their welcome and will be covering region II with John Clarey.

Cal EMA Region: Chief Williams reported a meeting will be held tomorrow and the agenda will include nominations.

EMCC: Chief McCormick and Chief Schach reported on state reimbursement fees and what true costs are. Chief McCormick reported first responder reimbursement at the state level may provide revenues for agencies with fees in place.

Legislation: Chief Williams reported that with Chief Astons retirement that there is a gap in the legislative area and there is a need for someone to take on this assignment and/or interest.

Grants: Chief Anderson reported the 2012 grants are complete and the 2013 are in progress and priorities ops and safety, vehicle acquisition and joint regional request. The Homeland Security grants are in progress and with regard to AFG; Petaluma is writing a regional grant for P25 radios and agencies with interest to contact Petaluma BC Rasmussen.

SRJC Advisory: Chief Collins reported on changes to FFI and the academy will adjust hours accordingly and provided handouts to reflect changes. A full time faculty position announcement will be posted soon.

CHP Liaison: Ryan Kilgore reported on a recent situation in Santa Rosa and impacts of the Rohnert Park Casino have been less than anticipated, however a constant flow of traffic exists and the parking garage has required CHP attention.

Red Cross: No Report

Marin Chiefs Liaison: Chief Smith reported the next meeting is in January and Ross Valley Chief is retiring in January. Marin is moving dispatch center. The Marin Chiefs had concerns with Marin County Open Space District and their vegetation management plan with regard to the Mount Tam plan.

Fire Safe Sonoma: Chief MacIntyre reported on the chipper program and the need for maintaining the program. Chief MacIntyre requested any agencies interested in providing information or ideas to keep the program ongoing to contact her.

Cal Fire: Chief Derum reported Chief Dougherty promoted to DC in Mendocino County and the unit will be reassigning within the unit. He also reported on current unit staffing patterns.

SMART: Chief Williams reported they worked on bridge areas in Petaluma area.

Customer Service/Good of the Order

- Mike Bates introduced himself as the new Rohnert Park Fire Commander and reported his interest to enhance communications with neighboring agencies.
- Chief Anderson is bringing on 6 new firefighters.
- Russian River accepted a new Ferrara Type I.

REDCOM: Dick Lutrell reported on recent Lopez protest and REDCOM initiated back up with Cal Fire. REDCOM has trained new employees and the REDCOM expansion is in progress.

Closed Session: None

Meeting Closed at 1130 Hours

Next Meeting: December 11th at 2373 Circadian Way, SRFD Station 10