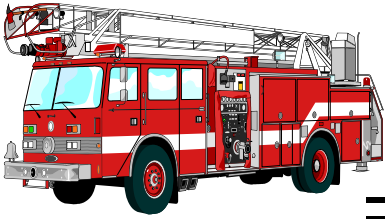


# Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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## MEETING MINUTES September 12, 2011

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

**Personnel in Attendance:**

David Loeffler	HYF	Steve Renten	TCC
Tony Valls	CCV	Rusty Mauk	CCV
Flavia Dexheimer	JCF	Kathy Ratliff	TCLS
Elena Letton	DOU	David Murphy	SLV
Scott Alvord	WEA	Mel Deardorff	LEW
Scott Wood	CAL FIRE	Alex McBath	USFS
Larry Masterman	TCSO/OES	Judy Warren	HSU
Martin Dooly	DWR	Ellen Craig	ZEN
Brain Craig	ZEN	Jack Branham	SOT
Travis Harrel	SOT	Frank Moore	HYM
Carol Anne Minor	HYM	Kara Davis	NOR-CAL EMS
Joe Hernandez	CAL FIRE	Jerry Hlavac	HYF
Andy Reiling	CAL FIRE		

**Approval of Minutes:**

M/S/C to approve the August 3, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted.

**C.E.R.T. Program:** (Humboldt State University Staff Linda Nellist, Judy Sears, and Judy Warren.

Humboldt State University (HSU) is proposing to develop a Regional Training Institute for Community Disaster Preparedness. Currently there are no centralized skill based programs for preparation of individual citizens. Rural populations are dispersed, lack funding, have too few emergency responders and there are few trained citizen volunteers. A program that is being used in Humboldt County is the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). HSU is proposing to expand the CERT training to cover multiple counties. In order to accomplish this task they need to secure grant funding and personnel in the counties willing to provide training to citizens. Personnel present from HSU requested letters of support for the project and explained how the program is set-up. Their goals are to provide 1000 citizens training in a three year period. Provide neighborhood readiness training. Develop and maintain public awareness of disaster training opportunities. Letters of support can be mailed to Linda Nellist P.O. Box 175 Cutten CA 95534.

Other contact information:

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Linda Nellist, Lead Instructor @ [2nellist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:2nellist@sbcglobal.net)  
Judy Sears, Community Liaison @ [JSears@humboldt.edu](mailto:JSears@humboldt.edu)

**Standard Operating Guidelines:** (Scott Alvord)

Three different samples of guidelines were handed out. Most attending the meeting agreed on version two with some minor changes. Chief Alvord will amend version two and bring to the next meeting. After the format is agreed to by the membership it is anticipated that there will be at least one guideline per meeting submitted for approval. The Guidelines approved in November 2010 will need to be re-written to follow the agreed upon format.

**Communications:** (Scott Alvord)

The county has established a communication committee with Supervisor Judy Morris as the chairperson. The first order of business was to identify who the stakeholders are and get an accurate inventory of the radio systems and their current status. In addition, a narrow banding time line will be established. Valley Communication is scheduled to provide the system inventory and status at the September 13, 2011 Communication meeting. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the radio users and the county is being developed. The MOU will describe who is responsible for the cost and maintenance of the radio systems and a contact point when problems arise.

- Multiple departments are having problems receiving pages and hearing a loud background noise from the Hayfork repeater. Frustration level is rising in regards to the problem not being corrected.
- The Oregon Mountain Medical Net repeater is out of service. Parts are due in the second or third week of September. Until repairs are made TCLS will be using Fire Net for communications between themselves and the hospital.
- The pager count was not received by the Sheriff's Department. (Secretary's note: re-sent the amount of pagers and radios to be purchased to a wider distribution list).
- Alex McBath reported that the Forest Service moved some of their equipment at Hayfork Bally and to his knowledge the move would not affect county equipment. This issue was researched by Alex after the July meeting to address rumors of county equipment being removed from the Hayfork Bally site by the Forest Service.
- The owner of the Ironsides Vault is attempting to move the vault closer to the Lookout.

**Treasurer's Report:**

There is \$1940.46 in the Association account. No payment has been received from the Tops fund raiser.

**CAL FIRE:** (Joe Hernandez)

- The SRA Fee is still being developed. There are 3 versions of the fee that are being considered.
- A 15.8 million dollar Reduction Plan was submitted to the Governor by CAL FIRE.
- With the observance of September 11<sup>th</sup> take the time to revisit department safety.
- Unit is at 50% draw down. 2000 lightning strikes with 31 fires reported.

**USFS:** (Alex McBath)

- 10 engines on the Forest
- Supporting 7 states with personnel and equipment
- Currently a restricted type 2 helicopter is at Trinity Heli-base until H-506 returns

- Meeting September 18<sup>th</sup> in Burnt Ranch to discuss a resilient fire Community and the project that is planned in the area in conjunction with the Resource Conservation District.

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

- Live Propane Fire training October 8<sup>th</sup> 0900-1700 hours. Need 50 personnel for the class. Bring safety gear.
- BLM S-212 is full anticipating some openings occurring. Developing a stand by list to fill the vacancies. The class is 4 days starting Thursday night November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will end Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- S -131, NIMS 200 scheduled for 2012 training. Dates to be announced. BLM has reduced the number of classes due to budget cuts.
- A resource for chiefs is the National Volunteer Fire Council at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org)
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Fire Prevention day at Weaverville Elementary School

**TCLS:** (Kathy Ratliff)

- October 15<sup>th</sup> EMS EXPO @ the Performing Arts Center
- October 21<sup>st</sup> Reach on Tour

**County OES:** (Larry Masterman)

- Homeland Security Grant funds to support live fire training, Hazardous Materials First Responder, Triage Tags and Incident Command training. This is dependant on the radio system needs.
- Region III is currently soliciting personnel to attend Hazardous Materials Technician classes. There is funding for 15 with only 3 signed up for the class.
- Reverse 911 is being tested in the County.

**Nor Cal EMS:** (Kara Davis)

- EMS to Children \$75.00 tuition fee with grant available to be held at the Double Tree Hotel
- On vacation the later part of September
- Policy revision drafts available on the web site
- Go mobile application available to access website via phone

**Open discussion:**

Hayfork fire will be having an Emergency Vehicle Operation Course October 28<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting October 3, 2011

Adjourned 2047 hours

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer