



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING AGENDA

Hosted By Santa Rosa Fire at the Training Tower

December 14, 2011, 9:30 am.

Attendance

Randy Collins	SRJC	Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay
Dan Northern	Forestville	Jeff Schach	Petaluma
Mark Aston	County Fire	John Lantz	Central
Bill Braga	Sebastopol	Max Ming	Forestville
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	Bryan Cleaver	EMS
Dean Anderson	SLS/AMR	Kent Coxen	EMS
Doug Williams	Central	Mark McCormick	Santa Rosa
Cary Fergus	Petaluma	Eric Hoffman	Cal Fire
Bob Uboldi	Kenwood	Gary Duignan	Red Cross
Paul Pigoni	Geyserville	Loren Davis	Mountain
Larry Anderson	Petaluma	Jack Piccinini	Santa Rosa
Ken Reese	REDCOM	Dan George	Gold Ridge/BVF
Susan Farren	SLS/AMR	Phil Garcia	Sonoma Valley
Andy Pforsich	Gold Ridge/BVF	Bill Shubin	Santa Rosa

Call to Order: 09:32 President Collins called the meeting to order and asked that everyone introduce themselves. President Collins commented that it was nice to see a full house.

Host Chief Introduction: Chief McCormick welcomed the group and said thank you for coming, please note that we have several improvement projects in the works around here, including a World Trade Center monument in the works; please have a good meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Chief Williams moved to accept the November minutes as presented, 2nd by Chief Aston, all were in favor.

President's Report: President Collins thanked everyone that attended the planning meeting and for the privilege of serving the organization as President for the past two years and an officer for six. He ended by wishing all a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Treasurer's Report: Sec/Tres Grinnell reported the following.

Checking account:	\$679.13
Survivor Fund Checking:	\$15,665.43
Survivor Fund C/D:	\$116,752.60

Correspondence: Sec/Tres Grinnell reported receiving a Christmas Card from KRCB TV.

Presentations: Dean Anderson & Susan Farren presented the following on the Save Lives Sonoma.

Recent advancements in the understanding of cardiac arrest have raised awareness of the importance of bystander CPR for victims of sudden cardiac arrest, particularly compressions. In light of these the local EMS community has made a commitment to Sonoma County residents to increase the number of community members trained in hands-only CPR. The primary goal of Save Lives Sonoma is to train members of the community to perform hands-only CPR free of charge, as well as to increase awareness of the importance of bystander CPR and use of AEDs for victims of sudden cardiac arrest. It was with this commitment that the Save Lives Sonoma initiative took shape through the efforts of a diverse group of emergency healthcare providers.

Chief Davis asked if people are covered by the Good Samaritan Act? **A)** Yes. Chief Hoffman asked what do you need to do to become a Save Life Sonoma member/Instructor? **A)** A desire to commit the time. Kent Coxen asked about manikins? **A)** AMR has their own and the American Heart Association has a CPR Anywhere that includes a DVD and inflatable manikin. Dean “Anderson said the idea is that if you teach one 7th grader-you teach 10 more people.

The next Save Lives Sonoma meeting will be at 10AM on Jan. 20 at the AMR Main Office, S A Street.

Chief McCormick moved to make the Sonoma County Chiefs Association a partner with AMR/SLS and Save Live Sonoma. The motion was seconded by Chief Pigoni. The vote was unanimous. President Collins asked the FPO’s to include information on Save Lives Sonoma with its monthly press release, to include a description about the program on the Chief’s website as well as a link to their Facebook page. Kent Coxen added he would offer to hold an event during EMS week.

Face Book page link: <http://www.facebook.com/savelivessonoma#!/savelivessonoma?sk=info>

Committee Reports

Training/Ops section: Chief George reported they held their planning meeting in November with Tom Forester and officers selected for 2012 are Dan George as President, Tony Gossner a VP, Dave Cornelssen as Secretary, Jeff Holden as Treasurer, and Sean Lacy is the alternate secretary. The TO/Ops will hold two evening meetings to increase volunteer participation. Active status and currency issues are the biggest projects for the coming year. President Collins asked the group to look at the draft TO goals for 2012 circulating and to prioritize them so as to be prepared to adopt at the Chief’s January meeting. The Next regular meeting is in February and it will be at the SR Tower. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month.

Prevention: Chief Fergus reported the planning meeting will be held on January 12th in Rohnert Park and Tom Forrester will facilitate. B/C Fergus attended the Chiefs planning meeting and got good information. FPO’s will continue monthly PSA; please let me know what you think so we can make them better. FPO’s are actively looking for a FITA coordinator. Chief Fergus will be it for now, but let him know if you have an interested person.

Districts Chiefs: Chief Northern reported the Districts Association is in the process of electing new officers. The next meeting is on Jan. 26 and will be hosted by Rincon Valley. Location TBA.

Volunteer Firefighters Association: No Report.

CAD Group: Chief Williams reported that no meeting has been held since the last meeting and the next is scheduled for February. Chief Williams did comment that the Mobile computer replacement project is scheduled for early next year and will be a large project. Petaluma will be

adding new MDCs as part of the order. There are two types of connections that are offered: Data radio and air cards. The expenses are collected in various ways, but beginning 7/1/12, all will pay through REDCOM. The group is still working on the latest phase of the county run book. The cost of an MDC is about \$1250 a year, which includes the replacement cost of computer over five years. .

Cal EMA Operational Area: Chief Williams reported the Region II meeting was held on November 30 and there was a lot of discussion about CICCIS and the currency regulations for STL's. Chief Williams will be writing a letter with Sheldon Gilbert to CICCIS regarding this issue. Chief Northern said that CICCIS recognizes NFPA 1026 for recertification and the use of a refresher course and some type of simulation exercise for currency is possible. Chief Williams reported that Chief Zagaris also talked about the relationship with the assistance for fire agreements and the federal agencies and their position not to pay for downtime. The current agreement calls for reimbursement from portal to portal but the Feds do not want to follow the agreement. The word of caution is that each agency needs to know how you were ordered when called out. Otherwise, you may well not be reimbursed for your costs.

County Fire: Chief Aston reported that his agency has started a series of EOC trainings with Ops sections first and Branch trainings to follow. The intent is to revise forms and standards. Next steps are to bring the message forward to other area EOC's; a lot of work on windshield surveys, the key is to get us all on the same page. Information gathered needs to get back to the EOC.

Retired Fire Chief John Zanzi got the Pete Peterka award for his work with the Sebastopol CERT program.

Chief Aston further reported that county fire is moving forward on the standards of cover and hazard assessment, he hopes to have the document to the BOS by summer.

EMCC: Dean Anderson reported that two meetings have been held since the last regular meeting and Committee membership have been confirmed with the Chief's reps Mark McCormick and Phil Garcia(City and District). To deal with the EMS fee issue, subcommittees have been established to examine the State mandates and functions required of the local EMS agency and to look at the existing budget and funding options for the future. The first series of reports should be ready in January. He also reported that State EMS recently recognized Mark Leonard of Coast Life Support for his work on the North Coast, Linda Anderson of SRJC as Educator of the year; and Debbie Rath of SLS for her work MADD and Every Fifteen Minutes. May 13th marks the beginning of EMS Week and the Survivors Reunion will be held during this time with CPR week will on the first week of June.

May 13 will be the Amgen. Chief Shubin added the event will begin and end in Santa Rosa with Bodega Bay and Healdsburg added to the route. This event will be different from the Gran Fondo in that they race will be a tight group and only impact an area for a very short time. Worldwide coverage media coverage is expected and they will be in town for 7 days. Bryan Clever reported that the Advanced EMT is back and the JC is working on didactic portion and it will be online. Two different skills locations will be offered, one in Mendocino (Ukiah) and one here at the JC. Once the skills are completed, internships will be needed and we are looking to add engine companies for preceptors. August 2012 is the expected first run of this program. The first few agencies will receive fully supplied medical bags but the drug expirations and exchanges with providers needs to be worked out. 20 or these bags will be made available along with AED's according to Kent Coxen as long as the agency can provide the Advanced EMT service 24-7.

Chief Pignoni asked what is the cost of the bag? **A)** Kent Coxen said a couple thousand dollars was the cost (estimated).

Legislation: Chief Aston reported on two items. SRA fees were sent back to the state board of forestry by the office of administrative law back for revisions concerning multiple occupancies and with PERS earnings better than expected, rates could change +/- 1% for admin rates. Chief Hoffman added SRA fees were withdrawn in favor of the revisions and they will address the issue on January 11, at the regular meeting. When the regulation is amended we will have a ten day review period. President Collins is in contact with Lisa Ramer (Chesbro's Office) in order to draft alternate legislation and has offered Sonoma County as a venue for the State Board of Forestry if they are inclined to meet outside of Sacramento.

Grants: Chief Anderson said the DHS grant has been submitted to the state and all locally submitted items were approved. AFG grants are going through peer review now and they should start making announcements soon. Chief Aston added County Fire will go to Board in February for approval to begin DHS grant purchasing.

SRJC Advisory: President Collins reported the fire academy is winding down. The graduation ceremony will be Friday January 6th at 10 AM and extended an open invitation to the group. He also thanked those agencies who helped conduct the first live fire training last Saturday in five years.

CHP Liaison: No report

Red Cross: Gary Duignan wished everyone a safe holiday season.

Marin Chiefs: President reported they will be holding their planning meeting tomorrow (12-15-11).

Fire Safe Sonoma: Chief Hoffman reported that the roadside fund has \$120,000 to spend and a meeting has been set up to discuss some specific priorities since that amount will fund approx. 1% of the needs that have been identified. Roads that serve as evacuation routes while receive priority.

Cal Fire: Chief Hoffman reported that Kim Thompson has retired and a potluck at 1100 a.m. on the "patio" at West College will be held. LNU is down to two b/c's for the west battalion. No guarantee to have coverage for the winter. A B/C hiring (8) will be held in April. Chief Hoffman asked for interested individuals to help him with an assessment center to contact him. Sonoma County is under its normal winter operations with the Amador's in Zone 9 and Monte Rio.

Old Business

SRA fees-Covered under legislation

EMS Agency Fees-Covered under EMCC

AB 1387-No new news

Nominations Committee Report-Chief Williams gave a brief history of the process and reported the recommendations of the committee are: Eric Hoffman as President, Mark Aston as VP, Sean Grinnell as Sec/Treas. Doug Williams as 2st Past President and Randy Collins as 1st Past President. Chief Garcia thanked Chiefs Williams and Aston for their work. Chief Northern asked Chief Hoffman where stands on the SRA fees? **A)** I will abstain on SRA fees but I do think I can still represent the organization.

New Business

Election of new officers: President Collins asked for a motion to accept the recommendation of the nominating committee; Chief Garcia moved to accept the recommendations as made by the nominating committee, Second by Chief Aston. The vote was unanimous.

2012 Planning Session: After confirming everyone had a copy of the draft 2012 goals, President Collins asked for the Chair of each subcommittee to give a brief report.

Mission Statement: Chief Northern handed out a sheet containing 5 draft versions. Chief McCormick asked if version six could be the version presented on the 2012 Goals sheet? **A)** Yes, and it was. A discussion ensued. Chief Northern asked for a showing of hands for each one of the 6 versions. Number six, was chosen: Mission-To unite, coordinate, and represent all Fire Service Agencies of Sonoma County.

Improving Efficiencies: Chief Williams reviewed his group's work on improving efficiencies. Investigator of record, closest battalion, STL currency issues, compiling policies and procedures for best practices, succession planning, and group purchasing were the areas to concentrate/work on. President Collins asked for changes. None were offered or stated.

REDCOM:

Director Luttrell reviewed the goals as to continue to interact with the REDCOM JPA to promote operational efficiency as a County-wide Communications Center as its Mission, organizational structure, facilities, technology and systems infrastructure, in its long term and strategic planning, and in its funding mechanisms. Chief Anderson reported on his groups work with no specific objectives, but the goal is good. President Collins asked for changes. None were offered or stated.

Leadership: Maintain a leadership role in representing member agencies in the political and legislative arena: SRA Fees; Sales window fireworks; REDCOM/Communication Funding; Pension Reform; monitor legislative issues. President Collins reported that the language is good and asked if there were any suggested changes? None were offered or stated. Chief Garcia did ask why Pension reform was included. Chief Aston indicated that the County retirement board has no legislative authority.

Survivors Fund: Unite the chiefs and sub group accounting practices for proper accounting of all monies (Chiefs, TO, FPO, Ops, Safety Pals); bundle annual dues; Update all information with the regulatory agencies (Sec of state, FTB, IRS); Sec/Treas Grinnell reported work on the dues assessment study and found that dues do generate enough revenue for the Chiefs Association to cover expenses in a normal year and last year's expenses were not normal and with the added benefit of the survivor funding the some of our annual donations will help eliminate future funding shortfalls. Chief Fergus added that bundled billing will not add any additional cost-neither will the safety pals program as FPO's will fund it from within.

President Collins asked the group to review these prior to the January meeting and be prepared to adopt them at that venue.

Improving Efficiencies: Chief Aston is still working on the concept of a fleet maintenance program.

Survivor Fund Update-Annual Meeting

As part of the Annual meeting requirement, Sec/Treas Grinnell reported on activity in the fund for 2011 including fund balances (shared at the beginning of the meeting) and disbursements. Only one was made (Mulas). The remaining work is to work with the State to file the proper paperwork for the name change and revised by-laws.

Customer Service/Good of the Order: Chief Collins reviewed the 2012 meeting location listing with the group and no complaints or issues were raised. Everyone was also reminded of the annual installation meeting in January-Invite your retired chiefs.

President Collins also wished Dean Anderson a Happy Birthday.

Chief Garcia said the City of Sonoma should approve a contract for services at the City Council meeting on Monday the 12th of December. In February all Sonoma City fire department employees will become members of the Valley of the Moon. The name is likely to stay the same.

REDCOM: Dick Luttrell reported on three board related matters and one informational item. St. Helena ECC has the ability to dispatch now. The RFP for a staff analyst was sent out but no proposals have been received. One of the 2012 goals is to conduct a survey to determine sentiment for a REDCOM tax with Herb Williams as a consultant. Technical committee chair is Chief Lantz and an expanded DOAG group will look at this item. The Organizational Structure will be worked on by Chief Northern. His job will be to untangle the wage and benefit structure which is tough considering the size of AMR. The last task group is lead by Chris Thomas. The originally planned move to the adjacent space is no off since the SO wants to expand into the space and the space that is available is not enough based on standard sizes for our needed dispatch area. The next meeting is Jan 19.

Closed Session-None

Next Meeting: January 11 at the Lucchessi Center in Petaluma. The Annual luncheon will follow.

Adjourned: 11:45