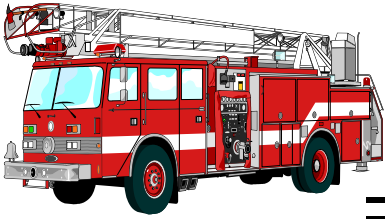


Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES November 7, 2011

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

Personnel in Attendance:

David Loeffler	HYF	David Murphy	SLV
Scott Alvord	WEA	Mike Williams	FSTI
Robert Macintyre	SSR/CSFA	Mike McHugh	TCC Broad
Ken Langston	TCSO	Elena Letton	DOU
Ken Rieke	TCC	Stew Richter	SHF
Martin Dooly	DWR	Kara Davis	Nor-Cal EMS
Jarrett Willburn	SOT	Jack Branham	SOT
Brian Craig	ZEN	Ellen Craig	ZEN
Scott Wood	SHU	Frank Moore	HYM
Carol Minor	HYM	Joe Hernandez	SHU
Tim Spiersch	PMT	Cheryl Schofield	Farmers Ins
Morgan Heffington	Farmers Ins	Jerry Hlavac	HYF
Andy Reiling	SHU	Zack Collins	LEW
Mel Deardorff	LEW		

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the October 3, 2011 Trinity County Fire Chief's Association minutes as presented.

CSFA Training Agreement: (Mike Williams/Robert Macintyre/David Loeffler)

Members with the California State Firefighters Association have been working for the last 10 years to develop a basic minimum syllabus for state volunteer fire fighters. Chief Robert Macintyre started working on the syllabus in Sonoma County in conjunction with Santa Rosa Junior College. The syllabus was developed knowing that most volunteer fire departments have limited funds and volunteers have limited time; focusing on what was legally required for a volunteer firefighter. The draft version was reworked for state wide use. The syllabus is broken into 32 modules. PowerPoint's and tests are available at the CSFA website (csfa.net). By entering into the training agreement CSFA agrees to provide Trinity County Fire departments with the tools needed to meet basic training standards. Farmers Insurance (corporate) has agreed to financial support the program by supplying materials. 115 IFSTA Essential 5th addition manuals were distributed to the departments at the meeting with some kept in reserve for those departments not present. In addition funding is available through the program to bring in specialized instructor(s) if needed.

Robert Macintyre Assistant Chief County of Sonoma 707-565-1152 robert.macintyre@sonoma-county.org

Mike Williams Fire Service Training Institute (FSTI) 916-446-9889 cafsti.org

M/S/C to sign the memorandum of Agreement with CSFA to provide a basic standard of training for firefighters in Trinity County.

Nomination for Trinity County Fire Chief's Association Officers:

President- no nominations

Vice President- Nominated Martin Dooly

OES Operational Area Fire Rescue Coordinator- no nominations

Secretary Treasure- no nominations

Winter Training Topics: (Andy Reiling)

After discussion with the membership the purposed winter training topics are:

- Haz-mat refresher
- Radios to include clear text, repeaters and protocols to be developed
- Structure fires; 2 trainings to be timed to assist with the burn trailer in March
- Wildland operations this should be the last class of the training season

Standard Operating Guidelines: (Scott Alvord)

A draft copy of the roadway Standard Operating Guideline was passed around.

M/S/C to adopt the text presented in the Roadway Standard. Trinity County Sheriffs Department and CHP will need to verify the recent changes do not conflict with their protocols. Formatting and the numbering of the guidelines still need to be finalized.

Communications: (Scott Alvord)

Valley Communications assessment of the repeater/radio system was broken down into two main sections; buildings and radio/repeaters. Trinity County Department of Transportation as been tasked with building and battery maintenance. Propane tanks have been filled, batteries have been replaced and/or maintenance work preformed. Some work still needs to be completed at Hayfork and Oregon Mountain repeater sites.

The Communication Committee is recommending:

- That one request for proposal is sent out to cover the maintenance of the repeaters and the dispatch console by one company.
- That there will be one point of contact for issues concerning the radio system
- A memorandum of understanding is developed between the County and the fire departments to identify responsibilities.
- The county is looking at options for funding the maintenance and repairs of the system. The intent is to find a source that minimizes the impact on the departments.
- Departments will still be responsible for maintaining there vehicle and hand held radios and pagers.

Radio concerns:

- Hum that is heard when the Hayfork repeater is used.
- No command Net antenna at Hayfork Bally
- Pickett Peak ran out of Propane last year (uses manually fired thermo gen)
- Pickett peak needs antenna cable so the antenna can be moved to the top of the pole. Reception is limited on fire net compared to public works net.

- Ironsides: no movement on the vault issue

Kenwood Radio Load: (Frank Moore)

The Kenwood 2170 can be loaded into groups but the user loses some of the functions. The best load seems to be a set channel list for the first 30 to 40 channels then the rest would be a second channel list.

Treasurer's Report: (Andy Reiling)

There is \$4793.46 in the Association Checking account.

CAL FIRE: (Joe Hernandez)

Seasonal personnel have been laid off and the Unit has transitioned in winter time staffing. The Burn Ban has been lifted. CAL FIRE does not require a permit between November 1, and May 1st. Burn hours in Trinity are 0600 to 1 hour before dusk.

USFS: (Stew Richter)

In winter staffing, one engine Monday thru Friday.

The forest has found holes in there radio system since narrow banding. To eliminate one problem the Oregon Mountain repeater will be moved to Weaverville Bally.

CALEMA Op Area: (Scott Alvord)

- Water Tender 32 is back in service. A rock was found in the pump impeller
- S131 and NIMS 200 last weekend in January (29 and 30)
- Burn trailer is being scheduled for March more information to follow.
- The S212 class was a great success. The only down side was there were students that signed-up but DID NOT show up for the class. Since some of this students did not make contact and advice they could not attend the class had empty seats.
- Driver Operator class is starting in Weaverville November 8th 7:00-10:00. Class is on Tuesdays with two Saturdays and Sundays.

TCSO: (Ken Langston)

The current Homeland Security grant is trying to solicit funding to upgrade the mapping system and have 911 calls be integrated with Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD).

Nor Cal EMS: (Kara Davis)

- Signed contracts are starting to come in
- Departments need to submit their Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Plan
- A skills list for EMT 1's was passed out

Next meeting December 6, 2011

Adjourned 2132 hours

Andy Reiling
Secretary-Treasurer