



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING AGENDA

Hosted by Sonoma Valley Fire Rescue

June 8, 2011, 9:30 am.

Attendance:

Dan Northern	Forestville	Mark Aston	County Fire
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Larry Anderson	Petaluma
Doug Williams	Rincon Valley	Phil Garcia	Sonoma Valley
Tim Streblov	Cal Fire	Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe
Eric Hoffman	Cal Fire	Peter Van Fleet	Glen Ellen
Bob Uboldi	Kenwood	Bruce Varner	Retired
Mark McCormick	Santa Rosa	John Marty	Rohnert Park
John Zanzi	SEB	Lori McFadden	SLS
Dick Luttrell	REDCOM	Ron Collier	Windsor
Bill Braga	SEB/REDCOM	Gary Duignan	Red Cross

Call to Order: Chief Northern called the meeting to order at 09:41 and asked for moment of silence for both San Francisco firefighters who died while fighting a fire recently.

Host Chief Introduction: Chief Garcia welcomed the group to Sonoma Valley and pointed out some of the logistical aspects such as food and restrooms.

Approval of Minutes: Chief Aston pointed out a typo from the May minutes (One single candidate failed the background-not two). Chief Streblov moved to approve the minutes with the correction and Chief Treanor 2nd, all were in favor.

President's Report: Chief Northern read a note from President Collins. Chief Collins attended the Survivors Reunion and also the BOS meeting in which the BayRICS program was introduced-It passed. Chief Northern wrote the letter in support of the Helicopter program-it is likely to suffer some cutbacks. The Sonoma County Paramedic Association sent a thank you letter and we also received a letter from REDCOM stating that the AFG-Pager grant failed. The Driver Operator class for June was canceled.

Treasurer's Report: Chief Grinnell reported the checking account balance is \$769.94; the W/O checking account balance is \$15,655.94; and the W/O CD is \$116,448.36. Furthermore, The Chief's Association (after about \$550.00 in fees, fines and interest) should be on the verge of good graces with the FTB. The final unknown has to do with the W/O fund. The problem was related to the need to file with the FTB annually. We are exempt from the taxes but not from the filing fees. The same is likely to be the same for the W/O fund because of the large balance but it is filed under a different code section. More information should be available by the next meeting.

Chief Northern thanked Chief Grinnell for all the work. Chief Treanor moved to accept the Treasurers report, Chief Streblow 2nd, all were in favor.

Correspondence: PCAM 9-11 information; Letter from REDCOM-pagers; Revised app placement SOG; Sonoma County Paramedic Association-Thank you; CHP-Inter op letter; Chief Northern's letter to the Supervisors in support of Henry-1.

Presentations: Bruce Varner reported on his activities since retiring from the City of Santa Rosa: Bruce still holds a seat on the National Electronic Safety Board. The Board is working on many projects such as a standardized alarm sound for PASS devices by the 2012 edition. The revised standard is timed with the SCBA revision, the thermal imager standard is out for review. No currently used device can pass the standard at the moment. Location tracking is on the horizon, physiological tracking is out there too...the problem is what can the IC do with the information? Nothing yet? Monitoring is there, but getting the signal is the bigger issue...NFPA 1582 is getting reviewed and a little more lenient-Maybe? IAFF Redmond conference is coming up regarding wellness and fitness issues, but money continues to be the biggest problem. AFG grant money is threatened...Bruce was thanked for the information and we look forward to seeing him again.

Committee Reports

Training section: No report

Prevention: Meeting on Thursday.

Operations: Chief Aston reported that CICC status list will be managed by Assistant Chief Dan George as well as Chief Northern's position on CICC. Chief Williams added that some password issues have popped up with the active status system. Chuck Abshear has volunteered to keep the site updated; Chief Williams also asked that a mass email reminder for how to use the system be sent out.

District Chiefs: Chief Northern reported on the meeting held in Cloverdale on June 2nd. Chief Northern also added that SB288 might create more changes with the recent understanding with the County regarding fees; the next meeting is in July and will be at Geyserville FPD Station One.

Volunteers: Chief Aston said the meeting will be re-scheduled, possibly next week.

REDCOM: Director Luttrell reported-REDCOM has completed a hiring process, likely to hire more P/T with Petaluma coming on, springtime ROSS has been completed, Board meets this week, DOAG meeting approved new event type for water flow alarms.

CAD: Chief Williams reported CAD will meet at 0900 on the 21st in Windsor- CAD map project is main topic and future funding.

OES Op area: Chief Williams reported that the Region Two meeting and the recent zone chief meeting dealt with updates and routine info. There was a request to provide assistance to SF for the funeral services. Local coordinators did meet. Moving toward making the Ross the record keeper

County Fire: Wes Kitchell has been hired as Assistant Chief of training and operations-June 28th will be his start date. He will be a great asset to County Fire. Badge pinning will be after the July 4th holiday. 24-26 is NASCAR-resources have been cut down to match the reduced crowds.

EMCC: No meeting since last meeting

Legislative: Chief Collier deferred to Chief Aston who will take over the legislative tasks; please let him know if you are no longer getting the email, there were some logistical problems transferring information.

Grants: Chief Zanzi reported that the AFG pager grant was turned down.

SRJC Advisory: No report.

CHP Liaison: No report

Red Cross: Gary Duignan reported that Red Cross deployed 16 people to Arizona and the floods in the mid-west.

Marin Chiefs: No report

Fire Safe Sonoma: Chief Aston reported for Caerleon, Chippers ahoy is working well. Banners are available for those that need them. Arborists are available to aid with roadside issues clearance issues. Get those projects in, money is still available. The CWPP is close to completion.

Cal Fire: Chief Streblov reported, Napa Op area putting task force for SF, RP council and Cal Fire issue explained-miss information, ramp up – stalled, next Monday hiring starts all stations staffed by the 4th, Sonoma air craft likely to be earlier than first thought. May revisions- 4th person elimination, BC schedule changes, we might get one back...Karin Shubin is doing much better but has long road ahead of her. Kirk Van Wormer will assume Karin's role, Safety BC is Steve Hawks, FF Kevin Cooper was severely injured in an accident at home, a long recovery is expected.

Old Business:

- PCAM 911- Chief Williams updated the group on the intent to honor the ten year anniversary of 9-11 at the air show in August. Captain Rob Bisordi is the contact person for the fire service. A parade of sorts of all County Fire Agencies is planned for opening ceremonies on both days of the air show- Aug-20 and 21st. The planners are looking for commitments from all of us. Chief Williams asked for a show of hands, many hands were raised indicating they will attend.
- 2010 AFG pager grant: Director Luttrell reported that we were denied the AFG grant in the cost benefit section. We will be in a better position for next year. Chief Northern asked how close this will cut it to the narrow banding deadline. **A)** This new grant would be good for replacements but not as a primary source since the deadline is too close. Chief Zanzi asked if we should ask for pagers again. Consensus was to submit the grant again.
- App placement Policy revision: The policy revision included in the package was voted on. Chief Garcia moved to approve the revised policy, Chief Zanzi 2nd, all were in favor.

New Business:

- CHP Radio MOU: CHP radio. Director Luttrell said we get these requests from outside agencies for proof of permission to use other frequencies every so often. This is one such request. Chief Northern asked if REDCOM should handle it. Director Luttrell answered- It is not likely to ever be an issue, unless we use a black box since we do not share the same frequencies. Consensus was to have REDCOM complete the paperwork for the Chiefs association.
- Santa Rosa received a piece of the world trade center. A memorial will be created in the future. Chief Streblov said the City of Napa also received pieces of the WTC. Don Ricci will lead the committee for Santa Rosa memorial effort.

Improving Efficiencies:

- Chief Williams mentioned the Windsor/Rincon JPA became a public document last week. Both sides are still in favor. July is the target date for approval/signatures. Chief Williams to assume the duties of Chief of the Central Fire Authority.
- The economy is again driving consolidation efforts and other creative ways to work together. Numerous ideas were discussed.

- Forestville/Russian River fire districts are looking at sharing a Chief, the details of an agreement are being worked out.
- Windsor went through an ISO re-rate: went from a 3 to a 4, primary fire flow for 3 story buildings was the main cause for the higher rate.

Customer Service:

- Chief Treanor mentioned the RP report and miss represented facts from Rancho Adobe.

Good of the order

Closed Session

Meeting closed: 11:26 Chief Treanor moved and Chief Streblow 2nd. All were in favor.

Next Meeting: July 13th – Hosted by Rohnert Park

