

Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2012

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Martin Dooly at 1832 hours.

Personnel in Attendance:

Scott Alvord	WEA	David Loeffler	HYF
Martin Dooly	DWR	Dave Murphy	SLV
Josh Schertzer	HBV	Larry Masterman	TC OES
Ken Rieke	TCC	Martie Muller	TCC
Alex McBath	SHF	Flavia Dexheimer	JCF
Brian Craig	ZEN	Elena Letton	DOU
Carol Minor	HYM	Curt Howard	ORBA/CSFA
Joe Hernandez	SHU	Tim Spiersch	PMT
Jerry Hlavac	HYF	Andy Reiling	SHU

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the June Fire Chief's Association Minutes as submitted.

ORB/CSFA: Curt Howard

ORBA Financial Planning is in the business of assisting members making or saving money. They have access to 300 + insurance companies. They assist members in line of duty death or major disability. Curt would like to meet with each department to talk with department personnel that may be interested in financial planning.

Side discussion: Association members present discussed setting up a group to plan for a line of duty death. CAL FIRE recently set up a similar group in the Shasta Trinity Unit. Chief Hernandez will see if a representative from that group could provide information that would assist the Trinity County group. www.psob.gov web site is a good source for information.

AFG Grant: Martin Dooly

Frank Moore is working on the grant so departments can use video conferencing for trainings and meetings. The grant has a 5% matching fund requirement. One of the options being explored is using Association funds for the 5% matching for the recording system. Current estimate for the 5% match is \$2500 per participating department.

Committee Reports

Communication (Scott Alvord)

- Sheriff is negotiating with the vendor on the terms of the request for proposal for radio maintenance and narrow banding.
- The Association Radio Committee will be meeting prior to the August meeting to restart the planning process for the narrow banding of department radios.

- Homeland security funds will be allocated to finish the purchasing of pagers and radios. Funds may need to be re-allocated to address problems that arise during the narrow band change
- (Reiling) CAL FIRE has narrow banded all Trinity County Frequencies. This may mean CALFIRE units will be having a lower volume when being received and units that are not narrow banded will have a higher volume.
- Some department requested radios on past grants and have not picked up their radios. If arrangements are not made to pick-up the radios they will be reallocated to other departments!
- Adding a repeater in Zenia
- Need to get the tones to check battery levels at the repeater sites

Decon (Scott Alvord)

- Inventory was completed. Attempting to acquire a 14' to 16' trailer to store and haul the equipment. Next step is to up date the decon plan. Decon training August 17th and 18th.

Training (Scott Alvord)

- Completed the preparedness exercise. Overall participants like the training better this year. Feed back was received at the Weaverville drill and adjusted at the Hayfork drill to allow more structures to be surveyed during the structure evolution.
- Timing of the drill may need to be addressed next year. Some participants did not like the drill occurring on Fathers Day.
- Possible to move the drill into different communities.
- Extrication drill in Hayfork July 20, 21, and 22. The 20th will be classroom in the evening and the 21st and 22nd will be at Tulley Creek towing to apply what was learned in the classroom. The class size is held at 30 students with only a few slots remaining. Bring a lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Students can receive a State Fire Marshal certificate if they chose to pay the \$25.00 fee.

Treasurer's Report:

The Association checking account is at \$5093.46

CAL FIRE: (Joe Hernandez)

Burn ban went in affect July 1, 2012. No door yard or pile burning.

USFS: (Alex McBath)

SHF has overhead and equipment supporting the large fires. After action review on the Post Mountain fires tomorrow.

Trinity County OES: (Larry Masterman)

- The Emergency Response Guides for hazardous materials are here. Recommend one per vehicle.
- Decon training August 17th and 18th. One will focus on the hospitals decontamination abilities and the other will focus on field decontamination.
- CERT training July 13-15
- DRI grant moving forward a second OES position being filled.

CALEMA Op Area:

- Some departments **still** need to update the Emergency Response Directory contact Scott if you have any questions.
- BBQ cook off July 28th

Nor CAL EMS: (via e-mail)

- The Medical Advisory Committee will be meeting on July 10th at 11:00 o'clock.
- Departments can have Nor-Cal Ems post their fund raising events on the web site calendar.

Fire Safe Council: (Pat Frost)

Fire Wise Community project provided each Fire Wise Community with a couple sheets of commemorative \$0.45 stamps

Open discussion:

- Breakfast in Downriver July 22
- No news on the Office of Traffic Safety Grant
- Phone information was collected and passed on to the Board of Supervisors
- Douglas City will be receiving a new rescue unit this year
- Hayfork will be receiving a new engine similar to a CAL FIRE Model 34 this year

Next meeting August 6, 2012

Adjourned 2017

Andy Reiling
Secretary-Treasurer