

Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES 2010

Call to Order: President Dave Loeffler called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Personnel in Attendance:

Mike McMillan	WEA	Todd Corbett	TC DOT
Mel Deardorff	LEW	Joe Hernandez	CAL FIRE
Brain Craig	ZEN	Don Bridge	SOT
Frank Moore	HYM	Roger Chatterton	CCV/TCC
Larry Masterman	TC OES	Joseph Judnick	PMT
Martin Dooly	DWN	Nancy Standley	HBV
Gary Standley	HBV	Eric Palmer	TC SO
Kara Davis	NOR CAL EMS	Alex McBath	USFS
Larry Helsley	WEA	Scott Alvord	WEA
Bill Britton	WEA	David Murphy	SLV
Dave Loeffler	HYF	Rick Tippet	TC DOT
Andy Reiling	CAL FIRE	Flavia Dexheimer	JCF

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the November 1, 2010 meeting approved with the following corrections:

- Med-Net repeater installed on Pickett Peak. Originally, set to use Med 10 (Shasta medical primary dispatch) as the frequency, which may have conflicted, with the Shasta County Dispatching. The repeater is now set to MED 1. The repeater is linked to other repeaters in the *North Coast Medical Repeater* System to enable multiple agencies to communicate during a large scale incident. (add North Coast Medical Repeater)
- The automatic thermal generator ~~was put~~ *remains* in service at Hayfork Bally. The difference between the Manual and Automatic thermal generator is the automatic only burns propane when power is needed (using less than 100 gallons last year). The manual is a constant burner using hundreds of gallons of propane per year. (change the words was put to “remains”)
- The Sheriff Net ~~Weaverville repeater~~ is limited to 25watts per the license agreement. The ~~repeater cannot transmit~~ to the Carville repeater. Most repeaters in the system are at 100 watts. Weaverville repeater changed to “Transmitter-Receiver based in Weaverville”, Repeater cannot transmit to “The radio most likely cannot transmit”
- Under open discussion Roger Moore should be Frank Moore

Life Time Membership: (Dave Loeffler)

It was M/S/C to add Roger Chatterton as a lifetime member of the Trinity County Fire Chief's Association.

Annual Dues: (Andy Reiling)

Per the Association By-Laws, annual membership dues will be set annually by a majority vote of the regular members present at the December meeting. M/S/C to have the dues set at \$25.00 for the 2011 calendar year. In addition, the calendar year for dues and memberships shall be from the first day of January to the last day of December.

Workers Compensation Reimbursement: (Dave Loeffler)

Trinity County has budgeted \$25,000.0 for fire departments Workmen's Compensation reimbursements. Each department is to receive \$1562.50 after the forms have been submitted. (Secretary's note: Contact information for each department was provided to Trinity County to expedite the process)

USFS Surplus Radios: (Larry Helsley)

The Forest Service has a surplus of 39 mobile radios. They are Midland XTR 99 channels trunk mount radios with separate control heads and external tone boxes. Radios will need to have frequencies loaded. Radios are available to fire departments, law enforcement and medical providers. Available with the radios are the operating manuals, programming software and a limited number of programming cables.

In addition leather cases for King handheld radios are available. Weaverville Fire Department will maintain the tracking records to comply with Forest Service surplus property distribution. Submit request at the January Chief's Association meeting.

USFS area maps are still available.

Communications Technician: (Rick Tippet)

The county has hired a part time Communications Technician (Todd Corbett). The Communications Technician works for the Department of Transportation (DOT) installing radios and troubleshooting repeaters, radios and other communication equipment. In order for the Communication Technician to work on fire departments/districts radios, a formal agreement would need to be established. The reason being, the county cannot be in competition with private vendors. One test given to establish whether it is competition would be if the service is consistent and sustainable. An interpretation would be the technician would work so many hours per month/year for "x" number of months/year. Because departments do not know when or if they will need a technician's service, the feasibility of entering into an agreement would be questionable.

Snow Removal: (Rick Tippet)

The County Snow Removal Policy was not on the agenda but the opportunity to discuss the topic with the personnel involved arose. The County DOT is down to 30 personnel. With the current staffing and budget restrictions, the county can barely keep the main roadways open during snow storms. If the Forest Reserves Funds are cut, DOT will most likely lose 10 positions, which will further hamper the ability for DOT to maintain the roads. When requested by the sheriff's office, DOT will try to open roads for emergencies. Equipment and personnel would need to be in the area in order to be effective in a timely matter. DOT does have the ability to charge a party for plowing a road for emergency access but it has not been implemented.

Weaverville Fire Hazard Reduction: (Mike McMillan)

Item postponed until 2011, due to technical difficulties.

Treasurer's Report: (Andy Reiling)

There is \$1540.46 in the Association Checking Account. The updating of the signatory card for the checking account is on hold pending the CAL EMA Operation Area Coordinator position and the retirement of the past Association President.

CAL FIRE: (Joe Hernandez)

The Shasta County volunteer station in Platina has closed due to a lack of personnel to staff the station. The equipment assigned to the station is being dispersed in Shasta County.

USFS: (Alex McBath)

- There has been a site improvement at the Trinity Heli-Base. Improvement includes an obelisk with the names of the fallen firefighter from 2008.
- Planning on burning the Croften piles
- Will provide a 15-minute presentation on the purposed Trinity Alps Prescribe burn scheduled to occur in the fall of 2012.
- Personnel vacancies have been filled. With the current hiring, engines will be 7 day effective next summer.

CALEMA Op Area: (Scott Alvord)

- Dan Tinnel for CAL EMA is retiring at the end of the month.

Up coming Training:

- S-290 Intermediate Fire Behavior January 29-30 and February 12-13
- S-200 Initial Attack Incident Command February 25
- S-230/231 Crew Boss Engine Boss March 11-13
- S-130/190/L180 Basic Fire Fighter Training April 1-3 and 8-10
- S-215 Fire Operation in the Wildland Urban Interface June 3-5

Nor Cal EMS: (Kara Davis)

- Class to be held February 25th Shock and Intraosseous
- Airway management class May 20th
- Remember to wear masks if respiratory symptoms require protection from droplets.

Trinity County Sheriffs Department: (Eric Palmer)

- There is a bomb recognition class available in New Mexico sponsor by Department of Homeland Security. The cost of the class is mostly paid for by Homeland Security.
- Asked if the back-up power had been installed for the Fire Net Repeater on Oregon. No one in the room had a definite answer. (Secretary's note: back-up power and upgrade completed on December 16, 2010.)

Larry Masterman:

- Thank you for those that completed the Grand Jury Survey. The Grand Jury will be meeting this week to discuss the information provided.
- Flood Fight Training, 30 personnel have enrolled in the class. Have room for 10 more.

Open discussion:

Dave Loeffler DMV:

DMV contacted most departments by mail informing them that commercial drivers and departments needed to take steps in order to comply with a new law that goes into effect January 1, 2011. For those that did not receive a letter you can contact DMV at 916-657-6550 for assistance.

Scott Alvord Appreciation Cards:

Anybody with update information needs to get it into Weaverville Fire this week so updating of the appreciation cards can be completed by the first.

Scott Alvord Fire Code Book:

Weaverville Fire has an extra copy of the 2001 California Fire Code available

Mike McMillan home clearances:

Weaverville Fire is developing a template for other departments to use to assist homeowners with vegetation clearances around structures. To date Weaverville Fire has completed 55 30' clearances in the spring of 2009, 88 100' clearances during the late winter of 2009 and are aiming for 200 100' clearances within the next funding cycle utilizing Title III funds.

Martin Dooly tone maps:

Tone maps are available for \$45.00 per hundred. It was M/S/C for the Association to reimburse Chief Dooly for the first 100 labels. Labels will be distributed to the local volunteer departments and medical responders. Federal and State Departments will be responsible for getting the information out to their personnel.

Martin Dooly Down River Community Safety Building:

Chief Dooly is requesting support with the Board of Supervisors concerning funding for the Down River Community Safety Building. The Board has tentatively schedule discussion for December 21 possibly in the afternoon.

Dave Loeffler Hayfork Fire Station:

Bids have gone out twice for the new Hayfork Fire Station. Both times the bids have come in too high. The building is going out for bid the third time with down scaled plans to cut cost.

Roger Chatterton Trinity Center Annexation:

Trinity Center Community Services District is in the process of annexing the private property to the South of the District. The last step in the process was to seek public comment. Since there were no protests to the annexation, the area South will be included into the Trinity Center Community Services District.

Next meeting: January 3, 2011

Adjourned: 2027 hours

Andy Reiling, Secretary-Treasurer