



Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2012

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

Personnel in Attendance:

Martin Dooly	DWR	Scott Alvord	WEA
Mel Deardorff	LEW	Flavia Dexheimer	JCF
Corky Kimball	TCLS	Kathy Ratliff	TCLS
Rob Barcellona	TCLS	Mark Belden	AMR
Larry Masterman	TC OES	Stew Richter	SHF
Ken Rieke	TCC	Sue Ayers	SLY
Judy Hixen	SLY	Kara Davis	Nor Cal EMS
Elena Letton	DOU	Frank Moore	HYM
Carol Minor	HYM	Joe Hernandez	SHU
Tim Spiersch	PMT	Jerry Hlavac	HYF
David Loeffler	HYF	Andy Reiling	SHU
Mark Loveless	CHP		

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the February minutes as submitted with the following clarifications:

- Excess equipment can be submitted directly to the web site
- USFS will narrow band Trinity County Fire Net

Mobile supply Unit for MCI's: (Mark Belden)

A mobile supply unit for multi-causality incidents is housed at the AMR head quarters in Redding. The unit has 50 back boards, trauma bags, triage tags, markings for triage areas, and 2 large oxygen cylinders capable of serving 16 people.

Office of Traffic Safety Grant: (Martin Dooly)

Most of the grant paperwork will be completed by Chief Dooly. In order to complete the paperwork those departments that are participating need to write a statement of the problems the departments have with the statistics for the last three years for traffic accidents. James Stone from LN Curtis will be up in mid April to assist in completing the grant. Chief Dooly would appreciate department response prior to James Stone arrival in Trinity County. A minimum of 5 departments need to be in the grant for the grant to be considered. Chief Dooly will send out just the required information to help stream line the process.

Advertisement Insert: (Dooly)

Trinity County Resource Conservation District will cover the advertisement cost for the fire awareness insert. Members at the meeting were given last years insert to provide updates for their department. The deadline to submit updates is March 28th.

Paid Per Call: (Dooly)

Chief Dooly asked how many departments paid their volunteers per call. Hawkins Bar was the only department to acknowledge that their members were paid per call or training. Apparently there is a thought process in Sacramento that all volunteers are paid call firefighters. This came to light during a discussion about background checks and a background check is needed for each person and each entity placed that person work or volunteers with.

A question that could not be answer at the meeting was; where does a department get the funding to complete state mandated programs?

Committee Reports

Communication: (Alvord)

- Meeting was held on February 27th. The Request for Proposal (maintenance of the radio system) has started through the system with anticipated release March 12, bids by March 26th at the Board of Supervisors April 3, and award of contract by April 15th. The early goal for switching to narrow band in early May will not occur.
- The memorandum of understanding between the county and fire departments concerning radio equipment maintenance is being worked on. One of the issues is funding.
- Ownership and lease agreements of repeater sites were discussed. Currently there is no valid permit for Ironsides.
- Next communication meeting for the county March 15th
- The need to change department tones was discussed. The lower tones in areas with low signal strength do not perform as well as the higher tones. Chief Loeffler will work on the problem.
- With homeland security Grant funds 14 Bendix-King hand held radios and 6 Kenwood mobile radios will be purchased. Numbers of radios and type were obtained using the radio survey complete last year.

Decon: (Alvord)

No Report

Training: (Alvord)

- PG&E Training May 7 Southern Trinity
 May 8 Hayfork
 May 9 Weaverville
 May 10 Hawkins Bar
- Haz Mat First Responder Training the weekend of April 7th Weaverville
- I-300 June 13-14 Office of Education Pre-requisite for the class are I-100, I-200, NIMS 700. Registration will open 6 weeks prior to the class date.
- April 14 and 28 Trinity County at the Shasta College training facility
- Readiness Drill TBA

Treasurer's Report:

Four dues payment have been received. Total in the Association checking account \$5,018.46

CAL FIRE: (Hernandez)

- Oak Run has an engine for sell
- Draft of the Big Creek burn plan is under review
- Chief Ciapponi from Cottonwood Fire Department thanks the Trinity County Fire departments for their support.

USFS: (Richter)

Agreement template is the same as last year. Need any personnel changes at the chief level identified so the agreements can be updated.

TC OES: (Masterman)

- The exercise planned with the Bureau of Reclamation started as a table top and has morphed into a full scale exercise with Lewiston and Douglas City. Next meeting is March 15th. Contact Larry if you are attending.
- Received a grant to have classes in Hazardous Materials. Will be scheduling 2 First responder Awareness and 2 decon classes before September.
- CERT Training has moved to the weekend of July 13th. Cost as been lowered to below \$40.00 per student.
- Living on Shaky Ground presentation March 7th
- Multi Causality Basics class in Redding on the 26th. Contact Larry for more information

CALEMA Op Area: (Alvord)

- Anticipate the Emergency Response Guide Books for Hazardous Materials to arrive late April or early May
- Captains Academy Saturday the 9th will be agreements/automatic/mutual aid.

TCLS: (Rob Barcellona)

- Hiring EMT's
- Med radio on Hayfork Bally taken down
- 301 and 302 are having intermittent radio problems on fire net. In order to narrow the problems down please inform Rob if you experience radio problems with any of the TCLS Units.

- May 12th EMS Expo

Corky

- Receiving positive feedback
- Contact if your department needs medical training

CHP: (Mark Loveless)

Departments and officers seem to be working well together.

Nor Cal EMS: (Kara Davis)

- North State Conference Saturday April 28th. Approved for 7 hours of continuing education credits.
- Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) March 27th
- A fact sheet was handed out about Clostridium Difficile AKA “C-diff” if you would like to know more visit Kara’s Korner at the Nor Cal EMS website.

Open discussion:

Martin Dooly:

Downriver Fire will be holding their breakfast fund raisers starting Memorial Day weekend.

Next meeting

April 2, 2012 at 1800 hours

Adjourned

1953 Hours

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer