



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING AGENDA

Hosted by Sebastopol Fire Department

May 11, 2011, 9:30 am.

Attendance:

Randy Collins	SRJC	John Zanzi	SEB
Dan Northern	Forestville	Dick Luttrell	REDCOM
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Bill Braga	SEB/REDCOM
Doug Williams	Rincon Valley	Mark Aston	County Fire
John Lantz	Rincon Valley	Larry Anderson	Petaluma
Paul Pigoni	Geyserville	Phil Garcia	Sonoma Valley
Tim Streblov	Cal Fire	Frank Treanor	Rancho Adobe
Eric Hoffman	Cal Fire	Kent Coxon	EMS Agency
Bob Uboldi	Kenwood	Dave Thompson	SCSO-Henry One
Dean Anderson	AMR / SLS	Dennis Smiley	SCSO
Mark McCormick	Santa Rosa	Andy Pforsich	Gold Ridge/BVFD

Call to Order: 0940

Host Chief Introduction. Chief Zanzi welcomed us all to SEB. President Collins asked to revise the agenda to include a second presentation by SCSO Denis Smiley. A motion to amend the May agenda was made by Chief Aston, 2nd by Chief Lantz, all in were favor. Chief Zanzi let us all know that the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn relay burn is today and will arrive around 10:15am. Chief Zanzi told us that Monday the new 8380 will be in service. Self-introductions Intro were had all around the room

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Chief Treanor moved to approve and Chief Garcia 2nd, all were in favor.

President's Report: President Collins opened with a serious and light report. Serious, that he hoped the death of Bin Laden and will bring closure for 343 families and light in that he had a great vacation...first time in very many years with thanks to Dan and Sean for running a good meeting in his absence.

Treasurer's Report:

Correspondence...none

Presentations:

Sgt. Dave Thompson, Henry-1, reported that Henry-One is again on the chopping block. We have been in service for forty years and would like to stay for another 40. Sgt. Thompson asked for letter(s) of support to the Board of Supervisors from the Chiefs and individual Chiefs as well. Next Tuesday CalFire will come to card the bucket (certify it). Chief Northern asked if stats were available for the letter. Sgt. Said they were. Chief Pforsich asked if they were medic staffed every day. Only one pilot, the medics are

part-time so there is no guarantee of a medic. Chief Streblov asked if they status themselves with St. Helena-not as a general rule but it could be possible. Summer hours are from 12 noon to 10pm and on call before and after. The bucket is a special request and not usually carried...but buckets are located at Glenn Ellen, Sea Ranch, and at the hanger. President Collins asked for a motion to send a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors for Henry-One, Chief Pforsich moved to support Henry One and Chief Treanor 2nd, all were in favor.

Sgt. Dennis Smiley spoke about the Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications System JPA (BayRICS)-A Bay Area wide \$72 million project for wireless 4G LTE data system. Not a voice system. A public safety 700 LTE system completely separate from private interests-federal broad band ops program is funding it. Grant money timeframe is short. County Supervisors will vote on the 24th to join jpa (part of all ten bay area counties. See the video from email blast that was sent out on Monday. This is the first LTE system...all existing mountain tops will be used plus all existing sites and maybe more will be needed. Chief Northern asked what is needed from us. The Supervisors will ask if we have been consulted and support the project. To that end, a resolution or letter from the Chiefs is all that is needed. The cost to join is \$5000 and REDCOM satisfies this rate divided by all the members. The monthly rate is unknown but possible at \$35 a month per device and REDCOM might join and it is agendaized for the next meeting. President Collins asked how robust is this system? **A)** almost like the same as the public system, but we are not linked to public system...no bandwidth overload by private users in the event of an emergency. We are two years out and hopefully it will be as robust as Motorola says it is and the county will join the jpa. Chief Aston said the CAG group is supportive and moving forward. Dean Anderson stated for those of us that are carrying four wireless accounts per ambulance, it sounds like this will help eliminate multiple carriers. Chief Williams said his concerns were addressed with today's presentation. Chief Northern said he had no reason not to support the idea if we are not locked into future cost and membership is voluntary. President Collins said he will need specific information for the letter and Sgt. Smiley will provide it. Chief Williams made the motion support the project and Chief Garcia 2nd, with the understanding that the system will remain voluntary and there is no financial obligation from the fire community. all were in favor.

Committee Reports:

- Training Section: They did meet on 4-14-11, next meeting is June 14.
- Prevention Section: No meeting
- Operations Section: Met on the 14th. CHP was asked if they recognized the placement policy. CHP offered some changes-addendum to add safety vests. Ops section wanted to add exceptions to vests. Information was passed out. Chief Northern recommended that we use vests for backing. Chief Pforsich added that section 5.4 be added "as when told to do so by IC". No further discussion regarding the SCBA use and vest use. 5.4 added "at direction of incident commander". Motion by Chief Pforsich moved 2nd by Chief Aston and all were in favor. Next meeting will be June 14 at 1000 with the TO's meeting before at 0900. President Collins expressed his thanks to Chief Lantz and the Ops group for making the changes.

