



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION & SONOMA COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES ASSOCIATION



MEETING AGENDA

Hosted by Gold Ridge Fire Dist

Station One, 4500 Hessel Road

April 11, 2012, 6 PM.

Attendance:

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| Sean Grinnell | Bodega Bay | Bill Braga | Sebastopol |
| Nick Neisius | Valley Ford | Loren Davis | Mountain |
| Cary Fergus | Petaluma/FPO's | Doug Williams | Central |
| John Zanzi | SMART | Gary Duignan | Red Cross |
| Brain Perry | San Antonio | Dick Luttrell | REDCOM |
| Dan George | Gold Ridge | Annie Murphy-Springer | CISM |
| Marvin Howard | Cal EMA | Wes Kitchel | County Fire |
| Wilbert Horne | Maycamas | August Grube | Knights Valley |
| Timothy Williams | Camp Meeker | Henry Baker | Camp Meeker |
| John Marty | Rohnert Park | Bill Shubin | Kenwood/SR |
| Mark McCormick | Santa Rosa | Nick Silva | Lakeville |

Call to Order: Chief Horne called the meeting to order at 18:15 Hours.

Host Chief Introduction: (Taken out of order) Chief George welcomed the group to the Gold Ridge Fire District-Hessel station, logistical aspects were pointed out.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association**-Chief Horne asked for a motion to approve. Motion by Director Perry, 2nd by Chief Grube to approve the March minutes. All were in favor.

Annie Murphy-Springer was allowed to speak (leaving early) and reported with CISM updates and will follow up at next meeting. Annie mentioned Two Rock Fire's article in the press.

Chief Horn handed the meeting over to Director Collins to run the meeting.

- **Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association**-Director Collins asked if everyone had seen the draft minutes-silence was assumed as yes, and a motion was asked for. Chief Williams moved to approve

the March meeting minutes, 2nd by Chief Marty. Director Collins called for the vote, all were in favor, and none were opposed.

President's Report:

- **Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association**-Chief Horne reported that the VFC's last met two months ago. It was largely a closed meeting. Many items were discussed; such as the addition of "county fire" to the VFC dispatch protocol: "we all got over it". The upcoming fire season looks to be a serious one. The by-laws are being worked on; specifically so I could be elected to a third term...
- **Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association**-Director Collins -noted the great article on Two Rock and Chief Anello in the Sunday "Towns" section of the PD and hoped she would be present to provide ice cream.

Treasurer's Report as of April 13, 2011:

- **Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association**-Chief Horne reported the balances of the various VFC funds and asked for approval of the report. Director Perry moved to accept the report, Chief Grube 2nd, all were in favor and none were opposed.
- **Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association**-Sec/Treas Grinnell reported on all chiefs association accounts. All but Safety Pals and Ops/Training dues have been paid to the sub groups. It is expected that remaining dues collected during the next month will be forwarded to the sub groups. The balances are: Checking: Survivors Interest checking: Survivors CD:

Director Collins asked if the goals of alignment of all chiefs and sub-group funds had been completed. **A)** Yes, when we contracted with Hans Henneberque to complete last year's filings he also consolidated all of the subgroup reports as well. The only remaining item was the re-naming of the widows and orphans fund to the Survivors Fund.

Correspondence:

- **Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association**-None
- **Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association**-None

Presentations:

- **"Train"-ing SMART Liaison**- retired Chief John Zanzi reported the following. It's great to be back with all my friends. John's position with SMART is the safety and emergency response liaison. The next phase of SMART is to begin replacing the old rail line with new line rated at 80 MPH consisting of. Welded rails and concrete ties. John will notify all of us when work begins. Only small sections will be completed at first such as Guerneville Rd to San Rafael. Weed abatement is going on now and is expected to be maintained. If you have any issues please contact John. Work on a comprehensive emergency response plan is being developed and will include input from the Ops group. AVL's are also being pursued for the rail cars so they can be tracked by the CAD. Construction/hotline numbers will be available soon. Chief Horne asked what the power source is, via rail or on-board diesel/electric. **A)** They will be diesel/electric, no power rail. The cars will be heavy though and will have some type of external kill switch. Director Perry asked what will the passenger numbers will be? **A)** Each car can carry 70 passengers with most trains consisting of two cars which will run about five times a day, all go to one end and then back up in the afternoon; freight trains will run at night and during off times. Chief Davis asked if or where the maintenance yard will be? **A)** Yes, but we are still trying to secure land in the Airport Rd area.
- **CSFA Update**- Vern Losh had a conflict and hopes to re-schedule for next month.

Committee Reports

Operations & Training Section: Chief George welcomed the group and thanked all for coming tonight. Coffee and cookies for all and bathroom locations were pointed out. Operations and training met yesterday. We are still experiencing some growing pains. Ops will meet first followed by the TO's at 9am on even months at the tower. At our last meeting we discussed the SOP to SOG for RIC. In our next meeting language will be changed to be consistent with what is practiced and should be ready for approval by this group after our next meeting. STL currency was also discussed by this group. They hope to develop a program that might deal with some currency issues we cannot deal with every day or in the field, such as the coms unit, finances, supply, and others. Perhaps these items can be worked into a training event such as an eight hour day that would include our annual 4 hour refresher then perhaps the last 4 hours for the currency issues. All we need now is buy-in from Cal EMA or others to give our program some validity. Chief Howard will add more later during his report. May 30 is the date for STL refresher. Chief John Lantz and Captain Rob Bisordi will discuss the DMV licensing program with regard to recent changes on May 16, 0900 to 1200 at Station 21. Chief Lantz said that Marin County created two binders for each of their DMV locations-this has helped them immensely. Jeff Holden is working on by-laws. Chief Davis asked about the number of STL refresher's? **A)** One class only so far, Chief Davis suggested the need of more classes. Chief Howard said he just finalized the listing of classes (refreshers) and will get the information out to all. Director Collins asked if the TO's/Op's were looking for guidance from the Chiefs to help them prioritize their 2012 goals. He indicated they have been narrowed to: Develop SOG/SOP manual for the County; review STL guidelines; create committees to up-date exiting SOP's; Interagency training; and Develop regionalized response command and control training for management of CAD resources. Chief George said he would forward the goals for next month's meeting and for prioritization and adoption by the Chiefs. In response to Director Collins question, Chief George confirmed it was the desire of the group to have the Chiefs endorse these goals and Director Collins asked they be agendized for the May meeting.

Chief Howard suggested that we should add division/group to the STL refresher since this training takes 28 years to get signed off. A review of all CICC positions that required currency is needed. Chief George said this would be included in the goals forwarded to this organization.

Prevention Section: FM Fergus said the FPO subgroup is moving forward with their 2012 goals. The standard guidelines project is moving forward albeit a little slowly as they are suffering from low participation. Personally, FM Fergus is working on aligning the fireworks issue (the request from the city mayors group). Director Collins added this group is like others in that they vote new members regularly and this alignment of hours of operation is less of a priority. Although Director Collins believes the overall project should continue. FM Fergus will put together a white sheet for those concerned. The next code adoption should assist us with aligning everything. Chief McCormick suggested that the prevention standards be routed back to the Chiefs and we [chiefs] can kick it back for more help. We would like to see at least one policy/standard reviewed once a year. The City/County needs are sometimes different which can cause a slowdown said FM Fergus. Staffing issues and the amount of work required to revise/review/create standards makes it difficult to continue when the decision makers do not act. The desire is to work on a selected few (or one) and complete it (with help from the Chiefs). FITF remains strong and showing with a lot of people helping out. Ruben Mandujano is doing a great job. Please make sure you have trainees or investigators of record. We did have a discussion for on call investigators, still looking at this, but our program is good. B/C's might need to call us in sooner since the call out process takes a little time. Steve Mosiurchak has done a good job with the listing, now it all goes to the cell phone, but it still takes time to get people there. Chief Williams added-you cover the call out well; for me the issue is the investigator of record and the ability to have them available for 24 hours per day; this might be something we can share with other county agencies in the future. Smaller agencies have may have an issue. Chief Davis asked if Cal Fire can handle the coverage? We should look at those options Chief Williams said.

Safety pals- Cyndi Foreman and many others have been working very hard. The shows are coming up soon. We are looking for as much support from this group as possible. We really need help on the following days: May 21, 22, 23; two shows each of these days, all in SR (Roseland area) schools.

District Chiefs: Chief Williams reported that the fire districts have gone to a quarterly meeting format with the next meeting on April 26, at the Larkfield station. Supervisor McGuire is the speaker. RSVP to Charlene, everyone is welcome.

Volunteer FF Association: Chief Horne said the county roads and address system are horrendous. The next VFC meeting is tentatively scheduled for June.

CAD Group: Chief Williams reported this group met at end of March and on the new procedure for submitting updates for the run book. Email the change or mark up the page and send it in. Revisions will now also update the CAD. At the last chiefs meeting we discussed the MDC's versus what Marin County is doing. Sonoma County has adopted the Panasonic Tough book; at \$4-5,000 does it do all of what we want for the cost. Do we all need this bullet proof machine? Originally ISD said they do not want to maintain a lot of different types of machines. This was not meant to close the door. The door is open to look at other new options; new patrol cars have space issues, which might help our cause. Public safety consortium will look at other options. It is very likely that we might have another alternative to the Toughbook. Chief Howard added that Marin County can use the tough book, iPad, or android pad. The FEMA language that Marin County used could be used for others. Ken Reese added interfacing of the iPad is possible, but we would need an iPad application which would cost us about \$60K. The next generation cad in 2014 or later-the new interface is already in place (or a part of it), more research is needed. Ken will attend a CAD conference in June and might get an app to help us with research. Ken spoke to the law side about the issue. It's sad to have to spend \$5-6000 for something that costs \$500. Chief McCormick asked Ken to keep us in the loop. Chief Williams also reported that the Petaluma Police Department has been doing a project to gather info on schools. It has county wide merit as a standard for everyone. The path we started with CUPA programs might give us more ability with mapping and the information therein. Symbology such as all weather to 4x only road surfaces needs to be clarified. Ken added that recent work with Google and a hyper link for x/y coordinates as proved useful. We tested it and it seems to work ok. We go live this next week. This is will be for the alpha page to smart phone text. Chief Shubin also suggested the iPad app that is used for active or needed CPR/AED incidents.

Cal E-M-A Operational Area/Region: Chief Howard reported on the recent changes to Cal EMA. May 10, is the planed spring meeting. We have had no activity. Cal EMA is currently looking at the CFAA agreements. After a State audit revealed a number of departments were overpaid, he strongly suggested you review your department's salary survey on line (Some agencies will have to reimburse the state). With current structure protection and WUI standards you can expect to see a shift from Type 1 to Type 3. In addition, OT reimbursements will not be automatic based on classification of employee's working as an exempt/non-exempt (Contact Chief Howard if you have further questions). A committee has been recalled to look at more of these issues. Chief Davis asked about the changes for volunteers: The rate has increased and look for apparatus rates to change as well. ROSS updates are done (thank you Kenny) and are here to stay. CICCS-if you are in the federal system (paid and volunteer) and you went out on an assignment, ROSS would track you and currency would be based on their findings. He encouraged the group to look at "Type" an engineer as a Single Resource Boss and a Capt. as Crew Boss to promote consistency and get you into the Federal system (which you have the authority at the "200" level). This will help establish a higher baseline for future training/experience needed for future management positions. He added that you can't be a Division/Group until you go to a big fire a couple of times and indicated he is pushing to have participation in Type III incidents qualify for purposes of your Task book sign-off. This way we can develop those standards and they can be qualified. Chief Williams and I attended a hazmat work group; we talked about a lot of issues such as the coordination with Santa Rosa. We are going to try and do the same thing in Napa tomorrow. We will also talk about the super UWASI to look at type three incident management team training program. Cal Fire went from 10 to 6 teams. An S-330 class still has open seats in Eureka. Cal EMA partnered with UC Davis to take over the large animals rescue training program. Chief Williams added Jason Weber from Marin expressed concern that individually we do not have resources to staff these teams three deep (part of the reason for the discussion). Director Collins added-Marin County is moving forward with training Type 3 teams using members from Law, Fire & Public Works.

County Fire: No report

EMCC: (via Dean Anderson email) EMCC meets at the end of this month (4-23). We will discuss the funding task force report. Chief McCormick said the next meeting should produce a letter coming forward, no new fees for this year-next year? Maybe. Save Lives Sonoma is trying to get more people involved. MAC and JC meeting-advanced EMT has run into some problems.

Legislation: No report

Grants: No report

SRJC Advisory: Director Collins said the group met last Thursday and the College is experiencing our first cuts to the program 5% (most have incurred 15-20% so we are lucky). Live fire training will be May 3 and 19 and I am looking for local agency engine (one on the 3rd and 2 on the 19th) and an air unit for both days. Another big change, Cal Fire asked that pre-req be made for anyone going through the wildland fire academy (completion of FF1 academy). We are all for raising the bar but the problem it created was the lowered numbers of the applicant pool. Going backward the solution is to roll the Wildland Academy into the FF1 academy. The committee supports this idea but encouraged holding a separate wildland fire academy once a year. The internship program will be sending letters out to invite all interested agencies to participate on May 2nd and 8th. He also reported on changes occurring at State fire training with a workshop scheduled for June 29th at the SRJC Petaluma campus apprise of some of these changes. Chief Davis asked what has been changed. A) You will have to develop your own tests, and instructional materials will be publisher based (just a few).

CHP Liaison: No report

Red Cross: Gary Duignan had no report.

Marin Chiefs Liaison: The meeting is next week and Matt G. will attend and represent the Chiefs.

Fire Safe Sonoma: No report

Cal Fire: No report

Old Business:

- **SCFCA:**
 - a) **SRA Fee** - Director Collins reported that after the group had voted to support a fee based on Fire Severity zones as a measure of last resort should legislative and court challenges fail. This information was then forwarded to Chesbro's office to draft into AB 2474. However, since the bill has evolved away from this concept, support had waned. After an extended discussion, it was moved by Chief Williams to authorize the E-Board to draft a letter in opposition to AB 2474, 2nd by Chief Horne, all were in favor and none were opposed.
 - b) FD Notification of County TPW - Aston / Lantz update on DOAG meeting discussion-**Tabled to next regular meeting.**
 - c) Immediate need for law enforcement- **Tabled to next regular meeting.**
- **SCVFCA:** None

New Business:

- **SCFCA:** None
- **SCVFCA:** Chief Horne suggested that VFC's discuss the County road situation at their next meeting.

Improving Efficiency:

- Chief Horne spoke of 10 (3 yr) pilot programs PG&E is doing for right-of-way clearing. They will stripe the tree completely. Private property owners who do not allow them access will be liable.
- July 23, a group of people are getting together for the Giants baseball game and the annual firefighter appreciation day. Tickets are \$55 and include a pregame BBQ, raffle prizes. All proceeds to benefit the safety pals.

Customer Service/Good of the Order:

- Chief Horne explained that addresses in his area are marked on the uphill side only. Mayacamas will purchase and install the green address signs but both sides will be marked. Chief George said that Gold Ridge has a similar program and would be happy to provide contact info.
- Chief Williams said there will be a celebration of Donna Collier's life on Saturday the 14th from 1 to 5pm.
- Chief McCormick said that Santa Rosa, Rincon Valley, and Windsor will conduct a joint firefighter testing.
- Chief Kitchel mentioned that Bruce Varner is involved with the NFPA radio committee and is looking for interested individuals to be a part of it, Steve Mosiurchak's name was mentioned and if there was any desire to fund a sponsorship to this committee. Chief Williams said it would benefit the group greatly to have local participation and supported the idea.

REDCOM: Director Luttrell reported on and handed out and after action report on the recent turkey incident that disrupted REDCOM service. He announced that Ed Bonocorsi will start soon as the new staff analyst. Next Thursday's Board meeting will include the preliminary budget and expected rates for next year. A thank you to Chief McCormick was offered (and accepted). Chief McCormick offered that the budget is being offered early so an adjustment down is possible. And Chief McCormick thanked Director Luttrell for all of his recent help with AMR Corporate. REDCOM was approached about providing dispatch services for River Rock Casino and a fire brigade they are pursuing.

Closed Session (if necessary): None

Adjournment: Meeting closed 8:24.

Next Meeting: May 9, 2012 – Hosted by City of Sebastopol Fire Department