

Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2012

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Martin Dooly at 1805 hours.

Personnel in Attendance:

Scott Alvord	WEA	Dave Loeffler	HYF
Flavia Dexheimer	JCF	Martie Mullen	TCC
Steve Renten	TCC	Kathy Ratliff	TCLS
Larry Masterman	TC OES	Alex McBath	SHF
Elena Letton	DOU	Pat Frost	RCD
Dan Spiess	Nor Cal EMS	Mel Deardorff	LEW
Justin Kerwick	JCF	Joe Hernandez	SHU
Brain Craig	ZEN	Jerry Hlavac	HYF
Frank Moore	HYM	Robert Jackson	TC ARES
Martin Dooly	DWR	Andy Reiling	SHU

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the minutes from the August and September meeting as presented.

Communications: (Martin Dooly)

Departments and radio users were asked if any problems have been identified since the console and repeaters were narrow banded. Most reported that no significant differences have been noted. The following problems have been noted:

- Whistling sound on tone 10. At time noise is loud enough to that voice communication can not be heard
- Kettenpom-Zenia unable to receive page. Problem was there prior to narrow banding. (Secretary's note: Problem has been fixed)
- Kettenpom –Zenja has areas where there is no coverage. Looking at adding a repeater.
- Ham radio frequencies were not required to narrow band. Some of the older radios may be useful for HAM Operators
- FAA believed that there was radio interference causing a safety hazard for pilots with Fire Net and Down River paging tones. Tests were completed on November 5, 2012 to replicate the problem. Testers could not duplicate problem and FFA officials did some more research and determined that Fire net was not the problem.

Maintenance on batteries occurred at Pickett Peak. 12 batteries replaced the 2005/6 that were in service.

Committee Reports:

Communications (Scott Alvord)

Judy Morris will be keeping the Communication Committee together. The next project will be the MOU between the county and radio users.

Haz-Mat (Scott Alvord)

- Shasta County will host a First Responder Operational class December 1st and 2nd. The class will cost \$50.00 per student.
- Survey taken for Trinity County needs for First Responder Operational. Class schedule for First Responder Operational to be Announced
- Training trailer to haul materials as been approved. Looking at purchasing a 16' 2 axle trailer.

Training (Scott Alvord/Andy Reiling)

The Amador Training Officer position has been approved for the 2012/2013 training cycle. As described in the e-mail sent to the department Chief's we need to identify 5 subjects for training. The following were identified:

- Haz-Mat refresher prefer table top that was conducted last year
- Forcible Entry (to meet standards of CSFA training program)
- Ventilation (to meet standards of CSFA training program)
- Interior Fire Attack with fire behavior
- Wildland refresher (to meet requirements of RT130)

Problem identified last year is departments need a training schedule with dates. Departments were not getting the participation from members because of last minute changes from the training officer.

- Lewiston Fire is looking into a building that may come available for live fire drills.
- Driver license medical for fire department restricted license will go back to self reporting.
- Hayfork will be putting on a basic 56 hour academy for new firefighter in February
- MCI management class TBA

Treasurer's Report: (Andy Reiling)

There is \$6612.46 in the Association checking account.

CAL FIRE: (Joe Hernandez)

Stations were closed once the fire danger lowered due to rains. Fire Captains Johnson and Wood will be assigned to the Battalion for the winter.

USFS: (Alex McBath)

Burning projects have started. Staffing will be five days per week. Engines available but, response times extended because personnel are committed to project work in the field.

Trinity County Office of Emergency Services: (Larry Masterman)

- 15 students completed CERT training
- Proposal for the Emergency Operation Center to go before the Board. The proposal is to remodel the north end of the Planning Building. Dave Loeffler made a motion to write a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors. Second by Brian Craig. Motion carried with one vote against supporting the letter.
- Approximately 10 years ago the county bought a trailer to function as a communication support vehicle. Trailer will have mobile and a hand held radio cache.

CALEMA Op Area:

TCLS: (Kathy Ratliff)

Red Cross has been charging \$10.00 for Title 22 first Aid cards. The cost will rise to \$27.00 for future classes. TCLS is assessing options to reduce the cost.

Nor Cal EMS: (Dan Spiess)

- Fund raisers can be posted on the Nor Cal EMS web site
- Planning for the Pre-Hospital Conference is starting
- Electronic Patient Care Report (PCR). The estimated cost for running the electronic PCR is \$6000.00 or approximately \$1.00 per report. Departments are encouraged to get a password and test run the system.
- Hoopa Ambulance is assessing the cost of providing service to the western part of Trinity County on the 299 west corridor. One of the options if Hoopa discontinues service in the area is for Sawyer and Hawkins Bar Fire departments to provide BLS transport to meet TCLS.
- Received an e-mail concerning AED usage documentation. Quarterly report will have a check box instead of requiring a weekly report.
- Eric Rudnick was awarded the EMS Director of the Year for the State of California.

Fire Safe Council: (Pat Frost)

A draft of the Safety Element was handed out. Departments are encouraged to forward information they feel needs to be added to the Safety Element.

Open discussion:

Robert Jackson:

The busses are in the process of upgrading radio to comply with narrow banding. Robert asked the Association if they could load the radios with fire frequencies stating that in order to comply with FCC regulations he must obtain permission from the frequency license holder. Matter was moved to the Communication Committee for their recommendation at the December meeting.

Scott Alvord;

On October 12th Fire Net was under radio silence. Deputies were engaged in an issue in the Hayfork area and requested a 10-33 (radio silence). The dispatcher complied and requested radio silence on all frequencies on the console. Weaverville Fire had a medical aid and the dispatcher called the Weaverville Volunteer station via phone. When asked why they were not paging the Volunteers out Scott was advised of the radio silence. The issue was discussed with Undersheriff Ken Langston and the actions required for 10-33 will be reviewed.

Next meeting December 3rd

Adjourned 2010 hours

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer