



# Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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## MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2010

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

### **Personnel in Attendance:**

Alex McBath	USFS	Katie Quinn	American Cancer Society
Mel Deardorff	LEW	Zach Collins	LEW
Gene Benassini	DOU	Joe Hernandez	CAL FIRE
Joseph Judnick	PMT	Tim Spierch	PMT
Gary Standley	HBV	Nancy Standley	HBV
Brain Craig	ZEN	Ellen Craig	ZEN
Larry Masterman	TCOES	Stew Richter	USFS
Kathy Ratliff	TCLS	Martin Dooly	DWN
John Hall	TC Com	Mike McMillan	WEA
Ron Harris	HYM	Michael Bryd	HYM
Frank Moore	HYM	Larry Helsley	WEA
Larry Hayes	USFS	David Murphy	SLV
Richard Smith	WEA	Roger Chatterton	CCV/TCC
Bill Britton	WEA	John Erwin	CAL FIRE
Tom Fields	Shasta-Trinity ROP	Fred Tulley	CAL FIRE
Dave Loeffler	HYF	Andy Reiling	CAL FIRE

### **Approval of Minutes:**

M/S/C to approve minutes from the May meeting as submitted.

### **County Communications Meeting:**

- AFG grant submitted for pagers and radios. New equipment will assist with the transition to narrow band.
- Reviewing if Home Land Security funds can be used to purchase pagers.
- One solution for the Ironsides repeater site is to move the Vault from the Hoadley Peak site. This would have to be approved by the USFS. In addition, funding for the move would need to be obtained

### **Relay for Life:** (Katie Quinn)

This years Relay for Life will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Relay for Life is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and raises funds for cancer research; education and advocates on behalf of cancer patients. Scheduled at 1200 will be 15 minute ceremony honoring local emergency workers. Each Department is being asked to have at least one member present.

Will the fire service have a team in this year Relay for Life? If not those wishing to participate can join the team being organized by TCLS.

**County Wide Web Site:** (Mike McMillan)

The Weaverville Fire Department has a web site. It is envisioned that a County wide web site would have a location for each department, a training calendar, fire safety, photos, and related news. Departments would need to supply their own photos and basic information.

M/S/C to have Mike McMillan be the web master for the Trinity County Fire Chief's Association web site. The name of the site is yet to be determined.

**Regional Occupation Program Fire Training:** (Tom Fields)

Begin August 21, 201 Trinity High School will offer a class on Saturdays that will focus on preparing students for the fire service. Hazardous Material First responder, Confined Space Awareness, First Responder Medical and Fire Control I are part of the curriculum. This will be a three year pilot program. Depending on class size the instructor hopes to provide training opportunities to the local Departments.

**Treasurer's Report:**

There is \$1465.60 in the Association checking account.

**CAL FIRE:**

Weaverville station is staffed. Full scheduled to be complete by July 5. Staffing will be the same as last year, four personnel per engine. Trinity River Camp has all Captain Positions filled. John Erwin gave an overview of how engines were ordered throughout the State. In addition he explained the difference between Master Mutual Aide and California Fire Assistant Agreement.

**USFS:** (Alex McBath)

A five year agreement and a one year Operating Plan between the USFS and local Departments is being distributed. Discussion followed centering on Unified Command and Administration rates.

A Fire Department needs to enter into Unified Command when structures within that Fire Departments jurisdiction are threatened or burning. This allows the local Fire Department input on how the structures will be protected. The local Department would need to agree to a cost share of the fire and commit what resources are available for that department. In addition, the Department would be able to ask for Master Mutual Aide. By not entering into Unified Command the Department is relinquishing their responsibility.

The administration rate is set by Forest Service staff and is not negotiable by individual Forests. Multiple Departments have refused to sign the new Operating Plan.

**CALEMA Op Area**

Caesar Partida is the new Regional Coordinator for CAL EMA Fire Rescue. Doug Wenham is the Assistant Regional Coordinator. Most Counties are losing the ability to staff strike teams.

**Sheriff/OES:** (Larry Masterman)

- Personnel from Susanville and Humboldt attended the pipeline safety training in Mad River.

- Haz-Mat FRO CSTI is being offered. Those who are thinking of becoming a CSTI Haz-Mat instructor will need this class. The Instructor Class to be offered in September the same week as EVOC. A minimum number of students will be needed.
- DECON class will be offered in August.

**TCLS:** (Kathy Ratliff)

During the month of May Kathy recommended to the Board of Supervisors to stay with Nor-Cal EMS. The recommendation came because it was questionable if North Coast EMS would be granted the authority from the state to retain certain protocols used by TCLS. The agreement with Nor-Cal EMS is for one year.

M/S/C the Association supports the decision to retain Nor-Cal EMS in order to maintain current level of service.

**Open discussion:**

Downriver has passed the first hurdle in acquiring a grant for a station.

Next meeting July 12, 2010

Adjourned 2105 hours

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer