



Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES November 1, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Dave Loeffler at 1900 hours.

Personnel in Attendance:

Richard Smith	WEA	Andy Reiling	CAL FIRE
Dave Murphy	SLV	Larry Helsley	WEA
Eric Palmer	TCSO	John Hall	TC Com
Kara Davis	Nor-CAL EMS	Ellen Craig	STAR/ZEN
Brain Craig	ZEN	Martin Dooly	DWN
Don Bridge	SOT	Larry Masterman	TC OES
Roger Chatterton	CCV/TCC	Frank Moore	HYM
Gary Standley	HBV	Joe Hernandez	CAL FIRE
Mel Deardorff	LEW	Flavia Dexheimer	JCF
David Loeffler	HYF	Judy Morris	TC BOS

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the October 4, 2010 minutes as submitted.

Tone and Frequency List: (Richard Smith, Larry Helsley and Martin Dooly)

A copy of the frequencies and tones used in Trinity County was handed out. Discussion ensued about what frequencies should be on the list for units coming into the county. General consensus was that the list with Fire, Public Works, and Law Enforcement Frequencies would be good for Trinity Control and the Emergency Operations Plan. Only Fire Frequencies should be on the list for incoming fire units. In addition, a map denoting repeater locations and tone numbers was handed out. A list with fire frequencies and a map of repeater locations will be merged to create a label.

Printing of self adhesive labels will be \$60.00 per 100. This price was for the frequencies only. Cost for the map addition may raise the price.

The issue of authorization to use frequencies from other agencies and departments arose. In order to comply with regulations departments and agencies would need letters authorizing frequency use from those that have a frequency assigned to them by Federal Communication Commission (FCC). In order to get a frequency list established, first a letter for shared frequencies will need to be obtained from the departments and Agencies that have assigned frequencies. It was M/S/C authorizing the President of the Association to write a letter requesting the use of the frequency 156.0750 (CALCORD) from CAL EMA. The request would be for all local fire departments and medical providers that are members of the association.

Larry Master asked if was possible to align the tones so one repeater would have the same tone for the different frequencies. Those present with working knowledge of repeaters did not believe this was possible.

Trinity County Hazardous Materials Plan: (Larry Masterman)

Larry has received lots of feed back from the draft Trinity County Hazardous Material Area Plan. In the Appendix is a business plan table containing the business name, materials, and quantities stored. The table was not a complete version.

Grand Jury Survey: (Larry Masterman)

The Trinity County Grand Jury is asking the emergency service providers of Trinity County for input. Handed out at the meeting was a survey develop by the Grand Jury. Each department is asked to submit a completed survey back to the Grand Jury. Those not receiving a survey at the meeting will be receiving theirs by mail or e-mail.

Standard Operating Guide Lines: (Andy Reiling)

A draft of the Standard Operating Guide Lines (SOG) were handed out at the October meeting and sent to the chiefs via e-mail. The draft was developed to start the process in developing a comprehensive set of guidelines departments will use in Trinity County on Automatic and Mutual Aid incidents. M/S/C to adopt the Standard Operating Guideline as submitted. It is envisioned that the SOG's will be a living document requiring regular updates. The SOG's will be on the agenda for the January 2011 Chiefs meeting. Any suggestions for additions to the SOG's should be submitted to the Association Secretary.

Checking Account Signatures: (Dave Loeffler)

In past months a question of who should be Authorize to sign on the Association Checking Account. The Association By-Laws, Article III section 4 "The Board of Directors shall have control and management of all property and functions of the Association, subject to the will of the membership. Funds of the Association shall be held in a checking and/or savings account in a local bank and may be drawn from the bank with which they are on deposit by the joint signature of any two Directors". When the Association added the OES Fire Rescue Coordinator and out going past President to the Board of Directors those personnel were also added as signatories to the checking account. M/S/C to have the following people on the checking account signature card: President David Loeffler, Vice President Dave Murphy, OES Fire Rescue Operation Area Coordinator Richard Smith, immediate past president Roger Chatterton, and Secretary/Treasure Andy Reiling. The signature card for the checking account will conform to Article III of the Association By-Laws.

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$1540.46 in the Association Checking Account.

