



# Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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## MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2011

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Dave Loeffler at 1901 hours.

### **Personnel in Attendance:**

Elena Letton	DOU	Joe Hernandez	CAL FIRE
Nancy Standley	HBV	Gary Standley	HBV
Frank Moore	HYM	Justin Kerwick	JCF
Tim Spierch	PMT	Joseph Judnick	PMT
Don Bridge	SOT	Martin Dooly	DWN
Larry Masterman	TC OES	Eric Rudnick	Nor-Cal EMS
Dan Speiss	Nor-Cal EMS	Kathy Ratliff	TCLS
Jack Branham	SOT	Mike Martinez	CHP
Eric Palmer	TC SO	Ken Rieke	TCC
Larry Helsley	WEA	Scott Alvord	WEA
David Murphy	SLV	Bill Britton	WEA
David Loeffler	HYF	James Stone	L.N. Curtis
Andy Reiling	CAL FIRE		

### **Approval of Minutes:**

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the January Chief's Association meeting as submitted.

### **SRA/LRA:** (Dave Loeffler)

Dave Loeffler was contacted by Assembly Chesbro's office concerning the proposed shift in lands from State Responsibility Area (SRA) to Local Responsibility Area LRA. Chief Loeffler has concerns with the proposed shift and advised Assemblyman Chesbro's office that it did not make sense for the Trinity County Fire Departments. In order for a shift to take place existing laws would need to be changed. One of the criteria to be currently eligible for LRA is the structure density of more than 3 structures per acre over a 250 acre area. The proposal is to change the structure density. After the laws are changed the remapping process would start. Currently it takes a couple of years to work through the mapping process.

### **Surplus Mobile Radios:** (Larry Helsley)

Larry requested a firm number from those departments wishing to secure one of the Midland radios. Coffee Creek 3, Douglas City 4, Down River 2, Hawkins Bar 2, Hyampom 4, Junction City 8, Southern Trinity 4, Trinity Center 3 and John Hall 4 . Out of the 39 radios 34 have assigned locations. Departments can pick-up their radios at the March meeting.

### **L.N. Curtis and Sons:** (James Stone)

- L.N. Curtis is phasing in on-line purchasing. Currently excepting credit card orders and will be offering departments the ability to set up in house accounts.
- Office of Traffic Safety Grant dead line is February 28, 2011. Departments can apply on line. James recommends applying for a regional grant and will assist in the grant application preparation.
- L.N. Curtis is offering a disposable Carbon Monoxide meter. It is made by Industrial Scientific, it has a two year life span and sells for \$175.00

**California State Fire Association:** (Dave Loeffler)

Dave was advised by the California State Fire Association (CSFA) that Ron Coleman and Mike Williams from CSFA will be in Trinity County April 3, 2011.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Andy Reiling)

There is \$1890.46 in the Association Checking Account. There are only a couple of fire departments that have not paid the \$25.00 annual membership dues.

**CALEMA Op Area:** (Scott Alvord)

- After discussing the current situation in Trinity County with the CAL EMA Region III personnel it was decided that Scott Alvord would act as the interim CAL EMA Area Operations Coordinator for Trinity County. This title would be more in line with his interim Chief position at Weaverville Fire Department.
- Scott is up-dating the department inventory sheets for 2011. If you have updates or have not seen the inventory for your department please contact Scott.
- Surplus hand held radios coming available through state telecommunication. They are Motorola model NK 2000. Motorola has discontinued support for this model. Departments would need to acquire software, cables to program and batteries. The batteries cost approximately \$40.00 each. There are approximately 60-80 radios available.
- LPG class. Will need 50 student minimum for the class to be held. The class will be scheduled this summer.
- Ready Reserve class S-200 Initial Attack Commander is scheduled for February 25-27.
- March 11-13 Crew Boss training
- April 1-3 and 8-10 (2 weekends) S-130, S-190, L-180. Check [firecourse.com](http://firecourse.com) for up to date information.
- Passed out CD on Carbon Monoxide (The silent killer) to departments present
- Scott shared a PG&E training video with FC Johnson. This should be part of Amador training curriculum.
- Weaverville is instituting a rehabilitation policy. The policy was used during recent training by TCLS and Weaverville Fire to work on any problems that arose. Kathy Ratliff reminded Chiefs that TCLS automatically responds to fires within close proximity of Weaverville and Hayfork and can be requested for the outlying areas if there is a need and they are available.
- Reminder Critical Stress Incident Debriefing is available with in county peers.

**CAL FIRE:** (Joe Hernandez)

- Crews are working on Buckhorn Summit between mile mark 2.1 and 4.3. Cal-Trans is planning a road realignment project this summer.
- CAL FIRE engine crews will have one less firefighter this year. This equates to 38 firefighter jobs that the Shasta Trinity Unit will not fill this year. Some of the Units may

elect not to use the interview process because of the excess number of firefighters available.

- The Wildland Preparedness Exercise Trinity County 2011 is in the planning stage. The exercise will consist of a one day training covering multiple topics. Depending on participation, a second day (same training) maybe offered at a different site to provide training to more individuals. Most departments present at the meeting committed to sending equipment and personnel. Training to occur on a weekend during the middle of June.

**Trinity County OES:** (Larry Masterman)

- The Board of Supervisor is looking at the 13 submitted proposals to the Disaster Initiative to affirm they comply with the criteria guidelines. Submitted proposals include adding hydrants, reroofing the hospital to meet fire resistant standards, and building of public safety facilities.
- Multi-causality training February 16 and March 16 at Weaverville Fire Department. There is a maximum of 30 students for the class. Must attend both classes to obtain certification.

**TCLS:** (Kathy Ratliff)

- CPR cost is rising to \$25.00 per student. The actual cost is \$39.00 per student but TCL is absorbing some of the cost. There is an update with the new CPR material available and could be combined with an ALS interface class to get the most out of the training opportunity.
- Title 22 class to begin in Hayfork. Possibly looking at scheduling a class downriver if the needed. Southern Trinity reported that a Title 22 class was needed for there new firefighters. The cost of Title 22 training is the books. Some departments have purchased books and provide them to firefighters taking the course.
- First Responder Medical changing to Emergency Medical Responder. The course is 44 hours. Scott Alvord and Bob Bryan to attend train the trainer course. If taught through Shasta College there is a minimum of 20 students. Looking for a sponsor so departments will not have to pay.
- Nor-Coast EMS is actively pursuing Trinity County. Clarifying that it is in the best interest for TCLS to remain with Nor-Cal EMS. Nor-Cal EMS has protocols in place that allows TCLS personnel expanded capabilities when transferring patients between hospitals from Nor-Coast protocols. The Nor-Coast system deals with hospitals of same size and capabilities in contrast, Nor-Cal protocols are set for small hospitals transferring patients to larger hospitals.

From Southern Trinity Fire: Departments are losing EMT's because they can not afford the recertification fees. Nor-Coast does offer a slightly lower recertification fee than Nor-Cal EMS.

**CHP:** (Mike Martinez)

CHP is offering training for traffic control on incidents. Options on the table are a train the trainer course which personnel from interested departments would attend a class at CHP and take the information back to their departments. Another option would be to add the training to the Wildland Preparedness exercise and/or the EMS expo.

**Nor-Cal EMS:** (Dan Speiss and Eric Rudnick)

- North state Conference at Win River May 21<sup>st</sup> some of the subjects covered will be adult and pediatric assessment and heat emergencies. Scholarships available to the first 10 who sign up.
- May 20 Airway Program morning lecture afternoon skills limited to 30 students
- King airway Power point available on line

**Hazard Reduction:** (Mike McMillan)

The program has been in operation in the Weaverville area for a couple years. 50 structures were in the first phase of the program. The goal was to get 30' clearances around residences using personnel from the S.M.A.R.T. program. 80 sites were in the second phase working with Firestorm crews focusing on 100' clearances. Mike McMillan is paid to administer the program for Weaverville Fire Department. The goal would be to expand the service to other areas of the county. Weaverville Fire has created a template for other Departments to start the program in their Districts.

Next meeting: March 7, 2011

Adjourned: 2053 hours

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer