



**SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS  
ASSOCIATION MEETING  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 8:30 AM  
Healdsburg Fire Station**

ATTENDANCE

Sean Lacy	Sonoma Valley Fire	Sheply Schroth-Cary	Gold Ridge Fire
Mark Heine	Sonoma County Fire	Evonne Stevens	REDCOM
Devon Gambonini	Santa Rosa Fire	Robert Johnson	Sonoma County Fire
Ben Nicholls	Cal Fire	Jeff Valiquette	Rancho Adobe Fire
Daren Bellach	Kenwood Fire	Ray Mulas	Schell Vista Fire
Doug Williams	SMART	Hans Henneberque	H & S Associates
Spencer Andreis	Sonoma Valley Fire	Ron Busch	Sonoma County Fire
Aaron Johnson	RPPS	Scott Westrope	Santa Rosa Fire
Matt Gloeckner	Santa Rosa Fire	Darrin DeCarli	Gold Ridge Fire
Steve Akre	Sonoma Valley Fire	Trevor Collins	Santa Rosa Fire
Dave Bray	Gold Ridge Fire	Ron Lunardi	Occidental Fire
James Salvante	CVEMSA	Willow Farey	CVEMSA
Chad Costa	Petaluma Fire	Bill Bullard	Graton Fire
Mike McCallum	Santa Rosa Fire	Bonnie Plakos	NSCF
Jack Thomas	Santa Rosa Fire	Heidi Horuitz	Timber Cove Fire
Jason Jenkins	Cloverdale Fire	Jeff DuVall	DEM
Steve Mosiurchak	PRMD		

**Call to Order:** at 0830hrs.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chief Akre

**Host Chief Introduction:** Chief Boaz welcomed everyone

**Presidents Report:** Chief Akre will report out on the sales tax measure under old business.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion: Heine, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Schach, All Aye

**Treasurer’s Report:** Hans reported

Chief’s Fund	\$4,944.60
Survivor’s Fund	\$96,396.31
Special Assessment Fund	\$18,614.72
Training Officers Fund	\$1,986.61
FPO General Fund	\$3,568.01
FPO Safety Trailer Fund	\$14,581.90
FPO Career Succession Fund	\$388.71
FPO Fire Investigation Fund	\$3,471.26
Youth Fire Setter Program	\$1,041.53
Safety Pals General Fund	\$15,655.77
Safety Pals Trailer Fund	\$2,500.00

Total Funds \$162,889.86

**Correspondence:** The SRJC would like to establish a memorial fund scholarship in memory of Dean Anderson. The goal is to raise \$25,000.00. About \$2,700.00 was raised during the services for Dean. This was put forward to the Chiefs Association to help with this. Chief Akre will forward the email out to everyone and we will put this on the agenda for next month.

**Presentation:** None

**Old Business:** Chief Akre reported on the sales tax update. The Working Group has been meeting on alternate Thursdays. They have established a communications group that is in weekly communications with the campaign. Now is the time to push out the one pagers and the County wide fact sheets. They are looking for endorsements now. Bill Adams is working on a draft resolution, as soon as it is ready we will push it out to everyone. Cities and Districts may consider this to endorse. The kick-off fundraiser is Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> at Paradise Ridge Winery, 5PM.

Chief Piccinini announced that his time has ended as serving as the Interim Fire Chief for Sebastopol. As of right now, there is no replacement for the Chief's position. Jack will be falling back as the Volunteer Assistant Fire Chief. Steve Thibodeau was introduced as Sebastopol's 2<sup>nd</sup> Assist. Fire Chief.

**New Business:** None

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Fire Service Working Group:** See Old Business. Chief Akre added the Fire Ad Hoc through CAO's office decided that they were not going to do the one time funding for the BOS request for the three Districts that had requested the funding. They want to see what happens in March.

**SMART:** Doug Williams reported the ground breaking for the Petaluma station will be this Thursday. The Windsor extension should be on the Board agenda for next week. Golden Gate Railroad Museum is getting closer to offering bike rail tours in Cloverdale.

**PG & E:** No update

### **Regional Zone Reports:**

**CALFIRE:** Chief Nicholls reported they are starting to move out of fire season. Monday they will be down to Level 3, one engine per station. The FF's on the copter will be laid off, but the copter will still be available. Looking at the smoke impacts from the AG burns with-in the County. There will be one tanker and one air attack at the base past the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Zone 3:** Chief Mulas reported they are looking at receiving their new T-1 engine sometime in September. They purchased a sauna for the station.

Chief Bellach reported February 10<sup>th</sup> will be our Crab Feed. Tickets go on sale December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chief Akre reported we just started a new volunteer FF academy with 25 people in the academy.

**Zone 4:** No report

**Zone 5:** No report

**Zone 6:** Chief Boaz reported they did break ground on their new station. It is scheduled to be completed in December of 2024. They have a new B shift captain that came from Cal Fire. Chief wanted to thank Chief Nicholls and Chief Tuberville for being so supportive.

**Zone 7:** Chief Heine reported EOA 1 is the main focus right now. Last Friday the County signed the contract. Medic Ambulance is fully integrated now and we are looking at a great partnership. They have 2 commercial operation locations for operations/admin. The new fleet will have 22 new ambulances. They are now in the hiring process to operate at full deployment. They have 5 new FF Medics that are on shift from the academy.

**Zone 8:** Chief Schroth-Cary reported they went through a hiring process for 8 new Captain positions to staff the Wilmar Station. They got 12 candidates for Engineer positions. The REDCOM Board working group had a special meeting, they recommended to develop a command center concept implementation plan to build out in stages for REDCOM.

Chief Piccinini reported they are at the test portion of their FF Engineer recruitment. Zone 8 ran a multi-agency drill and had a really great outcome. The training was a large structure fire operation exercise with a classroom portion.

**Zone 9:** Chief Johnson reported they had a working structure fire that moved through a home quickly. They were able to evacuate 8 people safely due to working smoke detectors. They have a large amount of medical supplies that they will be donating to the SRJC. If anyone is interested in them please let RPPS know.

Chief Valiquette reported they will be going to their board to get funding to utilize USCI Consulting for fire impact fees. February 3<sup>rd</sup> is Rancho Adobe FD Crab Feed. They had a Zone 9 leadership meeting. They are working with SCFD on Battalion Chief coverage.

**OES:** Chief Wakefield reported tomorrow will be their Region II meeting.

**Training OP's:** No report

**FPO's:** Devon reported they met on October 18<sup>th</sup>. REDCOM did a training presentation. Fire Safe Sonoma also made a presentation on their roadside hazard mitigations. One of the goals for FITF is to work more closely with the DA's office. The next Youth Fire Setter Academy will be in February, the location is TBD. They would like to see some of the funds that come in for the FITF annually and use it to help pay for some refreshments and copies needed for the academy. They are looking at \$150 - \$200 a year. The next FPO meeting will be next Wednesday.

**Fire Districts:** Chief Schroth-Cary reported they had a good presentation on the Do's and Don'ts for the tax measure. It was a well-attended meeting. The Volunteer FF Foundation received a grant to be able to host a number of classes for the next four years.

**Vegetation Management:** Steve reported vegetation season for DSI will closing November 17<sup>th</sup>. Final invoicing will be due November 24<sup>th</sup>. CUPA Hazmat for TC is making headway.

**Coastal Valley EMS:** James Salvante reported they are having a meeting this month and look forward to working with Sonoma County Fire District. The First Watch contract was approved by the board. REDCOM and Image Trend data will be used in the system. They are happy where they are with tiered response

**CAL Chiefs** Chief Heine reported they had their annual conference a few weeks ago with over 400 attendees. They have formed a State-Wide Leadership Alliance, members are CPF, Fire Districts, League of Cities, Cal Chiefs, Metro Chiefs, and IAFF. It is designed to be like a TF or ST on any State wide issues that affect FF safety and wellbeing. They will be meeting for their early planning meeting in Santa Rosa in December.

**Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:** None

**Fire/EMS:** Chief Schach reported the sub-committee is involved with the tiered response plan, States EMS Plan and the medical control MOU. If anyone has any comments on the ambulance prover permits, the EMS sub-committee would like to submit it as one package to CVEMS. Looking at the Advanced EMT that is about 40 hours of additional training for the County. They will be meeting with CVEMS on Tuesday to discuss this option.

**DEM:** No report

**Sonoma OP Area Up-Staffing Plan:** Chief Heine reported we have migrated out of fire season. The Region II meeting will be tomorrow to look overall how we did this season. Sonoma County 1 will transition to winter mode soon. They flew on 12 fire missions this season. If anyone would like training copter, please ask and it will be arranged.

**REDCOM:** Evonne reported Brenda will be leaving REDCOM.

**Good of the Order:** James Salvante stated that there was a great turnout for Dean Anderson's funeral. The SRJC will be establishing a memorial scholarship in his name.

**Closed Session:** None

**Adjournment:** @ 11:35AM

**Next Meeting:** SCFD-EMS Operations HQ

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daren Bellach  
SCFCA Secretary