



**SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS
ASSOCIATION MEETING**
MEETING MINUTES
 Sept 12th 2018 at 9:00 AM
 Hosted By CHP

Attendance:

Aaron Abbott	REDCOM	Spencer Anderson	DECCAN Int'l
Jeff Schach	Petaluma	Steve Akre	Sonoma Valley
Randy Collins	SRJC ARTP	Todd Derum	CALFIRE
James Salvante	CVEMS	Mark Heine	Windsor/RV
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Jeff Weaver	Rohnert Park
Jason Boaz	Healdsburg	James Williams	Sonoma County
Mike Bates	Rohnert Park	Mark Heine	RV/Windsor
Michael Palacio	CHP	Dean Anderson	AMR
Bill Braga	Sebastopol	Ron Busch	RV/Windsor
Ryan Lantz	Russian River	Dave Franceschi	Forestville
Bill Bullard	Graton	Paul Fleckenstein	CALFIRE

Call to Order: Chief Derum called the meeting to order at 0905 and asked Commander Palacio to lead the pledge.

Host Chief Intro: Commander Palacio welcomed the group, introduced himself and expressed his appreciation for the good working relationship he has with the group and indicated his door is always open. He also introduced Lt. George Ramos who is the divisions new Field Operations Officer.

President's Report: Chief Derum began by thanking this group's efforts in getting the support of the BOS for the "Silver Plan" and the hard work that was necessary to get to this point. He also emphasized the importance of staying on task with a unified message and maintaining unity. He ended by asking self-introductions be made since there were a few new faces.

Approval of Previous Minutes/Changes to the Agenda: Motion made by Chief Heine & seconded by Chief Braga. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report submitted by Hans was as follows:

Chiefs General Fund:	\$6,125.19
Survivors Fund:	\$107,896.31
OP's/TO's Fund:	\$19,407.79
FPO Safety Trailer:	\$7,681.90
Career Succession:	\$4,025.67
FPO General Fund:	\$3,320.78
FITF	\$2,048.05
Safety Pals Gen. Fund:	\$41,435.32
Safety Pals Trailer:	\$2,500.00
	\$194,441.01

Motion by Chief Grinnell & Heine to accept. Unanimous vote.

Correspondence: Randy indicated he had received a request from Barry Dugan to lend our support for a press release they would be issuing regarding the Water Agency's pilot fire camera project which was forwarded to Chief Boaz who penned remarks on behalf of the group. He also shared the PG & E Grant application we received is also in Chief Boaz's capable hands (and is on the agenda).

Presentations:

DECCAN International: Spenser Anderson introduced himself and shared that after working with the County was recommended by Chief Colangelo to speak to the group. His firm creates Apparatus Deployment Module (ADM) software, which is used to identify optimal station locations using suburban or urban modes. It includes a CAD Analysis portion that allows you to look at a variety of factors/layers. It also has an ADAM feature, which illustrates response time changes if you add stations and an Optimizer feature to identify the best location for positioning existing resources. It also illustrates the impact of "Browning Out" stations if faced with budget reductions. Director Abbott spoke highly of the product as one of the most effective in terms of putting the analytical power in the hands of the agency as opposed to having to pay an outside consultant for these services and described it as a "user based" product (i.e. Fire Chiefs). Mr. Anderson shared the approx. cost for the entire county would be \$275K. A short discussion on the compatibility with the existing CAD system followed. Mr. Anderson's contact information is: spencera@decanintl.com

Old Business:

- **Peer Support:** Chief Boaz shared that amongst the \$16K we received through our grant, we have hosted one class and have a balance of \$9,167. He floated the idea of hosting another class but is also seeking suggestions. In the discussion that followed, Chief Heine suggested piggy backing on the Stand-down for FF Health and Safety that the California Behavioral Health Task Force is holding next week, and following up with a class that is marketed more aggressively. Commander Palacio spoke to the support network in his organization and offered to help the organization. One outcome was to pursue a peer support class and follow-up with a resiliency course.
- **Sonoma OP Area Up-Staffing Plan:** No report
- **Region II Mutual Aid:** Chief Heine commented our local government S/T have been de-mobed today.
- **PG & E Donation:** Chief Boaz shared the donation will be directed to Fire Safe Sonoma and the funds will be used to revamp the "Living with Fire" document and circulated a draft copy. He is working on the grant application and believes we will have some residual funds remaining. Some expressed interest in using them for vegetation management projects and purchasing the red flags (item below) for county fire agencies.

New Business:

- **Donation to Carson Pforsich:** Director Collins provided the background on the item. Chief Braga made a motion to donate \$2K. Second by Chief Grinnell. The vote was unanimous. Chief Braga suggested sending straight to the Credit Union account that has been established and not the go-fund me account.
- **Red Flag Proposal:** Chief Boaz shared he had an interest in displaying Red Flags" during high fire danger periods. The reason he brought this to the group is to get by-in and have a consistent education component. To that end, he indicated he has a draft press release ready to go. Chief Akre suggested if we pursue this, we should be comprehensive with our approach and include social media and other notification tools. A discussion followed including involving use of the County Alerting team. The outcome of the discussion was a motion by Chief Heine; "To use the existing OP Area Call to communicate a consistent message for Red Flag warnings and utilize existing flags and other available media to share the message". Second by Chief Braga. After receiving clarifying language, the vote was unanimous. Chief Boaz will bring a quote back to the group to purchase flags for all county stations.
- **PG & E Planned Outages:** Chief Braga reported he has received opposition to this from groups in his community. Randy encouraged we direct folks who have concerns to the workshop on this topic PG&E is holding on Thursday Sept 27 at 2 PM at the Oddfellow's Hall on Pacific Ave in Santa Rosa on this topic and that he will send the flyer out with these minutes (see attachments section)
- **Regional Zone Reports:** Chief Derum shared that some fire agencies have approached him and expressed that they do not feel represented to which replied, that was the purpose of this group. To that end, he asked those present to encourage those neighboring agencies who do not normally participate to attend our meetings. He also suggested adding a standing agenda item for a report from each Region (Zone). Randy indicated he will include it in our October agenda.

- **Chief's Strategic Leadership Group:** Chief Derum spoke to a Strategic Leadership Group that was formed to include himself and Chief's Akre, Heine, George, Gossner and Colangelo and that the Fire Advisory Committee will be disbanded. He is looking to get by in from the membership for this group to represent and speak for the Chief's org. Chief Grinnell made a motion that "in the interest of openness*", the Strategic Leadership group be the representatives of this group for future discussions with the County". Second by Chief Heine. The vote unanimous.

* Blue text represents changes made at the approval of the minutes at the October meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Training/OP's:** No meeting since the last Chiefs (yesterday's meeting was cancelled due to fire activity). Chief Braga asked if it is possible for the messages Chief Andreis sends out be done on a regular basis. Chief Akre indicated he will make that happen.
- **FPO's:** Chief Boaz shared their next meeting is the Nor-Cal in Petaluma on September 28. One item on their radar is SB 1205 which requires annual reporting to the state on mandated inspections and is on the Governor's desk along with SB 1415 which will require 5 year inspections on all S occupancies.
- **Fire Districts:** No report.
- **Volunteer Fire Companies:** No report

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- **Fire EMS Committee:** Chief Akre reported they met Monday and are focusing on the EMS ordinance and how to better define the roles of the structural committees that work under its umbrella. Director Abbott indicated he has been asked to share data to help the group in their decision making process
- **County Alerting System:** Chief Braga reminded the group this is the second day of the alert testing and he is part of a survey group to provide feedback on how the system worked. Director Abbott shared there is a County policy on alerting that has been drafted which lacks a MOU component. With the REDCOM JPA a separate entity, they need to be tied in which he expressed some concerns to. Chief Braga indicated during Monday's test, 280K contacts were registered.

REDCOM: Director Abbott shared the following:

- The fire camera project is moving forward with the draft SOP forwarded to the DOAG for their approval (to control access to the camera's use)
- A CALCOP subcommittee has been established to incorporate it into the CAD
- FIRSTNET does not have any access into the consortium so they are working on establishing one
- They have established an Active Shooter response group with the goal of meeting NFPA 3000. Darren DeCarli is the rep for the TO's/OP's
- He indicated they recently experience a resignation and if you have concerns regarding its circumstances to contact him.

Closed Session: None

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- Chief Boaz shared their Type VI is behind schedule and their pre-attack maps are at the printer.
- Commander Palacio expressed a need to look more closely at the impacts of the legalization of marijuana as DUI arrests are up 40% and expected to rise to 150% if trends continue. This is especially alarming given the THC concentrations of the products are much higher, creating severe psychological problems. He offered the services of his office to conduct training for any agency who is interested.
- Director Collins shared the FFI Academy is in its 6th week and is going well. He also had a two week Truck Academy and Fire Control 3 class approved which he will begin offering in the Spring (tentative dates for Truck is May 6-10 & 13-17). He also received about \$35K in Forcible entry props that will be used for it and the Phase II prop to deliver fire control 3 arrives Dec 7th.
- Commander Bates shared they are searching for a replacement Chief and are experiencing delays breaking ground on their new fire station
- Chief Bullard shared Graton received a SAFER grant for a stipend position and are looking to partner with another agency on a SCBA grant

- Chief Akre shared there are 3 parcel tax measures for Region 3 on the ballot with campaigning in full swing. They are also working on a recruitment and retention program. Kenwood will be receiving a Type I and Glen Ellen will be receiving a Type VI
- Chief Busch shared they have received a SCBA grant. He also spoke to the performance of a S/T he recently led and that the group can be proud of the work their respective staff did.
- Chief Fleckenstein spoke to a mixed CALFIRE-Local government S/T he took out and the paperwork challenges associated with it.
- Chief Grinnell reported their Board approved a shared staffing agreement with Russian River.
- Chief Franceschi reported Monte Rio received a new Type I. Their Board met with Supervisor Hopkins, which he shared was a very candid meeting.
- Russian River indicated their Type III is in service and they had interviews for their Chief's position Friday
- Dean shared the Pulse Point soft launch is planned for mid-October, which will be followed by a full public launch.
- Chief Braga shared he received a new command vehicle and complained how spartan it is
- Chief Henie shared LAFCO approved their consolidation study last week and the process is rapidly gathering momentum.
- Chief Derum thanked those members of our organization who have helped make the progress we have experienced a reality. He also stood by his commitment to keep all of his stations open and if closed, it is only because of draw-down.

Motion by Chief Heine to adjourn at 1205. Second by Chief Grinnell.

Next Meeting: October 10th at Forestville

Respectfully Submitted: September 13, 2018, Amended October 10, 2018

Randy Collins,
SCFCA Secretary