



# Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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## MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2013

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Martin Dooly at 1800 hours.

### **Personnel in Attendance:**

Brian Craig	ZEN	Bill German	SOT
Jerry Hlavac	HYF	Mel Deardorff	LEW
Elena Letton	DOU	Kara Davis	Nor-Cal EMS
Alex McBath	SHF	Ken Rieke	TCC
Steve Renten	TCC	Frank Moore	HYM
Larry Masterman	TC OES	Flavia Dexheimer	JCF
Scott Alvord	WEA	David Murphy	SLV
Martin Dooly	DWR	Andy Reiling	SHU

### **Approval of Minutes:**

M/S/C to approve the minutes as submitted.  
Association roster sent around for updates.

### **Farmers Insurance:**

Sal Azevedo stopped in to introduce himself. He will be working in the area and reminded members of the upcoming Wildfire Prevention Regional Conference on January 30 at the Gaia Motel in Anderson.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Communications (Dooly)**

Discussion occurred concerning the radio frequencies that area buses should have in them if they will be considered for use during emergencies. The local TAC channels used by Fire Departments have a geographic area they are assigned by the Federal Communications Commission, limiting where they can be used. The Association Communication Committee members are leaning towards the VTAC channels which are statewide channels for Public Safety. County OES will have their recommendation at next month's meeting.

#### **Hazmat (Alvord)**

No report

**Training** (Alvord, Masterman, Hlavac)

- The availability of structure to burn in Lewiston is questionable. Plan B will utilize the College training grounds for a weekend in March or April
- Hayfork will be hosting a medical First Responder class February 15-18 and February 22-25. They should know by the end of January if they will have slots available to other departments
- OES First Responder Hazmat training February 23 in Salyer. This will be a one day class
- OES First Responder Hazmat training in Hayfork during March. Class times TBA. It will be a two day class.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Andy Reiling)

There is \$6637.46 in the checking account. All but 3 members paid dues last year. Dues are payable each January. The current amount is \$25.00 which was set at the December 2012 meeting. (Treasure's note: as I make deposits this year I will include who paid in this report.)

**CAL FIRE:** (Andy Reiling)

- The West Division duties have been delegated out to other personnel until a replacement is appointed. Andy Reiling will be the point of contact for Unit CAL FIRE issues. If I cannot resolve the issue I will get you in contact with the person that can.
- Calendars are available

**USFS:** (Alex McBath)

Josh Wright has been detailed into the Big Bar Battalion Chief position

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

- HEPA Filter Memorandum of Understanding. Weaverville Fire has concerns with wording in Section E and the responsibilities of the Departments.
- Butte County had a power plant fire Thermolito in November. The power plant is the same design as the one in Lewiston. The incident took two days to mitigate. Andy Reiling will see if an after action report is available. (Secretary's' note: The after action report has not been completed)
- Qualification cards for firefighters on Federal incidents became an issue this summer throughout OES Region III. The local federal agreement is good for the first 24hours after that time frame other agreements apply which some do require documentation of qualifications. To make check in at incidents smoother qualification cards are highly recommended. Trinity County Departments have the option of having cards printed by TCLS or print in house cards. An example card can be found on the CAL EMA website at [oes@ca.gov](mailto:oes@ca.gov)
- Trinity County will start the Emergency Response Directory (ERD) update at the February meeting. Those with incorrect information will encounter problems during incidents. It is better to take care of issues now than during de-mobilization.

- Wildland Urban Interface Placard has been developed by FIRESCOPE. The placard will be printed on yellow card stock and provide basic structure assessment data at the beginning of the driveway.
- For training personnel to obtain an endorsement for their class “C” license to operate fire equipment the instructor must either be a registered State Fire Marshall Instructor for Driver Operator 1A and 1B or hold a Class B license and have 5 years’ experience as an operator
- DMV has changed back to a self-reporting medical form (546) for those with Class “C” endorsements.
- Health Faire in April at Tops Market

**TC OES:** (Larry Masterman)

- 2012 Emergency Response Guide Books are available
- The up-dated Emergency Operations Plan is pending approval from the Board of Supervisors
- The Emergency Operations Center is scheduled to be completed before wildland fire season
- Innovation grant to target at risk populations. The goal is to identify those residents that would have special needs during a significant event. Some examples are those on oxygen or have mobility issues (walker/wheelchair)
- Jamie Bailey promoted to Detective. Unknown if her new assignment will include coordinating radio issues

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

- February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting on AEMT Protocols. Protocol meetings will start occurring monthly

**Open discussion:**

Brian Craig

- Pickett Peak Fire Net repeater is out of service. STAR is currently using Command Net.
- STAR would like to give personnel a 4 digit identifier. M/S/C to assign the 5600-5699 numbers to STAR.

Next meeting

February 4, 2013

Adjourned

1932 hours

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer