



Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES July 11, 2011

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

Personnel in Attendance:

Andy Reiling	CAL FIRE	Scott Wood	CAL FIRE
Larry Helsley	WEA	Ken Rieke	TCC
Steve Renten	TCC	Rusty Mauk	CCV
Tony Valls	CCV	Kara Davis	Nor Cal EMS
Alex McBath	USFS	Ken Langston	TCSO
Martin Dooly	DWR	Larry Masterman	TCSO/OES
Brain Craig	ZEN	Ellen Craig	ZEN
Tim Spiersch	PMT	Carol Minor	HYM
Frank Moore	HYM	Jack Branham	SOT
Joe Hernandez	CAL FIRE	Pat Frost	TCRCD
Jarrett Willburn	SOT	Jerry Hlavac	HYF
Elena Letton	DOU	Mel Deardorff	LEW
Howard Freeman	Tops Industries	David Loeffler	HYF
David Murphy	SLV	Scott Alvord	WEA
Fred Tulley	CAL FIRE	Rick Kyle	CAL FIRE
Flavia Dexheimer	JCF	Judy Morris	TC BOS
Jeff Morris			

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the June 6, 2011 minutes has submitted.

Preparedness Drill: Alex McBath

Overall response to the drill was positive. The objectives of the drill were accomplished. Future cadres of preparedness drills will need to clarify between a drill and training. Which ever is selected, more hands on participation by attendees is desired. One suggestion is to provide the departments with basic training information a couple of months prior to the drill. The drill then would provide a place to expand on what was learned early.

Dave Loeffler expressed gratitude to the preparedness cadre and the organizations that supported the drill.

Communication Committee: (Martin Dooly)

- RWS was not able to get the loaner pagers to personnel in Trinity County prior to this meeting. Testing needs to be completed prior to a recommendation being issued for the purchase of pager/radios. An internet search for "SWISSPHONE testimonials" found

statements that would support that the pager had better audio, longer battery life and an easier record function than the Minitor V pager. M/ S/ C to purchase a SWISSPHONE for testing. (Secretary's note: SWISSPHONE offers a 30 day demo period if a credit card is used to secure the cost of the pager if damaged or "lost". This method will be used instead of committing Association funds to a pager).

- Rumors have surfaced that radio equipment stored at the Hayfork vault may be moved by the USFS. Alex McBath will contact USFS personnel to clarify.
- The Sheriff Dispatch console will more than likely need to be reprogrammed with new tones for most departments. Departments in Shasta County are experiencing page out problems. The one common theme between the departments is that they all have at least one tone below 400Hz.
- Hyampom Fire is having an activation problem with some of their pagers. More than likely this is due to a problem with the Hayfork Bally antenna. Measures were taken in January 2011 to reduce the problem but more repairs are needed.
- Frank Moore had concerns that a group had not broken down the narrowband transition to what needs to be done by who and when. The Communication Committee had started on that process last year when the County initiated a separate committee. No one present could answer what is the present status of the County Narrow Band Committee.

Department response to Medical calls at Clinics: (Dave Loeffler)

Currently Trinity Dispatch is sending Hayfork Fire Department to medical aids and transports at the Hayfork Clinic. Hayfork Fire would like to have a dispatch guideline that only requires response from TCLS on transports from the clinic to the Hospital. In addition, personnel at the clinic would specify if fire personnel were required for a given medical call. Ken Langston will contact the affected parties to address the issue.

Triage Tags: (Larry Masterman)

Nor-Cal EMS protocols require Triage Tags be used for Multi-Causality Incidents (MCI) incidents. There are two types of triage tags available. Tag A is an older version, easy to use and takes about 2 minutes to retrain a person in the use of the tag. Tag B is the newer version has multiple places for information and multiple tear offs. Retraining time is approximately 5 minutes. Both meet the START criteria for MCI. Personnel attending would prefer to use tag A. Trinity County will seek grant funding to purchase the tags.

Driver License process: (Dave Loeffler)

A letter from California State Firefighter Association (CSFA) explaining the problems and potential solutions to the new driver license requirements was hand out. The Tulare Kings County Fire Departments provided CSFA with a process they currently. The process requires a submission procedure, peer reviews, and an appeals process. While parts of the process could be used in Trinity County it was viewed as too cumbersome and Fire Chiefs need to be the one responsible for qualifying drivers.

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$1960.46 in the Association checking account.

Landing Zone Training: (Martin Dooly)

There will be Landing Zone training on July 26, 2011 at Del Loma. Down river is willing to provide a BBQ for those attending. Provide Martin with a head count via E-mail.

CAL FIRE:

Joe Hernandez:

- Introduced Unit Chief Rick Kyle and Operation Chief Fred Tulley
- The Canyon Incident in Junction City was the first extended attack fire in the County. The fire burned 30 acres.
- Following the assorted bills as they go thru the state government. Many questions are unanswered. Business as normal at camp until October 1, 2011, then crew strength reduction is anticipated.

Unit Chief Rick Kyle:

- Started as a volunteer and has an appreciation for the service volunteers provide
- The Shasta County Volunteer Fire Chiefs Meeting is the same night as the Trinity County Fire Chiefs meetings.
- Trying to rebuild the Platina Wildwood Company.

USFS: (Alex McBath)

- Just getting lookouts staffed
- One engine- one dozer in the southwest
- 9:30 to 1800 will be normal crew hours
- Insure you request USFS for incidents if they are needed
- If you send personnel to a fire make sure they know how to work the radios. CAL FIRE issued V-TAC 13 as the second tactical frequency on the Canyon and multiple personnel had problems.

Trinity County Sheriffs Department: (Ken Langston)

Need to provide the Sheriffs Office with the number of Pager/radios to be purchased at the August meeting.

Trinity County OES: (Larry Masterman)

The Flood Fight training course is being schedule for every two years. The idea is to have Humboldt sponsor the class one year and the next year the class would be held in Trinity County.

CALEMA Op Area: (Scott Alvord)

- Thanked the departments for the ERD updates.
- A draft of the roadway guideline was handed out. The committee and CHP have added comments. Anticipate vote at the August meeting to add the roadway section to the Trinity County Guidelines.

Nor Cal EMS: (Kara Davis)

The medical advisory committee has met and posted draft policy onto the web site. Subjects in draft form are ALS cardiac and Refusal of Care with a check list. Nor Cal is working on a contract with Nor Coast to provide services to assist STAR.

Fire Safe Council: (Pat Frost)

An original of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan was presented to the Association President.

Open discussion:

Howard Freeman: Tops Market is holding a fund raiser to support the Trinity County Fire Chiefs Association. The BBQ competition will be held on July 30, 2011. Departments are encouraged to enter a team in the competition. Tops could use tables and chairs for the event. On behalf of the Tops organization; Mr. Freeman thanked the volunteers for their service.

Dave Loeffler: The State budget included a \$150.00 fee for dwellings in the State Responsibility Area (SRA). There are many steps that must be taken prior to the fee being collected. Currently there are more questions than answers. Most believe that the fee will be challenged in the courts. Supervisor Morris was soliciting information from the Association on the position the fire districts have on the fee. In Hayfork Fire District, residents could be charged up to \$250.00 per year for fire protection (\$100.00 from the district \$150.00 from the State).

Ken Rieke: On August 14, 2011 (12:00 to 15:00) an open house will be held at Trinity Center Fire Hall.

Next meeting August 1, 2011
Adjourned 20:50 hours

Andy Reiling
Secretary-Treasurer