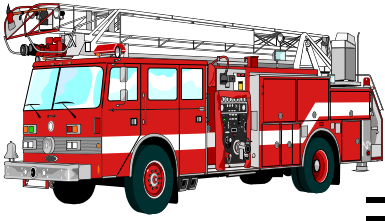


# Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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## MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2011

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Dave Loeffler at 1857 hours.

### **Personnel in Attendance:**

Flavia Dexheimer	JCF	David Loeffler	HYF
Wayne Shaw	RWS	Brent Cordes	RWS
Todd Corbett	WEA	Mel Deardorff	LEW
Zach Collins	LEW	Scott Merryman	CHP
Wyatt Ribarich Care Giver Resources		David Murphy	SLV
Scott Alvord	WEA	Larry Helsley	WEA
Larry Masterman	TC OES	Mike McMillan	WEA
John Hall	TC COM	Kara Davis	Nor Cal EMS
Nancy Standley	HBV	Gary Standley	HBV
Martin Dooly	DWN	Ken Rieke	TCC
Alex McBath	USFS	Tim Spiersch	PMT
Justin Kerwick	JCF	Frank Moore	HYM
Elena Letton	DOU	Joe Hernandez	CAL FIRE
Andy Reiling	CAL FIRE		

### **Approval of Minutes:**

M/S/C with the following correction to the December 6, 2010 meeting minutes: add Elena Letton DOU to Personnel in Attendance.

### **Radio Technicians:** (Wayne Shaw and Brent Cordes)

Wayne and Brent work out of the RWS radio shop in Humboldt County. Todd Corbett can work through RWS as an independent contractor. Items needing repair can either be mailed to the RWS shop or the technicians can drive to Trinity County and diagnose the problem. Labor rate is \$84.00 per hour with no minimum. Items needing repair are evaluated for feasibility of repair. Sometimes the items needing repair must be shipped to the manufacturer to replace the broken part because radio shop can not purchase the repair parts. One of the pager/radios being looked at is the Kenwood TK2360 to replace Minitor III and IV pagers. The pager/radio is 16 channel and shop programmable. The Kenwood cost is approximately \$100 less than a Minitor. The one drawback is the radio is more bulky than the Minitor.

### **Disaster Grant:** (Larry Masterman)

16 jurisdictions were eligible for disaster grant money from the 2008 fires. Trinity County is one of the sixteen jurisdictions and was awarded approximately 2 million. The grant is being reopened with approximately 40 million available for distribution. The grant is centered on fire mitigation planning and infrastructure.

**Care Giver Assistance:** (Wyatt Ribarich)

It has been identified that care givers have a stressful job caring for individuals 24/7. Sometimes this stress becomes overwhelming. Department personnel need to assess Caregivers and forward the information to those needing assistances. Caregivers can call the Caregivers Resource Center at 1-800-995-0878 or 530-229-0878; to find assistance in understanding the needs of the person they are taking care of, planning for the future, and learning what resources are available. Pens, information cards and pamphlets on how to contact the Caregiver Resource Center were distributed at the meeting. You can contact Wyatt at 530-286-2605 if you need Caregiver Resource Center handouts for your department.

**Appreciation:** (Dave Loeffler)

Scott Alvord was presented an appreciation plaque for his assistances to the Trinity County Fire Chief Association.

**Treasurer's Report:**

There is \$1540.46 in the checking account. Hawkins Bar, Hyampom, Salyer, and Down River have paid dues for 2011.

**CAL FIRE:** (Joe Hernandez)

- Unit Chief Doug Wenham promoted to Assistant Region Chief
- Interim Unit Chief will be Marc Romero for the next 2-6 months

**USFS:** (Alex McBath)

Change in the way hired equipment operators can obtain yearly 8 hour safety training. Instructors will need to be State Fire Marshal certified to teach the course. USFS attempting to get personnel qualified.

**Trinity County Communication:** (John Hall)

- The Fire Net repeater on Oregon Mountain has been up-graded and has back-up power. Eric Palmer was instrumental in finding funds to ensure that back-up power was in place.
- John asked the Communication Committee to develop a procedure to alert departments when the radio is out of service.
- 3 spare repeaters are available. There are 24volt
- Ironside repeater placement is caught in Red tape. John to test Eagle Rock area for possible coverage increase. It is not believed that Eagle Rock will provide adequate coverage for Hawkins Bar, Salyer or the New River Drainage.

**CALEMA Op Area:** (Scott Alvord)

- A reimbursement workshop is in Sacramento on January 20, 2011 at 0900. Anyone needing a ride can contact Scott Alvord.
- Need people to sign up for the scheduled training classes to ensure that the classes have the minimum personnel required.
- Marjie needs a list of volunteers in order to make the appreciation cards.

**TCLS:** (Scott Alvord for Kathy Ratliff)

Nor Coast EMS is still actively pursuing Trinity County. Kathy advises the best fit for Trinity County is presently Nor Cal EMS.

**CHP:** (Scott Merryman)

- CHP is enforcing chain requirements. (A friendly reminder, E-Plate vehicles are not exempt from chain requirements)
- Winter driving time is here watch your speed
- CHP is willing to replace flares. Make sure you provide adequate distance for conditions
- Make sure equipment is properly maintained
- Ensure operators are trained and evaluated yearly
- The way to decrease the number of accidents is to minimize the number of human errors that occur and ensuring equipment is adequately maintained. This goal can be obtained by changing the behavior of the operator, using strategies that include: providing education to the operator and the public by emphasizing risk factors: conducting driver behavior-modification classes: modifying existing laws rules regulations: developing agency standard operating procedures: and increasing the visibility and audibility of emergency equipment.

Training Talking Points: Ask yourself and operators the following questions

- How many different inclement weather conditions are encountered by your department drivers? List them and discuss their hazards.
- Do you or your department require completing an annual driver operator evaluation?
- What type of training does your department provide to drive in inclement weather?
- Who among your department has been involved in a skidding or sliding event? Have them recount the event and identify critical points for consideration.
- What practice does your department use to evaluate the suitability of vehicles purchased for driving conditions encountered in your department's services area?

**Nor-Cal EMS:** (Kara Davis)

The 2008 Office of Traffic Safety shows Trinity County had 120 fatal or injury victims. 29 had alcohol involved, 20 involved motorcycles. Fatal and injury collisions 20 were speed related and 11 were during night time hours (2100 to 0259hrs)

- March 8<sup>th</sup> protocol revision
- Ensure medical classes are approved courses for the jurisdiction you are seeking credentials to work in.

**Open discussion:**

Hayfork Fire Department: (Dave Loeffler)

Hayfork fire has accepted a bid proposal for construction of the new engine bays. Construction should start before March 1, 2011

Down River Fire: (Martin Dooly)

He will be before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, to secure funding to construct a safety building in the Big Bar area.

AFG: (Mel Deardorff)

As a reminder those with active AFG grant the semi-annual report is due this month.

Next meeting

February 7, 2011

Adjourned

2030 hours

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer