

Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2012

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Martin Dooly at 1800 hours.

Personnel in Attendance:

Martin Dooly	DWR	David Murphy	SLV
Scott Alvord	WEA	David Loeffler	HYF
Josh Schertzer	HBV	Elena Letton	DOU
Larry Masterman	TC OES	Ken Langston	TC SO
Montie Muller	TCC	Rusty Mauk	CCV
Mel Deardorff	LEW	Brain Craig	ZEN
Ellen Craig	ZEN	Carol Minor	HYM
Steve Renten	TCC	Tim Spiersch	PMT
Jerry Hlavac	HYF	Andy Reiling	SHU
Kara Davis	Nor Cal EMS	Kathy Ratliff	TCLS
Alex McBath	SHF	Joe Hernandez	SHU

Approval of Minutes:

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

Verizon: (Dooly)

Martin Dooly was asked to poll the departments to determine the depth of the phone service problem in Trinity County. Hyampom has experienced multiple outages for extended periods of time. Downriver has noticed that when the power fails the battery back-up for the phone system does not last as long as it had in the past. Please forward any problem with the phone systems to Chief Dooly. He will compile the information and forward it to the Board of Supervisors.

Traumatic Brain Injury Overview: (Kara Davis)

The leading causes for Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) are Falls (35%) Motor Vehicle/traffic (17.3%) Struck by/against event (16.5% and) Assaults (10%). TBI from motor vehicle crashes result in the largest percentage of deaths (31.8%).

Committee Reports:

Communication: (Alvord)

Request for Proposal (RFP) sent out a second time for Narrow Banding and maintenance of the County radio systems. The County received two responses back (Signal Butte and Valley Communication). Reference from Signal Butte did not support the depth of capabilities desired. Valley Communication disagrees with the Liquidated Damages portion of the RFP. The County is hoping to have the RFP signed by mid June with a target date for completing narrow banding by the end of October 2012.

Surplus Radio Equipment: A cache of radio equipment purchased through Community Health funds has been identified. Some equipment can be reprogrammed and reassigned to departments. Other equipment requires personnel operating the equipment to be licensed through the FCC. It was M/S/C to have the Communication Committee assign radios and equipment to personnel or groups to fulfill the needs for Trinity County emergency response. Further all equipment and radios will be tracked by serial number. Personnel or groups will be restricted as to when frequencies and equipment can be utilized.

Decon: (Alvord)

The Decon committee will meet to inventory the equipment in the next couple of weeks. This information is needed for a Hazardous Materials Grant that has an end of June due date.

Training: (Alvord)

Readiness Drill: June 16th in Weaverville and June 17th in Hayfork. Start time is 730am and anticipate ending around 3:00pm. There will be an evaluation of hose lays and structure protection.

Live fire training: had 15 the first day and 12 the second day. The students went through 300 gallons of propane. TCLS provided rehabilitation monitoring during the training. This allowed the students and TCLS to recognize the signs and symptoms that can occur during fire operations.

ISC 300: need a minimum of 20 students or class will be postponed. (Class was postponed until fall)

Auto Extrication: July 20, 21, 22 at the old mill site in Hayfork. There is no cost for the class. A State Fire Marshall Certification is available for \$25.00. Class size will be held to 25 students. Contact Hayfork Fire to reserve a slot in the class.

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$5068.46 in the Association checking account. Still need to identify who has the 821 account with the county.

CAL FIRE: (Hernandez)

6 engines staffed in the unit on the 11th the unit will have 10 engines staffed, two in Trinity County. Highway 299 will have controlled traffic between 7:00am to 4:30pm Monday thru Friday for the first phase of construction.

USFS: (McBath)

USFS is down to 8 air tankers. Stations are staffed for the summer. USFS is supporting some of the fires in New Mexico and Arizona with personnel and equipment.

Trinity County Sheriff Department: (Langston)

- Coroner was unaware of problems that were discussed last meeting. Pagers will be issued to on call personnel to assist with responses. If a problem arises, please contact the sheriffs department in a timely matter.
- There will be two part time OES personnel in Trinity County. Larry Masterman and Neil Ohara. Neil retired from Napa County OES and recently moved to Trinity County.

Larry Masterman:

- Decon training will need to be completed by the end of September to meet the grant requirements. Anticipating having a Decon class in August.
- June 20th and 21st Haz Mat IC class
- Applying for two Hazmat First Responder classes and two decon classes for next grant cycle
- The May 18 exercise at Douglas City sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation was a success.

TCLS: (Ratliff)

- Training June 12th Drug Endangered Children. This is an evening class in Weaverville.
- Title 22 medical training starting in Hayfork in June.
- CPR dates available on the TCLS web site.

Nor Cal EMS: (Davis)

- First Responder Recertification 24 Continuing education credits or take the test
- Quarterly review report is due
- Summer reading suggestion Failure of the American Health Care System.

Open discussion:

Dooley:

The 1st breakfast of the season was successful. A breakfast fund raiser will be held on the 4th Sunday of each month during the Summer.

No new information on the Office of Traffic Safety grant.

Next meeting July 2, 2012

Adjourned 1952

Andy Reiling

Secretary-Treasurer