Trinity County Communications: (John Hall)

- All repeaters are tone protected. This came to light when CAL FIRE personnel were experiencing radio traffic from Oroville Police Department and Butte County Fire.
- Assessing if sharing the HPP radio cache with other counties would be beneficial
- Med-Net repeater installed on Pickett Peak. Originally set to use Med 10 (Shasta medical primary dispatch) as the Frequency which may have conflicted with the Shasta County

Dispatching. The repeater is now set to MED 1. The repeater is linked to other repeaters in the system to enable multiple agencies to communicate during a large scale incident.

- The manual thermal generator was put in service at Pickett Peak. This will supplement the solar panels during the winter.
- The automatic thermal generator was put in service at Hayfork Bally. The difference between the Manual and Automatic thermal generator is the automatic only burns propane when power is needed (using less than 100 gallons last year). The manual is a constant burner using hundreds of gallons of propane per year.
- USFS starting the talks to replace the Hayfork Bally radio vault.
- County was asked to remove any un-used items from the Hayfork Bally Repeater site.
- The Sheriff Net Weaverville repeater is limited to 25watts per the license agreement. The repeater can not transmit to the Carville repeater. Most repeaters in the system are at 100 watts.
- The radio technician scheduled to assist with the back-up power up-grade suffer a medical condition when installing the med repeater on Pickett Peak. The back-up power will be put in place when he recovers.
- Negotiation in progress for the Ironsides Repeater Vault
- CAL FIRE programming to narrow band November 2 and 3.
- Automated weather station installed at Weaverville Airport. Information can be obtained by the internet or by phone 623-3810
- Discussed the future of Fire net repeaters and linking. This would require more frequencies. Personnel present considered the ramifications of a linked system and amount of radio traffic on Fire Net.
- Roger Chatterton advised a couple of Radio technicians from the Coast (RWS) are willing to schedule “radio repair days” in Trinity County where departments could bring radios to a central location for repair. Discussion as what the County Radio Technician capabilities are and cost versus the RWS capabilities and cost. Rick Tippet from County Public Work (County Radio Technician’s Supervisor) will be invited to attend the December Chief’s meeting and RWS will be invited to attend the January meeting.

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Trinity County OES: (Larry Masterman)

- November 18 State wide disaster drill. Trinity County’s participation will be with Shasta County.
- Wednesday December 8, 2010 Flood Fight Training Scheduled in Weaverville
- Hazardous Material Technician Class in Woodland. Class is 4 weeks long. Information will be e-mail to the departments.

CAL FIRE: (Joe Hernandez)

- Burn Restriction lifted
- Stations are closed with three captains assigned to Trinity County. FC Wood will be working on the PRC 4290 program with the Building Department. FC Johnson will be the Training Officer for the County. FC O’Brien will assigned to Battalion projects
- Chief Loeffler suggested that a better method of communication be used to inform the residents of Trinity County of burning restrictions. It took Chief Loeffler 3 days to confirm the ban had been lifted.

Trinity County Sheriff Department: (Eric Palmer)

- Trinity County has received the award letter for the Emergency Operation Center Grant. The county is required to match the grant with \$40,000.00.
- \$3500.00 has been allocated to the back-up power project at Oregon Mountain for the Fire Net Repeater.

CALEMA Op Area: (Richard Smith)

SCBA testing for those that have MSA Firehawks will start next month. Currently the test head is being calibrated. Weaverville would like the departments involved to split the cost of the calibration. Calibration is \$576.00 plus shipping and handling.

TCLS: Kathy Ratliff)

Health Care Drill is November 17, 2010 with Shasta County. Trinity County will be using the Public Health trailer in the exercise.

Nor-Cal EMS: (Kara Davis)

- November 9, 2010 lesson learned Butte County
- November 19, 2010 Air Management Class
- November 23, 2010 1100-1300 Protocol revision meeting at Nor-Cal EMS office
- May 10-14, 2010 CFED West Conference and Exposition

For more information on and other up and coming class go to www.norcalems.org

Open discussion:

Larry Helsley:

Larry passed out Forest Service maps. For those agencies that did not receive a map contact Larry at Weaverville Fire Department.

Chris Prindiville:

It is time to update the Appreciation Cards. In order to have the cards ready by the first of the year information must be forwarded to Chris by December 6, 2010.

Roger Moore:

Hyampom Road is scheduled for a road closures to install guard rails (dates and times to be determined). Hyampom Fire has concerns on emergency access to the Hyampom area during the closures. A sooner notification would be helpful, so people living in the area can better plan for the closure.

Next meeting: December 6, 2010

Adjourned: 2015 hours

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer