



Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES September 13, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Dave Loeffler at 1903 hours.

Personnel in Attendance:

Andy Reiling	CAL FIRE	Bill Britton	WEA
Richard Smith	WEA	Mel Deardorff	LEW
Larry Helsley	WEA	Chris Prindiville	WEA
Kathy Ratliff	TCLS	Larry Masterman	TC OES
Gary Standley	HBV	Nancy Standley	HBV
Ellen Craig	ZEN	Brian Craig	ZEN
Elena Letton	DOU	Pat Frost	TCRCD
Frank Moore	HYM	Joe Hernandez	CAL FIRE
Ken Woods	CAL Chiefs	Dave Loeffler	HYF
Rick Haines	Diamond Back Fire	Martin Dooly	DWN
Flavia Dexheimer	JCF		

Approval of Minutes:

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

Diamondback Fire: (Rick Haines)

Rick Haines presently works for Medford Oregon Fire and sells fire equipment on his time off. He represents the following products: Amkus, Draeger, Unifire, Eagle Air Compressors, and Sperian. One of the items he has sold locally in an electric haul system for over the side rescues.

Cal Chiefs: (Ken Woods Humboldt Fire District)

Cal Chiefs is presently recruiting members. Chief Woods represents 9 northern counties as part of the Cal Chief OPS Section. The OPS section was started four years ago and is the central clearing house on topics effecting fire departments of all sizes. One of the topics they have been working on is the DL171 program. Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) is down sizing the number of testing sites for commercial licensing. DMV started with 30 and is now down to 7. This put a burden on fire departments. Working with Assemblymen Chesbro and Jeffries a Bill (AB1648) has passed both the Senate and Assembly and is awaiting action at the Governors office. If signed by the Governor the way firefighters acquire their license to drive fire apparatus will change. The license will be an endorsement of their Class "C" license. An applicant for the endorsement would need to pass a written test from DMV, obtain a report of medical examination and be approved by the fire department to drive Apparatus. Further the applicant would need to pass a State Fire Marshal Operator 1A/ or equivalent class.

In addition, CAL Chiefs are working on the definition on axle weight between Cal-Trans, CHP and DOT. Currently they entities all have different definitions.

CAL Chiefs is working on the effectiveness of the California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS). Currently there is a problem with keeping personnel current and qualifying new personnel.

Another project Cal Chiefs has under taken is clarifying when safety vests are worn by fire fighters.

If you have department issues that you believe need to be addressed on a state level you can contact Chief Woods at (707) 445-4900 or email at kwoods@hfd1.org

County Emergency Operations Plan: (Larry Masterman)

During the re-write of the Trinity County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) a signature list was created. One of the signatories to the EOP is the Trinity County Fire Chiefs Association. It was M/S/C for the Association President to sign the EOP.

Radio Tones: (Richard Smith for Jason Ownby)

Resources entering the County do not have the ability to select the correct tone when the tone is referred to by it geographical location. It was proposed that departments start using the tone number to describe what tone they are using to communicate. For example, when using the Oregon repeater personnel would hail Trinity Control by stating Trinity, E-2133 Fire Net tone 11. For interoperability, personnel must know the numeric tone identification of repeaters. There was a couple of reasons for not changing; one was the training factor, second, why does Trinity County need to change the way they are doing business to accommodate outside resources. Members of the Communication Committee will work on the solution.

Side Note: On Saturday September 11, 2010 Oregon repeater was out of service due to the power company cutting power to the site. This was a planned event. Some departments affected were notified after the outage some were not. A concern was raised as to why there is no back-up power for the fire repeater.

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$1515.46 in the checking account. To date Dave Murphy has not made it in to North Valley Bank to sign the signature card. The Association Board will look into possible solutions.

CAL FIRE: Joe Hernandez

- John Erwin promoted to Division Chief at North Operations.
- Fire activity is calm but fuels moistures are down.
- A hiring freeze has been implemented
- No overtime unless emergency related

TC OES: (Larry Masterman)

- Decon class was a success
- The Commodity Flow study is in the development stage
- Working with the Department of Water Resources on Flood Fight Training. Training will be one day of class room and one day of field exercises.
- Up coming classes TBA ISC 100, 200, 300, & 400 NIMS 700,800

CALEMA Op Area: (Richard Smith)

Spaghetti Feed September 19, 2010 at Weaverville 4-8pm Proceeds to benefit Serena Brown.

TCLS: (Kathy Ratliff)

The Burrito fundraiser Serena Brown was a success.

EMS EXPO October 9th

Communication Committee: (Martin Dooly)

A draft transition plan is being developed. The plan will use patrol beats for dividing the County into workable areas. Scheduled for implementing the plan will be in May 2012 subject to being able to reach the repeaters. Survey of the radios is 85% complete.

Resource Conservation District: (Pat Frost)

The deadline to submit names for the residents needing assistance in home clearances will be October 15, 2010.

Open discussion:

Flavia Dexheimer: Junction City Fire was requested to water down a landing zone by the Sheriffs Department. This was a planned event that committed the water tender for three hours. The question was should volunteer departments be paged out as if this was an emergency and should the department receive compensation for the time committed. Most attending the meeting felt that if the event is planned then prior arrangements should be made with the local department.

Martin Dooly: September 11th BBQ was attended by Assemblyman Chesbro and a representative from Congressman Herger office. Chief Dooly asked for comments on responding to areas that have daily gun fire. Fire fighter safety is the first priority, if there is a reason responders do not feel comfortable responding, call for law enforcement to secure the scene.

Next meeting

Hayfork Fire Department is moving forward on new engine bays. Bids for the construction will go out in the near future.

Downriver Fire has been denied funding for a community center/engine bay.

Adjourned 2045 hours. Next meeting October 4, 2010 at 1900 hours

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer