

Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2013

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

Personnel in Attendance:

Martin Dooly	DWR	David Murphy	SLV
Scott Alvord	WEA	Frank Moore	HYM
Karl Fisher	TC BOS	Stew Richter	SHF
Ken Rieke	TCC	Rusty Mauk	CCV
Bill German	SOT	Randy Newell	STAR
Ellen Craig	ZEN	Brian Craig	ZEN
Kara Davis	Nor-Cal EMS	Larry Masterman	TC OES
Sergio Mendoza	Cal-Trans	David Loeffler	HYF
Jerry Hlavac	HYF	Tim Spiersch	PMT
Steve Scott	DOU	Sean Kavanaugh	SHU
Justin Kerwick	JCF	Andy Reiling	SHU

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2013 meeting with the following addition under Personnel in Attendance; Larry Masterman TC OES

Cal Trans Construction Procedures:

Construction projects have started for Cal Trans. Many of these projects require traffic control. Responders need to remember that the flagger has control of the vehicles entering the construction zone. Code three vehicles are asking for the right of way and responders must follow the flaggers instructions. Waiting for the traffic to clear may be the fastest way to get the responding vehicles thru a construction zone. In most contracts for road work contractors are required to have a plan to move emergency equipment thru a construction zone with limited time delays.

The preferred method for emergency vehicles responding code three thru the Buckhorn Construction project is for the responder's dispatch to contact the Cal Trans Dispatch day time and CHP night time to advise that emergency vehicles are responding and will need escort thru the construction zone. This allows time for the construction project manager to get personnel in place to assist in moving equipment thru the construction zone.

Travel Analysis Plan (TAP): Donna Harmon

The Shasta Trinity National Forest is in the process of analyzing the forest road system. Currently there are 4755 roads on the Forest that cover over 6,000 miles. Projected maintenance cost for the roads are estimated at 5.5 million dollars per year. The forest currently gets 1.2 million for road maintenance. The goal of the analysis is to make recommendations for a

sustainable road system. The Forest is looking for input on what roads are being used and the benefits of the roads. They have collected the data that the forest service has on the roads. The next step is to determine how people use the roads and how often. Input is requested by July 30, 2013. Input can be made by submitting a Travel Analysis input form, (available at USFS Offices), or by going to <http://www.fs.usda.gov/stnf/> .

Homeland Security Grant:

There will be a Homeland Security Grant (HSG) meeting on Wednesday June 5th. There will be estimated \$50-55,000.00 in funds available. The County divides the HSG between Law Enforcement, EMS and Fire. Departments present were asked for items and /or training that is needed. Scott Alvord will be the fire representative and Kathy Ratliff will be the EMS representative.

Committee Reports:

Communication: Frank Moore

The Communication Committee worked on a recommended frequency load for department radios. During the Preparedness exercise multiple departments had challenges meeting the frequency requirements. It is recommended that departments re-access the frequency loads in their radios. The personnel using the radios should be able to operate with local, state and federal resources.

EMS: Martin Dooly

The Title 22 first aide Training Curriculum is in the process of being accepting by Nor-Cal EMS. A Title 22 class will be held 6:00 to 10:00 June 18, 20, 25, and 27th in Weaverville.

The purchase of the Extrication gloves will need approval from the Board of Supervisors. The Board oversees the funds received from DUI and other criminal offenses

Haz-mat: Scott Alvord

- The training trailer was placed in service for the May 15th drill. The drill identified items needed to re-establish emergency and team decontamination capabilities in the county. Grant funding will be needed to purchase items on the list.
- For this year's Haz mat Grant cycle the departments are recommending funding for 3 First Responder Operational trainings and 3 Decontamination trainings.

Training:

- The Preparedness Drill occurred June 1 in Hayfork and June 2 in Junction City. A total of 15 engines went through the exercise. Alex McBath (this year's Incident Commander for the drill) and staff were thanked for making this drill occur.
- Kathy and Scott will be attending a train the trainer in Bio feedback. The system is used in the military to mentally prepare personnel for missions. Since implementing this program the military has 30% less casualties and a 60% drop in Post-Traumatic Stress cases. The goal will be to have a cadre in the county to provide Bio feedback training to emergency responders.

Treasurer's Report: (Andy Reiling)

There is \$6920.83 in the Association checking account.

CAL FIRE: Sean Kavanaugh

Sean is the Division Chief in charge of the West Division for the Shasta Trinity Unit. His office is at Trinity River Camp. His Cell phone is 530-448-2404 and e-mail is sean.kavanaugh@fire.ca.gov .

Burn Ban is in affect for Eastern (South Fork Mountain east) Trinity County. Burning on private property restricted to agriculture and warming/cooking fires.
Stations are at full staffing

USFS: Alex McBath

Stations, lookout, and helicopters are all staffed. Weather forecast is for hotter and drier. Ensure personnel are hydrated and watch for signs of heat exhaustion on personnel that are engaged in arduous activities.

CALEMA Op Area: (Scott Alvord)

- Crack found in a Rescue 42 jack. Crack was most likely caused from side loading the jack. Recommend to inspect your Rescue 42's. If a crack is found contact James Stone from LN Curtis. He will arrange for the jack to be repaired at the manufacture.
- UC Davis Living with Wildfire session was held in Weaverville on June 1. The program was taped and will be available to other departments. A demonstration of how different building products burn was held. Large embers where put on different building materials until they ignited.
- Under agreement, if a department sends equipment and personnel out on a strike team the state will only pay for a change of personnel (must go thru strike team leader) after the equipment and personnel have been committed for greater than seven days.
- Recommend having a red card like document for firefighters going on strike teams. While it is not required by the agreement it reduces problems at check-in for Forest Service incidents
- New Field Operations Guide (FOG) is being printed.
- With this years' early beginning of wildland fire. A strong reminder to ensure LCES is in place before engaging in firefighting.

TCLS: Kathy Ratliff

- The EMS Expo was held with success. It pointed out that situational awareness is need by all
- Pediatric Triage Jump Start Training being expanded to get a wider audience.
- One ambulance being refurbished. This will mean that TCLS will be without one ambulance while the work is being completed.

TC OES: (Larry Masterman)

- The County Communication Trailer is still in progress.
- Emergency Operations Center has minor items left. The biggest item left to accomplish is the ability to talk to all departments and paging departments out. Once completed both the EOC and the Communication trailer will have those capabilities.
- Emergency Operations Plan back from print should be available for departments at the July meeting.
- Upgrade to the reverse 911 system in progress
- Training
 - Assessment of functional need population June 13-14
 - Disaster Recovery Training June 20th
 - Dealing with the media June 25th

Resource Conservation District: Pat Frost

Fire educational handouts are available thru the Resource Conservation District.

Nor Cal EMS: Kara Davis

- Nor Cal EMS has moved to Park Marina Drive next to the Blood Source.
- Nor-Cal EMS has been working on a couple of projects to fulfill state requests. This was a major undertaking for Nor Cal and has require them to solicit information from departments
- Dr. Rudnick in Texas reviewing Paramedic procedures.

Open discussion:

Frank Moore:

Frank inquired about the Stake holders meeting being held June 19th. This is a meeting between the USFS and stakeholders to discuss procedures for the upcoming year.

Karl Fisher:

The 5th Annual Bike Ride is scheduled for the Hayfork area this weekend. With the forecasted weather (at or above 100°) there could be an impact on the emergency responders

Bill German:

Requested that Mad River be recognized as Station 51, Ruth be recognized has Station 55, and Hetten be recognized as station 57. All stations will still be under the Southern Trinity (SOT) Department. M/C/S to approve the numbering system for Mad River, Ruth, and Hetten stations as requested above.

Scott Alvord:

The foam cache is low on Class A Foam. An order is being placed with James Stone to replenish the supply.

Brian Craig:

The radio traffic is starting to get congested on Fire Net. Try and move traffic to a tactical channel.

Dave Loeffler

Grand opening for the Hayfork Safety Facility held June 25th. Estimated 200 people attended. The highlight of the program was Eureka Fire Engine 2 pumping demonstration. Engine 2 is a 1908 steam engine which pumped for a couple hours.

The department received a grant for an extractor washer and air compressor to be installed in the safety facility.

Next meeting

July 1, 2013

Adjourned

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Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer