

# SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

## **MEETING MINUTES**

CHP

September 14, 2016, 10:30 am.

#### Attendance:

**Loren Davis** Mountain **James Williams County Fire** Darrin DeCarli Gold Ridge **Greg Martin County Fire** Max Ming RRF/FFV **James Salvante CVEMSA Dean Anderson AMR Aaron Abbott** REDCOM Mike Bates Rohnert Park **Jason Boaz** Healdsburg **Brian Masterson Rohnert Part** Frank Treanor Rancho Adobe Mike Mickelson Wilmar **Jack Piccinini** Windsor/Central **Bill Shubin** SRFD/Kenwood **Doug Williams** Retired Mike Palacio CHP Al Terrell **County Fire** Sean Grinnell **Bodega Bay** Bill Braga Sebastopol

Call to Order: Chief Braga called the meeting to order at 10:39 am and lead the pledge of allegiance

**Host Chief Introduction:** Chief Braga introduced Commander Mike Palacio who welcomed all and pointed out some logistics and then introduced Jon Sloat who said his presentation would offer up some of the training aids/programs available from CHP's public safety division. Chief Braga said there is a "fill the boot" for lunch donations.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Chief Braga said Randy is out and Sean is standing in, Chief Derum is in Alaska...No changes to the agenda were offered or made.

**President's Report:** Chief Braga said it has been a year of great loss. Chief Bullard requested a Survivors Fund donation for Marion Miller's who was Assistant Chief and Board Director from 1945 to 1973. The E-Board approved \$1000.00. Chief Braga said he is proud of our ability to help with this program.

Chief Williams added that he has Howard Reeser's early minutes of original Widows and Orphans Fund.

**Approval of minutes:** Chief Terrell moved to approve the minutes of August 10<sup>th</sup> 2016. Chief Treanor 2nd, all were in favor...none opposed

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

SCFCA Chiefs-\$3,555.90 SCFCA Ops-\$17,541.24

Operating account-\$21,097.14

Survivors checking-\$2,911.35

Survivor savings-\$110,062.82 **Survivor fund-\$112,974.17** 

Chief Piccinini asked for clarification of Ops/TO and FPO accounts. Chief Braga said the E-Board discussed this and a comprehensive report that will report on all the accounts under the chief's 501(c) 3 umbrella will be available soon.

Chief Treanor moved to approve the treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief DeCarli, all were in favor, none opposed.

#### Correspondence-None

**Presentations:** CHP Safety programs available to fire departments.

Commander Palacio introduced Officer Jon Sloat who made the presentation. CHP offers the following programs: Child Safety Seat Installations (several classes a year) Installers must recert once a year; the class is of 5-6 hours. Chief Braga asked if the public could come here (CHP RP) for child safety seat installation? Yes by appointment. Chief Braga went on to say Sebastopol City Hall expressed concern over liability concerns. Chief Ming suggested the website www.safekids.org. Officer Sloat mentioned the Safety Fair and safety seat install at Albertsons in Roseland on September 24, 2016 from 10-2; Bike and Pedestrian Safety (The Bike Rodeo); Right Turn program-Drug and Alcohol Awareness Programs in Middle School; Impact, Teen Drivers in High School. Victims and families of those affected by the impacts of accidents; Start Smart-CHP teen drivers starting as young as 14 y/o and up, two hours (red asphalt video) Nicholas Tognozzi-guest speaker who killed two people while reading a text...Chief Williams said his son went to Start Smart and delayed getting his CDL for a couple of years. Officer Sloat said kids are waiting a little while longer to get license, good for Insurance but kids are not learning to drive before being allowed to jump right in; Every Fifteen Minutes; Collision Reduction Grants- RID- RADIATES-HAGR; JUST DRIVE-take action against distraction (this covers all of us!!!) Be a good passenger-Don't let the driver text or talk. Officer Sloat offered participation on training nights. A submerged vehicle training demonstration, Sherriff's Office Dive Team September 28, 2016 at Spring Lake. Chief Piccinini asked if there is a website for when these trainings are being presented? Yes, on the Golden Gate Division website has the schedule and local CHP will send info out via social media. Chief Williams asked who has the authority for arson fires on state property? Commander Palacio said CHP is responsible but we will call local jurisdiction such as CAL FIRE or the local agency for assistant. Chief Davis asked about the new bicycle lane and the 3 ft. rule, do we slow down and wait or can we pass them or can we go over the yellow line? Officer Sloat said you can't go over the double yellow; you have to follow the law, he recommended that we slow way down and pass slowly very safely.

