



**SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS
ASSOCIATION MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
January 10th, at 10:00 AM
Petaluma Community Center**

ATTENDANCE

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| Sean Lacy | Sonoma Valley Fire | Sheply Schroth-Cary | Gold Ridge Fire |
| Mark Heine | Sonoma County Fire | Steve Thibodegu | Sebastopol Fire |
| Devon Gambonini | Santa Rosa Fire | Robert Johnson | Sonoma County Fire |
| Jeff Valiquette | Rancho Adobe Fire | Jeff Schach | Petaluma Fire |
| Daren Bellach | Kenwood Fire | Ray Mulas | Schell Vista Fire |
| Hans Henneberque | H & S Associates | Jason Boaz | Healdsburg Fire |
| Spencer Andreis | Sonoma Valley Fire | Ron Busch | Sonoma County Fire |
| Aaron Johnson | RPPS | Lance Macdonald | Healdsburg Fire |
| Darrin DeCarli | Gold Ridge Fire | Jack Piccinini | Sebastopol Fire |
| Steve Akre | Sonoma Valley Fire | Bill Bullard | Graton Fire |
| Dave Bray | Gold Ridge Fire | | |

Call to Order: at 1000hrs.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chief Akre

Host Chief Introduction: Chief Schach welcomed everyone.

Presidents Report: Chief Akre reported he wanted to express his deep appreciation to the group in what we have been able to do as a group together with strong support and unity. From supporting the EOA 1 transition, Measure H and the upcoming changes to REDCOM.

Approval of Minutes: Motion: Heine, 2nd: Mulas, All Aye

Treasurer's Report: Hans reported

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| Chief's Fund | \$4,794.75 |
| Survivor's Fund | \$96,396.31 |
| Special Assessment Fund | \$(13425.44) |
| Training Officers Fund | \$1,986.61 |
| FPO General Fund | \$3,918.01 |
| FPO Safety Trailer Fund | \$14,581.90 |
| FPO Career Succession Fund | \$388.71 |
| FPO Fire Investigation Fund | \$3,721.26 |
| Youth Fire Setter Program | \$1,041.53 |
| Safety Pals General Fund | \$15,655.77 |
| Safety Pals Trailer Fund | \$2,500.00 |

Total Funds \$131,299.85

Correspondence: None

Presentation: EOA 1 Implementation: Chief Heine presented the new implementation of the new ambulance service for EOA 1. They will go live at midnight on Monday night. Last Friday they had a grand opening event with over 100 attending. In addition to the normal ambulance fleet they will also have a mobile ambulance strike team support vehicle and an EMS mobile command vehicle. The posting plan will be on their website shortly and is different from the AMR posting we have had. All the ambulances will be stocked exactly the same. Maximum staffing will be 36 Medics and 67 EMT's. Maximum deployment will be 14 ALS units and 6 BLS units during the peak call times. About 95% of the AMR workforce has come over to Medic Ambulance. They currently have a mutual aid agreement with Bells, Sonoma Valley, and Petaluma for coverage in the EOA 1 if needed.

Old Business: Measure H Update: Chief Akre reported they have finished the ballot argument in favor and rebuttal for Measure H. All of the agency 1 pagers have been updated. The Press Democrat Editorial Board came out strongly in support of the measure. They are having weekly conference calls with the campaign committee. All Measure H endorsements have been pushed to the campaign committee. They are having weekly conference calls with the committee as well as the communications group. Barry Barns is the lead consultant. PG& E has already contributed \$50,000.00 towards the campaign and have committed another \$100,000.00. On the 26th there will be a luncheon event with Mike McGuire and some donors. This will take place in the Healdsburg area. There are a 1000 yard signs, please get some through your labor leaders to put out.

REDCOM Update: Chief Akre reported the board directed to execute a contract with AP Triton to run the evaluation and RFP process to make a recommendation to the board. Chief Boaz will continue to be the representative as well as Chief Schroth-Cary. The evaluation of REDCOM should be complete by the end of this month. The stakeholder interviews will start in February and the development of the RFP. Anyone that would like to have an interview or to share their thoughts about REDCOM, please let Jason or Sheply know to get on the list. The in person stakeholder interviews will take place February 6 and 7.

New Business: None

Standing Committee Reports:

Fire Service Working Group: See old business.

SMART: Doug Williams reported they will be doing a trial period for free passes for children and seniors. They are doing a reorganization and Doug will not be the fire service liaison after February 11th. The SMART Police Chief will be assuming those responsibilities after that time.

PG & E: No update

Volunteer Fire Foundation: Chief Schroth-Cary reported the foundation was awarded a grant to host classes and academy scholarships.

Regional Zone Reports:

CALFIRE: No report

Zone 3: No report

Zone 4: No report

Zone 5: No report

Zone 6: Chief Boaz reported Chief Schach will be coming to the next City Council meeting to present information on the sales tax measure.

Zone 7: Chief Heine reported they are hiring medic FF's. REACH will be funding a fulltime Division Chief position at the airbase. Plans for a tribal casino and resort are underway for Windsor on East Shiloh Rd. Working on rebuilding 3 of their stations, station 4, 2 and 9.

Zone 8: Chief Schroth-Cary reported they will be bringing on 7 new Captains starting next week.

Chief Piccinini reported they have a new city manager. The new Chief will be Todd Derum for the city. They have 32 volunteers now.

Chief Bullard reported their board has endorsed the new tax measure. They will be hosting a HazMat class, more info. to follow.

Zone 9: Chief Valiquette reported they are still looking for medics.

OES: No report

Training OP's: Chief Andreis reported they met yesterday and are looking at a County wide Type 3 or Type 2 Swift Water Team. They talked about how they fill prepositioned Strike Teams and Task Forces. Historically this has been done through Everbridge, they discussed they would like to use the existing Active Status list in hope this would increase participation on the State wide response that the ROO could fill. Chief Andreis brought this to the Chiefs for any issues. No issues were discussed. Looking at the potential for IP station alerting systems since the current system that a lot of stations are using has gone out of business. They are setting up a demo in March from Z-Tron. Sonoma County Fire will be doing their airport training in April.

FPO's: Lance reported they had their goal setting meeting and set the following: To peruse a new safety trailer through a grant, to reconfigure the brand of the FPO's and to continue to support and increase the training classes offered regionally. February 24th is a Youth Fire Setter training for those families involved with the program. Amy from Petaluma Fire has taken over as the new FITF coordinator. The FITF 2024 goals are as

follows: To establish a better relationship with the County DA, to establish better trainings for fire investigators and to update the FITF website.

Fire Districts: Chief Schroth-Cary reported they are working with Kitchel and Associates to do a presentation on station improvement projects at the next meeting. Sonoma FD and Kenwood FD will be co-hosting the dinner meeting at the Kenwood Station.

Vegetation Management: No report

Coastal Valley EMS: No report

CAL Chiefs Chief Heine reported they have a meeting next week with the Cal Fire Director Chief Tyler to discuss the FIRIS Intel Plane program to stream real time incident data to an incident commander. They will also meet with the Director of OES to reform their relationship. San Bernardino County Fire Agencies formed a JPA to bid on the ambulance contract and won. They will take over service sometime this spring.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports: None

Fire/EMS: Chief Schach reported with the new EOA 1 contract they will be implementing tiered response. Depending how the call is deemed through the EMD process, you may be getting a BLS ambulance to your call. The tiered response will be slowly implemented until all the bugs and issues are worked out.

DEM: No report

Sonoma OP Area Up-Staffing Plan: No report

REDCOM: Evonne reported their team has been ramping up for Sonoma County Fire becoming the EOA 1 provider and the new posting plan with the tiered response. Have been working on Control 2 equipment replacement in the north coastal areas. These agencies that use this have been moved over to Control 4 for now. REDCOM has hired a new Supervisor, Elizabeth Brodt. She comes from Santa Rosa PD dispatch. They had a kick off meeting with AP Triton and will be working on a large data and document request from them.

Good of the Order: None

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: @ 1200hrs

Next Meeting: February 14th, 2024 at RPPS 0830hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daren Bellach
SCFCA Secretary