



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

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**January 4, 2010**

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

### **Personnel in Attendance:**

Bill Britton	WEA	David Murphy	SLV
Justin Kerwick	JCV	Alex McBath	USFS
Betty McBath	DWN	Ellen Craig	ZEN
Brain Craig	ZEN	Eric Palmer	TCSO
Larry Masterman	TC OES	James Stone	L.N. Curtis and Sons
Kathy Ratliff	TCLS	Roger Chatterton	CCV/TCC
Nancy Standley	HBV	Gary Standley	HBV
Joe Hernandez	CAL FIRE	Mel Deardorff	LEW
David Loeffler	HYF	John Hall	TC Com

### **Approval of Minutes:**

M/S/C Minutes approved as submitted.

### **Rural Fire Protection Working Group:**

Members of the Association are very interested in two items on the agenda, Department of Motor Vehicles and Volunteer Service Training. The Working Group will meet on January 14, 2010 in Sacramento. Chief Alvord and Murphy are planning on leaving Weaverville at 0830 and returning after the meeting. There is room for 3 more people.

### **L.N. Curtis and Sons:**

James demonstrated; turnout pocket organizers and fire axes. The Turnout Coat Organizers help reduce tears in turnout pockets by reducing sharp corners. The fire axes are polished steel and sell for \$130-\$165.

### **Winter Training:**

The first two subjects for winter training are Hazardous Materials Refresher and Forcible Entry. After discussion with members present the three other subjects are Structure Fire Tactics and Strategy (with possible simulation), Water Supply Operations (emphasizing inter-operability with neighboring departments), and Wildland Urban Inter face. Members felt that multi-department drills were very beneficial and should be conducted when feasible.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

There is \$1315.46 in the checking account. With the new Association officers, a change in the signature card is required. M/S/C to have the signature card for the checking account reflect the current officers President Dave Loeffler, Vice President David Murphy and Secretary-Treasurer Andy Reiling.

**CAL FIRE:** (Joe Hernandez)

Chief Mike Chuchel retired December 31, 2009. The new Unit Chief is Doug Wenham. Previously Chief Wenham was Operations Chief for the Unit. The Budget is still a concern

**USFS:**

No change from last month.

**TCSO:**

No change from last month.

**TC OES:** (Larry Masterman)

Weapons of Mass Destruction will be held on January 16, 2010. RSVP needs to be in One week before the class. There will be a Haz-Mat First Responder Operational class in Hayfork on February 27 and 28. Members were given a hand out describing the requirement for Haz-Mat responders (attached). In general, the law states that a minimum of 8 hours is needed for Haz-Mat FRO, the 24 hours is a recommendation. For refresher training, an employee must receive enough training to maintain competency.

**TC Communications:**

- No word on Ironsides or Hoadley Peak
- Hayfork Med-Com repeater is possibly down
- Pickett repeater seems to be performing better the last couple of weeks
- A discussion of interoperability between departments was held concerning tactical channels and narrow banding. The CAL FIRE Training Officer will be collecting data on what channels are being used and what radios are narrow band capable. This will assist The CAL EMA Area Coordinator in what equipment has the recommended Fire Scope frequencies.

**CALEMA Op Area:**

There may be a BLM sponsored, Basic Fire Fighter class available this spring. In order for the class to occur, Trinity County needs to have a minimum of 20 people in the class and Modoc County needs to cancel. The classes would be held Friday night and Saturday and Sunday. Please provide Chief Alvord with how many personnel need the Basic Fire fighter Class (S-190, S-130, & S-131).

**TCLS:**

The grant for AEDs has been approved. Each Department will receive an AED. They are looking at a unit that allows the pads to stay on the patient from First Responder to the hospital. A question was asked of James Stone if Departments could by additional AEDs at the contract price. Mr. Stone stated that if L.N. Curtis is awarded the contract extra units can be purchased at a contract price.

**Open discussion:**

- There are still pictures available from when Helen Pellegrini retired
- Appreciation Cards are available. Chiefs need to get the information to Marjie at Weaverville Fire in order to have the cards printed

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Next meeting  
February 1, 2010  
Adjourned  
2045 hours

Andy Reiling  
Secretary-Treasurer