



Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dave Murphy at 1900 hours.

Personnel in Attendance:

Andy Reiling	CAL FIRE	Bill Britton	WEA
Scott Alvord	WEA	Michael Byrd	HYM
Larry Helsley	WEA	Eric Palmer	TCSO
John Hall	TC Comm	Martin Dooly	DWN
Stew Richter	USFS	Brain Craig	ZEN
Ellen Craig	ZEN	Gary Standley	HBV
Nancy Standley	HBV	Mel Deardorff	LEW
Kenny Rieke	TCC	Joe Hernandez	CAL FIRE
Dave Murphy	SLV	Richard Smith	WEA

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C approve the minutes with the following corrections: under the Cal Chiefs title, it should have referenced the DL 170 program not DL171 program. Under the TC OES title third bullet point Flood Fight Training is a one day class not a two day class (emailed in by Larry Masterman).

Oregon Mountain Back-up Power: (John Hall)

The Oregon Mountain Fire Net repeater does not have back-up power. This problem was brought to the forefront on September 11, 2010 when a planned maintenance took place on the power grid servicing the repeater. The Oregon Fire Net repeater is the hub for Fire Net. The consol at Trinity County Sheriffs Department can not open the repeaters at Hayfork, Pickett or Carrville without using Oregon Mountain. This power outage basically left the Sheriffs Department with no way to dispatch fire personnel. Those that were monitoring switched to the Public Works Frequency and a few department members were contacted by phone. There were three options presented to provide back-up power for the Oregon Fire Net Repeater:

Option 1 is to convert the existing repeater to 24volt cost \$2200.00

Option 2 is to replace the existing repeater with a Daniels repeater. The Daniels repeater is currently in storage. If this option is chosen then all Fire Net repeaters would be the programmable Daniels repeaters. Cost \$2500.00

Option 3 is to install an auto start generator. Cost \$3500.00

The recommendation is to install the Daniels repeater. The problem is where the funds would come from to complete the installation. Homeland Security Grant funds are being used to replace

paggers and radios that are not compatible with narrow band frequencies. The Sheriffs Department has not requested any additional funding from the Home Land Security Grant this year (there is a mandate that law enforcement receive a portion of the grant) because of the need to ensure communications for the fire departments. The feasibility of a budget modification of the Home land Security is going to be considered. This would mean fewer paggers purchased this funding cycle. Another funding option was the Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund. While most of the funds from this fund go towards hospitals and doctors, there is a portion that goes toward other emergency medical services. The end result is the repeater needs back-up power or all the paggers and radios are not useable when the Oregon Repeater losses power.

Training Officer Status:

The Amador Training Officer has been approved by the Board of Supervisors for the 2010/2011 training cycle. The Departments will be e-mailed a list of subjects to choose from to formulate the training subjects.

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$1515.46 in the checking account. Dave Murphy was able to sign the signature card. Received a letter Trinity County Administrator indicating the Title III Grant for Contract #09-311 in the amount of \$49,000.00 is now closed. \$569.13 will be disencumbered effective 9-1-2010.

CAL FIRE: (Joe Hernandez)

Fixed wing aircraft will be down staffed at Redding October 15, 2010. Engine and station staffing is determined during conference calls which occur on every Tuesday.

USFS: (Stew Richter)

- There is 450 acres of prescribe burns planned in the TRMU, some in the Muster Hill area
- Temporary workers are scheduled to be laid off on October 9th
- 4 engine 5 day effective
- Lookouts scheduled to be staffed until October 23rd
- Fire restriction have been lifted on the Forest
- Up dating the Operation Plans during the winter
- Thru the winter anticipating filling vacancies

CALEMA Op Area:

Mike Williams has used Structure gear available, contact Richard Smith if interested.

TCSO: (Eric Palmer)

The Sheriff Department advised that it was a miscommunication that led to Junction City Fire Department being requested for a landing zone support mentioned at last months meeting (the miscommunication was not controlled by the Sheriffs Department). It was the discretion of the on scene sheriff officer that requested Junction City Fire to provide landing zone support to minimize pilot and scene dust hazards until other back-up arrangements could be made.

Trinity County Communication:

- Todd Corbett has been hired by Trinity County to do Radio technician work. Departments will pay a fee if Todd works on fire department radios.

- Cards to be created to have Trinity Fire and Trinity Command tones identified by number and location.
- Erect a building inside the Hayfork vault in order to project repeaters. Currently the roof leaks and the build owner are not repairing the problem.
- Pickett Peak propane tank is empty. It is an 1100 gallon tank and will need to be refilled and the thermo-gen relit for the winter. This is a manual thermo-gen that constantly burns.
- Hayfork propane tank is full. This site was converted to an automatic start thermo-gen saving the cost of refilling the 1100 gallon tank every year. It is anticipated that the propane tank will now be refilled every 10+ years.
- A letter asking for support was written to the Tsnungwe Tribe for a repeater on Ironsides Mountain. Ironsides Mountain is an important place inside the Tsnungwe tribal territory. A letter received from the Tsnungwe tribe raises concerns about ground disturbance and request that the Association work with the Forest Service in using existing space allocated for repeaters.
- No new information on the Hoadley repeater site.
- Tested Carrville on the Sheriffs Net and can not hit repeater from Weaverville.
- Automatic number Identification System available in most radios. This would provide a unique number for each radio that is transmitting. Having some issues at Weaverville Fire with the Identification System. Communication Committee to recommend a numbering system.

Open discussion:

Training: (Scott Alvord and Richard Smith)

Both are working with others in the state on revamping the Volunteer Training Program for the State. There is a group in Santa Rosa that made a training guide line using NFPA standards. The training guide lines were adopted by Humboldt and it is hopeful that others in the state will follow suit.

The Ready Reserve Fund is a BLM program to assist in training Departments to NWCG standards. This year's classes will include L-180, S-130, S-190 (for FFI) and S-290 Intermediate Fire Behavior and S-230,231 Engine Boss, S-200 Initial Attack IC, S-215 Fire operations in the Wildland Interface, S-270 Basic Air Operations

When these classes are offer in the County it is important to have personnel sign in as soon as possible. The quicker the County fills each class the more probable a second class will be offered.

Flu season (Larry Helsley)

A flu shot schedule was passed around. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per shot for Flu and \$10.00 per shot for Whooping Cough.

AB 1648 (Martin Dooly)

The bill changing the way Firefighters obtain licensing to drive fire apparatus was signed by the Governor. One of the Authors of the bill will be in Weaverville during the Salmon Festival. It was suggested that some of the local Chief's thank Assemblyman Chesbro in person.

Standard Operating Guide Lines (Andy Reiling)

A hard copy draft of Standard Operating Guide lines was handed out. This is to start the discussion on having a standardize set of guidelines for Automatic and Mutual Aid incidents

in Trinity County between Fire Departments. A draft will be sent by e-mail to the Departments.

Next meeting November 1, 2010
Adjourned 2015 hours

Andy Reiling
Secretary-Treasurer