#### Old Business:

None

#### **New Business:**

- RP Commander Brian Masterson told the group that crime is up from 2015 and it is likely the highest in a decade. Governor's realignment (to reduce overcrowding), and because of Prop 47 which it made many felonies drug offenses into misdemeanors (catch and releases). Now we have Prop 57 which proposes to allow the state parole board (appointees) to determine when someone is released based on primary offense (no longer adding the extenuating circumstances) no enhancements added or other actions against them...no on 57; 80% felonies in SCMADF...recidivism highest...AB109 realigned state prison back to county jail for smaller offences. That is why California's crime rate is higher than our neighboring states.
- CHP said thank you for all our help during recent tragedies in Jenner, Petaluma, Monte Rio, and the fatal bicycle accident during the Tour de Fuzz.

### Committee Reports-None

REDCOM-Director Abbott reported that a lot is going on; we are evaluating changes and new ideas brought about by the Accreditation process with the National Academy for Dispatchers. Very few dispatch agencies attain this and REDCOM is very close. REDCOM is moving forward with mobile responder, it's slow but still moving (windows based tablets (and lots cheaper, versus the MDC)). Move up manager- the company is working with us to make it work-the program looks at probabilities of incidents and recommends move ups based on the probability. In the next few weeks 2.0 version is coming out and it looks to be an appropriate upgrade.

Director Abbott said he had received a few questions about REDCOM invoices? He said to pay them like you would normally, The Sups still plan on paying. It's just slow.

Chief Piccinini asked if accreditation focuses on EMS or EMS and Fire? EMS only. Chief Piccinini also asked about changing or adding more event types to prevent a full alarm assignment to a smoking outlet, what keeps us from just creating more call types for smaller incident types and appropriate response plans for these smaller events? Director Abbott suggested that's a simpler approach but harder for CQI aspects. Dispatch software opens and address Q and A for the caller. Ultimately we could but it is more difficult to use the current protocol system for fire dispatch. Chief Piccinini said its one of the Goals from our goal setting for 2016. Ops/TO's will continue to support REDCOM in working toward this; another OPS/TO's goal is to get the move up system working by the end of the year.

Chief Piccinini asked why is it taking so long with the county? Bureaucracy moves slowly.

Chief Treanor asked about the AB8, TOT, and other revenue ideas being kicked around. Chief Williams said Prop 172 and TOT revenue will become available but there is not enough to go around yet. Should we support the new TOT? That depends if you trust the County to pull it from the general Fund.

Chief Ming asked how was it that some agencies had advance notice of the pending call out for the Subrantes Fire. His folks could have the extra time that others got to prepare. Chief Shubin answered, its rare that we (Duty Officers) do early notice. Chief Piccinini offered that perhaps they were not up to date on active status and the DC had to make it up from those available on the active status list. The Clayton fire had a 45 min delay due to no order number. Immediate need request should not require an order number.

CVEMSA-James Salvante wanted to say thank you and recognize the EMS agencies (AMR, RRFPD, SVFRA, and Cloverdale) that helped with 911 responses and to EVAC the Clearlake hospital.

Sharing Efficiencies /Good of the Order- Chief Piccinini asked that we post the meeting minutes from the fire advisory council on our website and that it be added as a standing agenda item. Chief Williams said he would miss the next Council meeting.

Prevention Item- Chief James Williams said the final CWPP goes in front of the Sups on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> under the consent calendar. Chief Williams also invited all the Chiefs to the Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sups for the Gold Resolution announcing Fire Prevention Week at 1:30pm.

Chief Boaz-Thank you Linda Collister for her help on the CWPP.

Chief Martin suggested that we add the FITF to the next agenda and talk about call out and capabilities.

Chief Davis reminded everyone about his annual fundraiser at the Calistoga Fair Grounds on the 24<sup>th</sup>-BBQ Tri-tip and Chicken.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 12:17

Next Meeting: In Forestville on October 12th.

Minutes by: Sean Grinnell, Past President