



**SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS  
ASSOCIATION MEETING  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
February 14th, at 0830 AM  
RPPS**

**ATTENDANCE**

Sean Lacy	Sonoma Valley Fire	Sheply Schroth-Cary	Gold Ridge Fire
Mark Heine	Sonoma County Fire	Steve Thibodeau	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	Jen Banks	CVEMSA
Aaron Johnson	RPPS	James Salvante	CVEMSA
Darrin DeCarli	Gold Ridge Fire	Andrew Smith	RPPS
Mike McCallum	Santa Rosa Fire	Scott Westrope	Santa Rosa Fire
Dave Bray	Gold Ridge Fire	Eric Matzen	RPPS
Jeff Valiquette	Rancho Adobe Fire	Mike Marcucci	Cal Fire
Ben Nicholls	Cal Fire	Steve Mosiurchak	County of Sonoma
Evonne Stevens	REDCOM	Brenda Bacigalupi	REDCOM
Todd Derum	Sebastopol Fire	Doug Williams	SMART
Jason Jenkins	Cloverdale Fire	Ryan Wakefield	OES
Jeff Duvall	DEM		

**Call to Order:** at 0830hrs

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chief Westrope

**Host Chief Introduction:** Chief Johnson welcomed everyone. He introduced BC's Eric Matzen and Andrew Smith with RPPS.

**Presidents Report:** Chief Westrope reported that he wanted to remind everyone on February 24<sup>th</sup> is the invite to visit the PG&E control center in San Ramon. Chief Bellach sent the information out a few days ago.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Hans reported

Chief's Fund	\$4,164.07
Survivor's Fund	\$96,396.31
Special Assessment Fund	\$(3,425.44)
Training Officers Fund	\$1,986.61
FPO General Fund	\$3,413.55
FPO Safety Trailer Fund	\$14,581.90
FPO Career Succession Fund	\$388.71
FPO Fire Investigation Fund	\$3,721.26
Youth Fire Setter Program	\$786.64
Safety Pals General Fund	\$15,655.77
<u>Safety Pals Trailer Fund</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>

Total Funds \$138,909.82

**Correspondence:** None

**Presentation:** Big Climb San Francisco – Climb for a cure: Bay Area First Responders in a Climb to the Finish. To support the mission of the Cure Leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. A flyer will be distributed to the group with more information.

Expanded EMT – Jen Banks with CVEMSA spoke about the Expanded EMT overview. The Advanced EMT scope in CA is not great and there is not a lot to work with. The overall goal would have been to provide better patient care in our area.

A letter has been sent to the state asking for certain regulatory changes be made so EMT's can administer certain drugs, this request is being made through local scope of practice and not a mandatory state level change. The number of hours for training was quite a bit and this created a roadblock for the county to move forward. As of now they are waiting for a response to their letter, and they will be sure to let us know what the state has decided to do.

**Old Business:** Measure H Update: Matt Tognozzi reported we have 20 days left until election day. Mailers have been sent out as well as some videos being made for social media. A text message campaign was also put out. We have about \$30,000.00 in reserves right now. There are about 30 signs left if anyone needs some.

EOA 1 Update: Chief Heine reported that CVEMSA has been great to work with. The transition with AMR has gone smoothly. They are working on 2 software programs with CVEMSA that will give live dashboard access so you can track real time appliance monitoring and posting plans. They are averaging about 100 transports a day. Peak staffing is generally on weekday afternoons between 3pm and 8pm, the staffing is 14 ALS units and 6 BLS units. There is a plan to automate postings to eliminate REDCOM traffic. They have a program with Australia which has a national paramedic program and have brought on about 15 medics through Medic Ambulance.

**New Business:** Debrief of Recent Storm Actions: Chief Heine reported that we did not upstaff for this event due to the projected forecast not being as critical as the actual storm. County Roads was pro-active in closing some roadways early. REDCOM was challenged with this storm and all radio channels were very overwhelmed. They are working on ways for

units to be able to access stacked calls in the CAD/Tablet Command and be able to clear them without having to have radio communication with REDCOM.

Chief Andreis stated that they are working on adding a self-attach to an incident feature to Tablet Command. This will help with having minimal contact with the Control dispatchers and reduce radio traffic. Another feature they are working on is an acknowledge feature for lines down and staging type of events. Dispatchers would not have to use radio traffic to contact units for these types of events.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Fire Service Working Group:** See old business.

**SMART:** Doug Williams reported his contract with SMART ended on Sunday, going forward everything will be coming from Chief McGill. Doug wanted to thank the Chiefs Association for their support of the Survivors Reunion coming up in May.

**PG & E:** No update

**Fire Districts/Volunteer Fire Foundation:** Chief Schroth-Cary reported they had a good Fire Districts meeting and presentation from Kithell Consultants regarding fire station construction. We will have them present to the Fire Chiefs group at some point. The Volunteer Fire Foundation was awarded a large grant, and their challenge is they do not have the revenue to reimburse on a quarterly basis. They have made a request to Monte Rio for a loan of \$25,000.00. There may be a need of more revenue in the future so they can implement some of the grant opportunities they have while waiting for the reimbursements.

### **Regional Zone Reports:**

**CALFIRE:** Chief Marcucci reported they are working through the budget right now. They are looking at another 15,000 employees over the next 5 years. We will have our exclusive helicopters again this season. The Boggs copter 602 will have the ability to stay on late via having night vision and transitioning to night flying.

Chief Nicholls reported April 1<sup>st</sup> Hood Mountain crew should be back on line to support the operations in Annadel, Jack London and the Monte Rio Redwoods.

**Zone 3:** Chief Bellach reported they had a successful crab feed this year and served over 300.

**Zone 4:** No report

**Zone 5:** No report

**Zone 6:** Chief Boaz reported their new station is well under construction with a scheduled completion date in December. Ruben Mandujano has been with Healdsburg Fire for 45 years and is retiring in August, they are flying a flyer for an inspector position. For the new station they are working with Zetron for the station ring down. It has been difficult to get

some basic information from them, hopefully in March they can get more information as they will be doing a presentation for the Ops/TO. Healdsburg first engine was a 1919 Model T Chemical Engine. Chief Boaz was able to track it down fully restored in Oregon and the owner wants to donate it back to the City of Healdsburg.

**Zone 7:** Chief Heine reported the Sonoma County 1 helicopter program is putting together their spring training calendar right now, if you have any training that you would like to do with them, please reach out to Rob Bisordi to coordinate that.

Chief Westrope reported they will be entering into their period of performance for their SAFER Grant. Squads 1 and 2 will not be on the streets as of March 15<sup>th</sup> as they have 11 employees in background and have 4 in the academy right now. The Santa Rosa Fire Foundation was able to purchase 2 ¾ ton pickups and are in the shop getting out fitted now.

**Zone 8:** No report

**Zone 9:** Chief Johnson reported they have a 30-acre parcel across the street from the station that is available for EVOC training. If anyone would like to use it RP would need a hold harmless agreement, the contact will be Eric Matzen. Andrew Smith is running their new BC program and is dealing with the HR component; they have the equipment and staffing but are stuck with HR on how to run the program. The city has had an auto aid agreement with Rancho Adobe Fire since 2013 where RP pays for the BC coverage. Since they started to roll out the 24-hour BC program, Aaron was asked why are they going to continue to pay for the Rancho Adobe BC where these funds could be used to off set this program. A letter of intent to cancel the auto aid agreement with Rancho Adobe was produced for the financial piece only and not a response. The auto aid agreement will be rewritten in July. If RP cannot get their new BC program off the ground they will rewrite the contract as before.

**OES:** Chief Wakefield thanked everyone with the Pro Positioning for the last big weather event. He is working on scheduling some pre-fire season refresher classes in the coming months. There will be some changes coming out for CICC starting in April that he will be getting out to us soon.

**Training OP's:** Chief Andreis reported they will meet next month. They received 2 SHSGP grants for 2022-23 and 2023-24 for \$75,000.00. The original ask was for software and infrastructure costs. Most agencies have already purchased this, and they felt that the funds could now be used for the counties June Tablet Command bill. The 2024 Overhead Refresher class will be May 21<sup>st</sup>, flyer to follow.

**FPO's:** Devon reported their next meeting is next week. There is some upcoming training in March. They received a \$500.00 donation from The Santa Rosa Fire Foundation. A reminder if you have a youth involved incident whether it is a fire or a malicious act, please reach out to the group. Healdsburg Fire is hiring a Fire Inspector due to Ruben retiring.

**Fire Districts:** Chief Schroth-Cary reported

**Vegetation Management:** Steve Mosiurchak reported their chipper staff has been out working with County Roads during the storms dealing with downed trees. If anyone needs their service, please reach out to Steve. The DSI program is starting to get underway. The mailers will go out at the end of March.

**Coastal Valley EMS:** James reported the new EOA 1 transition has been going well. They have changed over to the tiered response within the EOA areas that have the ALS first response. They received their EMS plan approval from the state.

**CAL Chiefs** Chief Heine reported the City of Riverside contracts with AMR for ambulance service. The contract was scheduled to auto renew, the city was told it needs to be put out to bid. They have been sued and the Superior Court ruled in favor of the city, there was an appeal date set which had expired. Now law states any city council/fire district board can set your own exclusive operating areas and assign your own ambulances, LEMSA or State have no authority to supersede that. They are working with FireScope specific to the Forest Service and lack of staffing their stations during fire season.

**Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:** None

**Fire/EMS:** No report

**DEM:** No report

**Sonoma OP Area Up-Staffing Plan:** They will be meeting tomorrow and will push out any new information on the current storms to the group. Please make sure you are up and running on the SLACK App. We are using this to communicate monthly briefings and up to date current situation information.

**REDCOM:** Evonne reported the Control 2 repairs have been completed. They are still working on Control 4 and hoping by the first week of March to be completed. Last week they had a visit from AP Triton and provided them with needed data for the RFP. The expansion project is still moving forward.

**Good of the Order:** Chief Bellach stated he would like to use the google calendar on the website for all events and meetings, please get him your meetings and events that you would like to get posted. The FDAC Conference is coming up April 22-26 in Monterey. Registration is now open.

**Closed Session:** None

**Adjournment:** @ 1040hrs

**Next Meeting:** March 13th, 2024, at Graton FD 0830hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daren Bellach  
SCFCA Secretary