



Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2011

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

Personnel in Attendance:

Steve Scott	DOU	Jerry Hlavac	HYF
Kara Davis	Nor-Cal EMS	Ken Rieke	TCC
Ellen Craig	ZEN	Brian Craig	ZEN
Jack Braham	SOT	Tim Spierch	PMT
Martin Dooly	DWN	Bruce Haney	TC SO
Eric Palmer	TC SO	Ken Langston	TC SO
Larry Masterman	TC OES	Eric Rudnick	Nor-Cal EMS
Sydney Gladding	STAR	Mike Gladding	STAR
Kathy Ratliff	TCLS	Rob Barcelona	TCLS
Larry Helsley	WEA	Pat Frost	TRCD
Jason Ownbey	USFS	Alex McBath	USFS
Scott Alvord	WEA	David Loeffler	HYF
Andy Reiling	CAL FIRE	Dan Spiess	Nor-Cal EMS

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the April 4, 2011 minutes as submitted with the following correction: Add April 4, to the date line.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: (Pat Frost)

The Fire Safe Council accepted the changes to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) that were submitted within the last month. Most notable was deleting Appendix B which addressed the forming of a fire militia utilizing volunteer departments for fire cache locations. The CWPP will need to be accepted by the Willow Creek Fire Safe Council, the Trinity County Board of Supervisors, and CAL FIRE.

M/S/C to approve the Community Wildfire Protection Plan as submitted at the May 2, 2011 Fire Chiefs meeting.

- There has been a Fire Safe slide showing at the Theater
- Working with the Trinity Journal Staff and Association members the deadline was met for the Prepared for Wildland Fire insert. Pat would like to thank those who assisted. Extra Flyers can be obtained from the Resource Conservation District Office in Weaverville.

Medical Response: (David Loeffler)

The influence a Local Emergency Medical Services Authority (LEMSA) has in a county was discussed at a meeting attended by Supervisor Otto, David Loeffler and representatives from STAR and TCLS. Because of a recent court decision the state EMSA is pushing for counties to have only one LEMSA. Currently Trinity County works with two LEMSA's, Nor Coast EMS and Nor Cal EMS. There are four options being considered.

1. Contract with Nor Cal EMS
2. Contract with Nor Coast EMS
3. Contract with Nor Cal EMS and sub-contract tasks with Nor Coast EMS
4. Contract with Nor Coast EMS and Sub-contract tasks with Nor Cal EMS

Both STAR and TCLS need to look at the protocols and policies to provide best patient care with support for medical providers. Currently Nor-Coast does not certify First Responders but have a lower cost for recertifications. Most training is completed at STAR saving personnel travel time. Nor Cal has expanded protocols for transporting patients between hospitals. The Board of Supervisors will discuss the issue at the May 17th Board meeting. The Association supported a fifth option of waiting a year to work out the potential problems with the LEMSA's prior to switching.

Radios versus Pagers: (Martin Dooly)

With the grant funds becoming available in July, Down River is considering the purchase of a hand held Kenwood Radio that function similar to a pager. The Kenwood radios are less expensive than Minitor V pagers (4 pagers or 5 radios). The radios do have draw backs. They are bigger, do not mute, and the alert tones are not loud. Hayfork Fire attempted to test the Swiss Phone pagers and the sales department was less than helpful. An answer of what brand and type is needed by the July Association meeting. The grant is for \$50,025.00. (Secretary's note: from the survey conducted last year departments need 165 pagers (Southern Trinity included), 8 vehicle radios and 47 hand held radio. The vehicle radio and hand could increase because the radios could not be confirmed as narrow band capable were left off the need to replace list. The survey has not been update from those departments that recently purchased pagers and radios.)

Roadway Response Protocols: (David Loeffler)

Humboldt Roadway Response guidelines were passed out at the last meeting with the intent to add them to the Trinity County Operating guidelines. While the idea of the roadway guidelines is needed, the guideline needs to reflect operations in Trinity County. Scott Alvord, Martin Dooly, Jerry Hlavac and Andy Reiling will draft a guideline to meet Trinity County's needs.

Midland Radios: (Larry Helsley)

The midland radio Frequency list is posted on Trinity 911 web site. Disregard paragraph three which references a glove box. A surplus of King hand held radio are coming able. Belief they are EPH models. The radios should be ready to pass out to departments in 6-18 months.

Richard Smith Retirement Recognition:

M/S/C to induct Richard Smith has an honorary member of the Trinity County Fire Chief's Association.

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$1940.46 is the Association checking account.

CAL FIRE:

- It is that time of year when there are small vegetation fires and escape burns. Remember to contact Redding for those fires within the Shasta Trinity CAL FIRE and USFS areas. Contact Humboldt for those fires west of the Shasta Trinity Forest boundary.
- Earliest for CAL FIRE will be one engine the week of May 23rd (That has be push back to May 30th)
- Burn Restriction in effect. Dooryard resident permit burn hours are 0600 to 12 noon. Those with a non-standard burn permit will need a LE- 5 permit from the agency having wildland protection. LE -5 burn hours open to the discretion of the permit writer.
- Annual Operating Plan is forthcoming. Waiting to determine the new water tender rates. Personnel rates are up, equipment rate are down and the administration rate is set at 10%.
- New Captain at Hayfork this year.
- The new Shasta Trinity Unit Chief (Rick Kyle) will be at an Association meeting sometime this summer.

USFS: (Alex McBath)

The USFS will be staffing equipment on May 22nd. Anticipate 7 day coverage on most equipment. Fire outlook above 3000', forecasted to be below normal due to snow pack. Outlook below 3000' forecasted to be normal. There is significant blow down and bug kill in areas of the Unit. Gates should be open on Memorial Day weekend. Annual Operating Plans can be handed into Jason Ownbey.

Trinity County Sheriffs Department: (Bruce Haney)

Ken Langston was introduced as the next Undersheriff. Ken will be taking over the duties when Eric Palmer retires.

(Eric Palmer)

- River flows are up. If you have problem contact the sheriff by 911. There is a system in place to relay the information to the Bureau of Reclamation.
- Incident response to Terrorist Bombing class available. Class would be 4 hours long and a minimum of 20 students is needed. The full class is offered in New Mexico and is funded by grants. Contact Andy Reiling if interested.
- The Disaster Relief Initiative has been submitted by the Board of Supervisors.

CALEMA Op Area: (Scott Alvord)

- Departments were asked if they could support strike teams in and outside Trinity County. Most of those departments present could support in County Strike Teams but could not support out of County Strike Teams. Post Mountain and Southern Trinity could not support out of district responses citing lack of qualified personnel.
- Readiness Drill June 11th and 12th. Will need engine number and number of personnel by the June 6th association meeting.
- Medical First Responder course starting May 9th at Weaverville.

TCLS: (Kathy Ratliff)

- Trinity Hospital and TCLS working on the Medical repeater on Oregon Mountain
- Grant funding to install a generator at the Weaverville station has been obtained
- Corky taking over the duties as Clinical leader. He will be the contact for quality assurance.

- Oxygen generator to be installed at one TCLS stations

Nor-Cal EMS: (Kara Davis)

New office is located at 457 Knollcrest Drive Suite 120 in Redding. Advisor Council is tomorrow. Change to BLS Protocols to match Heart Association guidelines. Lunch provided. North State Pre-hospital Conference May 21st, you can pre register online at norcalems.org

Open discussion:

Martin Dooly Red Cards: Red Cards have expired. Martin asked if one: does the Red Card need an expiration date and two: if an expiration date is required can the cards be issued with the training cycle. A Chief can set his/her expiration date. Cards general need to be updated once a year to reflect mandatory yearly training.

Martin Dooly Monthly Breakfast: The Fireman's Breakfast will be starting on May 29th

Alex McBath Training: The S-130, S-190 and L-180 class are available on line @ nwcg.gov .

You will need high speed internet because of the video content of the training. The Hayfork USFS (628-5227) is putting on a basic 32 hour course.

Jack Branham: No one is qualified for SCBA's in his department and is seeking assistance.

David Loeffler will assist

Next meeting June 6, 2011 @ 1900 hours at Weaverville Fire Department

Adjourned 2036

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer