



Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES May 7, 2012

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

Personnel in Attendance:

Chris Hamous	PMT	Tim Spiersch	PMT
Jerry Hlavac	HYF	Carol Minor	HYM
Frank Moore	HYM	Pat Frost	RCD
Elena Letton	DOU	Mel Deardorff	LEW
Ken Langston	TC SO	Dan Spiess	Nor-Cal EMS
Christy Forward	Ca Casualty	Alex McBath	SHF
David Loeffler	HYF	Scott Alvord	WEA
David Murphy	SLV	Martin Dooly	DWR
Joe Hernandez	SHU	Andy Reiling	SHU

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the minutes as submitted.

Barbeque Fund Raiser: (Howard Freeman)

Tops Market is planning the second annual Best of Trinity County BBQ cook-off. All proceeds will benefit the Trinity County Fire Chiefs Association. The Cook-off will be on July 28th grills starting at 8:00am with judging at 1:00pm. Entry fee is \$50.00. Teams can sign-up by contacting Howard at Tops market 623-2494.

California Casualty Insurance: (Christy Forward)

California Casualty Insurance is offered through the California State Firefighters Association (CSFA). Christy Forward is the California Casualty Insurance representative for 15 northern California Counties. She would like to set up an appointment with each department to explain the benefits available to the members. You can contact Christy at 530-736-6039 or e-mail at cforward@calcas.com

Trinity County Safety Element: (Pat Frost)

The Resource Conservation Center has an agreement with Trinity County to complete the General Plan Safety Element. The target completion date is in the fall of 2013. One of the items to complete is updating the response area map for fire districts. The goal is to complete the response map portion by August 2012. Andy Reiling will get the response area information collected a couple of years ago to Kelly Sheen.

- The annual Community Forest Meeting Tour will be May 17th starting at 6:30pm.

Committee Reports

Communication: (Scott Alvord)

Only received one bid on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for maintenance and narrow banding. A new RFP was created addressing concerns some of the vendors identified. The new RFP has a

target completion date for the narrow banding in October 2012. The new RFP will close on May 21, 2012.

Decon: no report

Training: (Scott Alvord)

- The live fire training at Shasta College was a success.
- Live fire training at Weaverville May 19 and 20. Same instruction will occur both days. Class can accommodate 40 students each day.
- Readiness Drill: The drill is scheduled to occur on June 16th in Weaverville and 17th Hayfork. The drill will be more of an evaluation of resources. The drill scenario will center on a lightning event. One evolution will be hose lays the second evolution will be fire around structure(s). Attendees will need to bring their lunch.
- Auto Extrication (Dave Loeffler) Hayfork will be hosting an AST F-Step auto extrication class July 21-22. There will be no charge for the class but students desiring the State Fire Marshal Certification will need to pay \$25.00. There are 15 slots left in the class.

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$5068.46 in the checking account. The Association received two payments for dues from the Auditors office. One was traced back to Lewiston Fire Department. If your departments account number with the Auditors office is 8221 please contact the Secretary /Treasurer so the correct account can be credited.

CAL FIRE: (Joe Hernandez)

- Schedule to start hiring Firefighters on May 21st with one engine being staffed in Trinity County May 28th.
- CAL FIRE completing California Environmental Quality Act documents for the Big Creek Prescribe burn. With budget restrictions it is unknown at this time the amount of resources CAL FIRE will be able to commit to the project.

USFS: (Alex McBath)

- Started hiring temporary employees scheduled to be fully staffed by June 1st
- Hayfork USFS is hosting a Basic 32 hour course May 14-18.
- Out look for May drier and cooler than normal
- 7 arson fire in the Hayfork area
- Brush has not started picking up moisture
- Burn Permits are required. Those that have a residential permit with Air Quality have the necessary permit on the back of the air quality permit. Those with a non-standard permit wishing to burn piles larger than 4' x 4' or outside of the 0600 to 1200 noon time will need to contact Cal Fire or the USFS for an LE 5 permit.
- Five Cent Gulch burn planned for the fall of 2012
- Muster Hill brush field burn planned for 2014
- Burnt Ranch fire resilient Community project is moving forward. The area will be targeted for clearance inspection to educate the residents on the project and clearances.
- CAL FIRE will be handling fire investigations on private land within the Federal DPA.

Trinity County Sheriff Office: (Ken Langston)

- An exercise sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation will be held at Douglas City School on May 18th

- Homeland Security will be changing the funding format. It is unclear how this will affect future grants.
- Haz Mat Incident Command Course June 20th and 21st.

CALEMA Op Area: (Scott Alvord)

From the Region III operations Meeting;

- The reorganization of CAL EMA will place the agency within the governor's office.
- CSTI is being reorganized
- CAL FIRE has 196 inmate crews this year. At the end of this year it is anticipated that crew strength will start dropping due to the realignment of inmates in the state.
- Exhibit "B" from the California Fire Assistance Agreement was handed out to those in attendance. Exhibit "B" details the minimum requirements for Personnel training, safety equipment, and Type III apparatus inventory for those responding to wildland fires.

Nor Cal EMS: (Dan Spiess)

- Kara Davis was involved in a traffic collision on her way home from the North State EMS Conference. She is taking a few days off to recuperate.
- 225 people signed up for the conference, 31 from Trinity County. Evaluations for the most part were positive. Each presentation was taped and will be place on the web site in the future
- Traffic Incident Management System is available electronically. The material could assist departments in preparing their firefighters in responding to roadway incidents.
- Dr. Rudnick is working a webinar base run review. He is soliciting difficult calls to use as a review.

Open discussion:

Coroner response times (Mel Deardorff)

Lewiston Fire had to wait for 2+ hours for the coroner to arrive at a recent incident. A discussion ensued has to the legality of fire personnel needing to stand by for the Coroner if they have an extend response time. It was acknowledge that each incident would have to be accessed independently. Ken Langston was going to talk with the Coroner to see if there is way to reduce response times.

Phone Service (Frank Moore)

Hyampom has been without phone service for a couple of days. This leaves the Hyampom area without 911 services.

Hoopla Ambulance (Dan Spiess)

Hoopla Ambulance Service is assessing responses into the western Trinity County along the 299 corridor. They may opt to stop providing service to that area.

Next meeting June 4, 2012 at 1800

Adjourned 1945 hours

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer