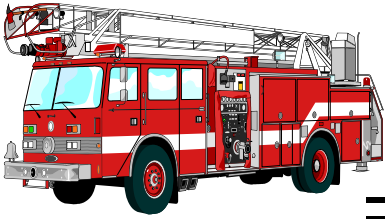


Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2012

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

Personnel in Attendance:

Andy Reiling	SHU	Dave Loeffler	HYF
Jerry Hlavac	HYF	Joe Hernandez	SHU
Tim Spiersch	PMT	Carol Minor	HYM
Frank Moore	HYM	Brain Craig	ZEN
Ellen Craig	ZEN	Tony Valls	CCV
Rusty Mauk	CCV	Ken Rieke	TCC
Ken Langston	TCSO	James Stone	LN Curtis
Jeff Lee	PG&E	Larry Masterman	TC OES
Constance Mitchell	TC Public Health	Alex McBath	SHF
Rob Barcellona	TCLS	Kathy Ratliff	TCLS
Mel Deardorff	LEW	Flavia Dexheimer	JCF
Justin Kerwick	JCF	Martin Dooly	DWR
Elena Letton	DOU		

Approval of Minutes:

It was M/S/C to approve the January 9, 2012 Association meeting minutes as submitted.

Hyampom Fire: (Frank Moore)

Frank Moore has resigned as chief of the Hyampom Fire Department. He will represent Hyampom Fire until further notice.

LN Curtis: (James Stone)

An LED light box was demonstrated. The light box is smaller, less weight and brighter than the older light boxes. It retails for \$239.00 and comes with a 12 volt charger.

PG&E: (Jeff Lee)

One of the items identified in the report following the San Bruno Pipeline Explosion was the working relationship of PG&E and emergency responders. The Public Utilities Commission mandated that PG&E provide training to emergency responders and establish better communications for responders. PG&E has developed a course and response booklet. 8 Safety Specialist were hired to provide the training which takes approximately 2.5 hours. The course follows the response booklet and covers how to safely handle both gas and electrical incidents. It is recommended that each response vehicle carry the booklet similar to an Emergency Response Guide for hazardous materials incidents. It was suggested that 4 classes be provided in Trinity

County for fire department personnel. Potential locations would be Down River, Southern Trinity, Hayfork, and Weaverville. Targeted dates are May 7-10 with the Training Committee to establish the final schedule.

More information is available at www.pge.com/firstresponder, an emergency phone number was provided 1-888-743-4911. This phone number is only to be used for communication between an incident and PG&E and should **not** be used to report down power lines or used by the public.

HEPA FILTER Distribution: (Constance Mitchell)

The county purchased 18 High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units in 2008 to provide clean air during the wild land fires. The goal is to strategically place the units throughout the county. Places that store the units must be dry, maintain a usage log, and have a calibrated digital carbon monoxide detector with battery back-up. Proposed process for obtaining a HEPA Filter:

Step one-Contact Trinity County Dispatch to request a unit(s) (not needed if unit storage is at point of use)

Step two-Dispatch to notify County OES. Storage facility would need to contact County OES if unit is used at the facility)

Step three-OES will assist in delivering the unit(s).

Step four-OES to inform Public Health that a unit(s) are in use.

Step five-maintain unit log

Step six-return to facility

Step seven-storing facility to contact Public Health and provide usage report

Step eight-Public Health will inspect units once per year.

There is no data on the filter life when used for wildland fires. Additional data may need to be collected until a base line is established. Manufacturer literature suggest that the pre filter had an estimated life span of 168 hours when used in a shelter Members present believe an air flow device was needed to ensure the unit was moving the designed amount of air similar to those used in the heating and air industry. A memorandum of understanding is being developed for the storage and use of the units. Those needing more information can contact Constance Mitchell or Kathy Ratliff.

C.E.R.T. training Sponsors: (Larry Masterman)

Larry is looking at ways to lower the cost to the students for Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) to be held March 2, 3, and 4th. The cost per student is currently \$110.00. The Hospital, Health Care Foundation, and Trinity River Lumber have all donated to assist in lowering the cost. Training would include fire extinguisher training, light rescue, and each student would receive a bag of items (helmet, gloves, flashlight, flagging etc...). The Association was asked if they could provide funding to assist in offsetting student cost for the training. With the up coming trainings it is unknown how much funding the Association will need to provide in order to ensure training success. While the Association Members present felt the training is important, they were not in favor of supporting the training financially.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication: (Martin Dooly)

No change has occurred. The County has not issued a Request for Proposal (RFP). Until the RFP is completed the narrow band transition is on hold.

(Alex McBath) USFS is changing initial attack air to ground frequencies this year. When the final frequency list is released it will be forwarded to the Association.

(Brain Craig) Kettenpom/Zenia is having pager problems. It appears that the second tone has been shortened and will not activate the pagers

Decon: (Scott Alvord)

Scott Alvord and Kyle Johnson will be meeting with Chief Andy Nichols from Anderson Fire Department get an inventory and pictures of their decon trailer for comparison

Training: (Scott Alvord)

A 6 month Training Plan was handed out. The plan identifies, class date(s) class title, class location, class time, pre-requisites, and special instructions for example, targeted audience or safety gear requirements. (See attached). It is anticipated that county wide trainings will not be held during the summer unless an unexpected opportunity arises.

Treasurer's Report:

Five members have paid their dues bringing the checking account to \$4918.46.

M/S/C to change the checking account signature card to the current President Martin Dooly, Vice President Dave Murphy, CAL EMA Operation Area Coordinator Scott Alvord and Secretary/Treasure Andy Reiling.

CAL FIRE: (Joe Hernandez)

New Public Resource Code 4290 language is being proposed. Changes reflect current court interpretation, provide flexibility to the director on inspections, removes redundancies, and defines avenue for local jurisdiction to inspect.

USFS: (Alex McBath)

The hiring process for temporaries has started.

TCSO: (Ken Langston)

- Entering mid year budget adjustments
- OES Managers position is open for candidates
- Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) grant process is moving forward

TC OES: (Larry Masterman)

- March 7th living on Shaky Ground presentation flyer forth coming
- ICS 300 in May/June

CALEMA Op Area: (Scott Alvord)

- Conference call, realigns CAL EMA to work directly for Governor
- Pat O'Bannon goal to attend a couple of local meetings per year
- Emergency response directives need to be returned to Scott
- Emergency Response Guide Books for Hazardous materials due in the county at the end of March/beginning of April.

Fire Safe Council:

Pat Frost contacted Martin Dooly to advise that the Association advertisement in the Wildland Fire Preparedness insert in the Trinity Journal was due by March 28th and that the Resource Conservation District most likely would not be able to fund the ad this year. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

Open discussion:

- Frank Moore suggested that surplus equipment be placed on the website so other departments could view the list. Any items a department has in excess can be forwarded to Chief Dooly
- OTS grant opens Friday. The Grant is for 100% of purchase with no matching funds. A minimum of five departments need to apply. Down River Fire has agreed to be the lead agency.

Next meeting

March 5, 2012 at 1800 hours

Adjourned

1953 hours

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer