# **Trinity County Fire Chief's Association**



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### **MEETING MINUTES** February 4, 2013

**<u>Call to Order:</u>** The meeting was called to order by President Martin Dooly at 1802 hours.

#### Personnel in Attendance:

Brian Craig	ZEN	Ellen Craig	ZEN
Bill German	SOT	Jean German	STAR
Alex McBath	SHF	Karl Fisher	TC BOS
Dan Pulizzano	LEW/DOU	Rusty Mauk	CCV
Stew Richter	SHF	Josh Wright	SHF
Josh Schertzer	HBV	Dan Spies	Nor Cal EMS
Robert Jackson	TC ARES	Ken Rieke	TCC
Larry Masterman	TC OES	Kathy Ratliff	TCLS
Frank Moore	HYM	David Loeffler	HYF
Scott Alvord	WEA	Mel Deardorff	LEW
Martin Dooly	DWR	Ken Vollenweider	SFM
Andy Reiling	SHU		

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

#### Wildfire Prevention Conference: (Martin Dooly)

One of the items covered at the Wildfire Prevention Conference was the pending Insurance Services Office (ISO) changes.

The changes will rate departments using some of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Changes in the gallons of water required for qualifying apparatus. Rate schedules for home owners could see up to a 30% decrease in home owner fire insurance if a department can change from an ISO 9 to an ISO 8. Chief Dooly is attempting to have an ISO or Insurance representative attend one of the Association meetings to provide detailed information on the pending changes.

### School Inspection Program: (Ken Vollenweider)

Chief Vollenweider is the Supervising State Fire Marshal (SFM) Deputy for the north state. The school inspection program is being revitalized. Due to various reasons the school inspection program stopped about five years ago. Schools are required to have an inspection from the fire department annually. If a fire department does not have a paid person the school inspection is the responsibility of the State Fire Marshal. Wendy Collins (wendy.collins@fire.ca.gov) is the local

SFM person that will be conducting the inspections. For those chiefs wanting to participate in inspections within their fire district please contact Wendy with contact information and which school(s) is within your District. Chief Vollenweider is willing to work with those departments with paid personnel in order to meet the intent of the law.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Communication** (Larry Masterman)

Trinity County OES is recommending the following channels for interoperability between responders.

CALCORD (this frequency requires the user to follow an established process in order to operate)

V CALL 10 V TAC 11 V TAC 12 VTAC 36 R (repeatable frequency) VTAC 37 R (repeatable frequency)

The county will be receiving a portable rapid deployment repeater. This repeater uses two King Hand held radios to make the repeater function. The Communication Trailer is being painted. The following topics were discussed:

- 16 channel radios limit the ability of the user especially on multiagency incidents.
- 16 channel radios may work if the fire unit stays in district
- CAL FIRE is adding tones 1, 2, and 3 to the receive side of their air-ground frequency.
- CLEMARS is designated for LE

#### Hazmat

- One bid has been received for a trailer. The trailer in Anderson is being used as a model for storing the equipment. The plan is to use commercial shelving and have the trailer in service by May 15<sup>th.</sup>
- Hazmat training with the regional hazmat team is May  $15^{\text{th}}$ .
- Decon class is being scheduled for mid to late April

### Training

- FRO Hazmat class Salyer
- FRO Hazmat class Hayfork
- Driver Operator course starting February 21<sup>st</sup>. Meets Class "C" endorsement. Course will cover driving and pumping. Sacramento is now the closest place to take the Class "B" drive test. Salyer will be conducting an operator class this Spring.
- The first meeting for the 2013 Trinity County Preparedness Drill will be Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1000. The meeting will be at the Weaverville Forest Service Office.

Treasurer's Report: (Andy Reiling)

There is \$6837.46 in the Association checking account. The following members have paid Association dues for 2013:

Weaverville, Salyer, Nor Cal EMS, Hyampom, Downriver, Hawkins Bar, and Lewiston. A bill for the Appreciation Plaque for Joe Hernandez was submitted by Weaverville Fire. M/S/C to reimburse Weaverville Fire Department for plaque cost of \$116.63

# CAL FIRE: (Andy Reiling)

The Division Chief duties at Trinity River Camp have been spread out to other employees until the position is filled. Division Chief Bret Gouvea from Sugar Pine Camp will oversee both camps. Administrative questions can be forwarded to Andy Reiling or Unit Chief Rick Kyle.

### USFS: (Alex McBath)

The USFS is starting their yearly hiring process. Currently Josh Wright is detailed into Big Bar Battalion position. Continue to burn piles as weather conditions allow.

# CALEMA Op Area: (Scott Alvord)

- Appreciation Cards are being distributed to those departments that have provide Weaverville Fire with the needed information
- Bar Coding: With the number of grant received items, the county has implemented a Bar Code Program. Any new items purchased from grants will be bar coded prior to distribution. Items that have not been coded will need coding in the future. The thought is to have departments bring items that are easily transportable to the Association meeting for coding.
- The Emergency Response Directory will need to be updated for 2013. Information in the directory will be shared with North Ops and Trinity OES

# TCLS: (Kathy Ratliff)

The Life Support Training Schedule for 2013 was handed out.

TC OES: (Larry Masterman)

- The next CERT class will be held May 17-19. Cost is presently \$110.00 per student. Last year donations assisted in bringing the cost per student down to \$20.00.
- MCI training sponsored by the Emergency Service Foundation. Class to be held in April or May. This will be one of the last classes sponsored by the Foundation. They are in the process of dissolving after many years of supporting the emergency community
- Emergency Operation Center construction has started, target date for completion is the end of April.
- Disaster Recovery guide book is available from Larry
- A meeting about the Emergency Operating Plan will be held with school administrators. The focus of the meeting will be the schools and counties roll in emergencies.
- Triage tags are available. Recommended to knot the tags prior to placing the tags on your units

Nor Cal EMS: (Dan Spiess)

- Randy Newell with STAR is starting an Advanced EMT course.
- Pre-hospital Conference April 27<sup>th</sup>. 7 CE are available. Check web site for current information.

# **Open discussion**:

Brian Craig

- STAR has started using the 5600 series of numbers
- The Advanced EMT starts March 4<sup>th</sup>. Brian will be attending the class and not available for the Association meetings
- Pickett Peak repeater is Out of Service

Robert Jackson

The Radio Club is hosting a HAM radio class Tuesdays 7-9.

Dave Loeffler

- Hayfork recently had 12 cadets finish 130 hours of training. Starting a second Academy.
- Receiving a 4 x 4 engine the second week of February.
- Anticipate have the station done by the end of February

Scott Alvord

Weaverville bought an engine from publicsurplus.com.

Next meeting March 4, 2013 Adjourned 1950hours

Andy Reiling Secretary-Treasurer