Break at 1035 for burn relay—back in 1053

- District Chiefs: Next meeting is in Cloverdale on June 2. RSVP to RVFD. Chief Northern read a draft letter from Chris Thomas concerning the fee increases by the county. The next two fiscal years will remain at the new 70% rate. Chief Treanor said good job. Chief Williams asked to make sure the ad hoc committee sees the letter. Chief Pforsich said that Supervisors Rabbit and Carrillo commented that the county should be operating at cost while not pricing themselves out of business. Chris Thomas should be thanked for this recent change.
- Sonoma County VFC: Chief Aston expressed thanks for last month's meeting with the VFC's. They meet tonight.
- REDCOM: Director Luttrell said that REDCOM is involved in a hiring process for P/T positions. REDCOM plans for a town hall meeting in mid-June. Dispatchers will go through a ROSS refresher prior to wildland season. Petaluma City Council will vote on June 6 to join RECOM. Chief Anderson reported that all road blocks have been removed and he looks forward to joining REDCOM. A round of applause followed.
- CAD Group: Chief Williams said the next meeting will be on June 21st.

- Cal EMA Operational Area: Chief Williams reported no activity. Region II will meet tomorrow. Zone Chiefs will meet on May 26. Chief Aston said CICCIS will meet in a couple of weeks to review the latest group of applications.
- County Fire: Chief Aston reported the 2011 grant for \$725,000 is working through the process. The first Assistant Chief candidate failed the background process. Special event notification process is being revised to address problems they have experienced particularly with bicycle events. A community calendar is being created that we all can add events too. Lakeville has received a grant for an interface engine.
- EMCC: Kent Coxen reported the next meeting will be July 25th. He also thanked the group for the letter confirming our reps to the EMCC. Dean Anderson has sent letter out to all the other groups for representation as well with all to be ratified by the Board of Supervisors at a future date. EMS week proclamation was delayed till next week. Kent also reminded the group of the upcoming Survivors Reunion May 19 and will send reminders. At Chief Aston's request, Kent provided an explanation of the CARES program. It is primarily a cardiac (event) arrest survival information database, EMS is attempting to gain access. Advanced EMT is still 6 months or more away and EMS is looking at some online options.
- Legislative: Chief Aston said the LOA has reported on pension reform; they are pushing hard to make retirement age 62 with a max compensation of 60%.
- Grants: Chief Zanzi said that our 2010 AFG has not been turned down which is a good sign, pager grant is still in the mix. Start thinking what we want to do for the next grant cycle, WMD grant cycle is about to start. Interested parties are to contact Chief Zanzi. President Collins said he favors resubmission of the pager grant if it fails. Chief Pforsich said that Phil Williams says Icom is coming out with a new cheaper pager soon, Chief Streblov said the Cal Fire rural grant changed the population criteria so those over 10,000 will not be considered.
- SRJC Advisory: has not met, but President Collins thanked those who attended the last meeting. Driver Op 1A is next week and he indicated all should receive invitations to the next academy graduation on June 3rd at 1000.
- CHP Liaison: not present
- Red Cross: not present
- Marin Chiefs Liaison: meeting not attended
- Fire Safe Sonoma: Caerleon Safford and Chief MacIntyre were present at the Board of Supervisor meeting to accept the Proclamation for Wildfire Awareness Week
- Cal Fire: Chief Streblov said the Cloverdale station is gone, using CFD station in the interim. Karen Shubin is going through cancer treatment. Jeremy Lawson is the new Chief in charge of training and Ben Nickles is the new Prevention Chief. Cal Fire is ramping up for fire season, no fixed wing until July 1st, unless conditions change, fourth person is lost, which equates to 75 people in this county alone. Cal Fire is working on a grant to put a camera on Mount St. Helena. Copter 104 is ready with a crew on Monday morning.

Old Business:

PG&E-Chief McCormick said the meeting is scheduled and moving ahead as planned.

New Business: None

Improving Efficiencies: None

Customer Service: Chief Northern said he saw a compression only CPR advertised on TV.

Good of the order: President Collins thanked Chief John Lantz who will be conducting the next workshop on the County radio system to be held July 6th from 9-noon at Rincon / Windsor. RSVP President Collins. Chief Lantz added that Director Luttrell will help.

Closed Session: None

Next Meeting: June 8th – Hosted by Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue

Meeting adjourned: at 1145