



Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association

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Outlined in this report is an overview of the activities conducted by the Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association in 2007.

Membership:

In 2007 the Training Officers had a total of 42 dues paying members. The average monthly meeting attendance was 10 personnel.

Educational/ Training Opportunities:

The Training Officers Association offered five separate educational/training opportunities for the calendar year, they included:

- Fire Control V- February 20, 21, 22 and February 23, 24, 25.
This class was offered both on the Monterey Peninsula and in the City of Salinas and during the week and on the weekend to varying schedules. The class had an overall attendance of 80 students with positive reviews from attendees.
- Safety Officer S-404- April 3, 4, 5.
This class was instructed by Mike Bryant of the Fire Nuggets group. The class had an overall attendance of 38 students. This was an all risk Safety Officer Class. This course was identified by many Training Officers as a critical need for line personnel to fill this role on emergency incidents.
- Wildland Fire School May 31, June 1,2,3.
The 2007 Wildland Fire School at Fort Hunter Liggett was a very successful event for the Monterey County Training Officers. Under the direction of Incident Commander Miles Shuler, the school had an overall attendance of 346 personnel staffing approximately 42 engines, 6 water tenders, and around 50 overhead personnel. Burning conditions were ideal

and all students engaged live Wildland firefighting instruction that ranged from Blackline Operations to Progressive Hoselays.

- Auto Extrication Train the Trainer- May 21, 22, 23
The Training Officers sponsored six personnel from Monterey County to attend a Train the Trainer Auto Extrication Class in Riverside. The personnel received course guides and materials that will be utilized to reproduce the class here in Monterey County.
- Ventilation Techniques- October 20, 21.
This course was attended by 26 personnel that included classroom and hands on training on the various techniques and theories of Ventilation.

Fire Library

The Fire Library had seventeen participating departments. We have maintained our relationship with the Monterey County Office of Education as the gatekeeper of the Fire Library. We are exploring the different ways to view the content of the library through online video streaming. The primary focus again this video purchases were for EMS training through the EMS 24/7 series.

Website

Various options to update and modify the website were explored in 2007. The final consensus was to establish a committee to make a recommendation in early 2008. The concept is to have a fully functional site that can better accommodate information dissemination and allow for registration of class and the Wildland School.

Highway Safety

This document was “approved” by the Police Chief’s Association.

Adjunct training opportunities

In addition to the training and educational opportunities that the Training Officers sponsored, many local Fire Departments hosted training on specific areas of emergency and firefighting response. Those departments are as follows:

Seaside Fire Department

Monterey Fire Department

Salinas Fire Department

CAL FIRE

North County Fire District

Wellness and Fitness

In August of 2006, the Fire Chiefs Association had directed the Training Officers to develop a Wellness and Fitness Program. A committee has been established to begin the formation of such a program. The Training Officers have supported the committee in bringing a Peer Fitness Trainer Program to the central coast scheduled for March 17-21. This is one of the first steps to putting the foundation for the program in place. In addition the committee has been interviewing different organization that are able to perform base line medical physical and fitness testing for the program.

Ongoing relationships

The Training Officers have maintained a working relationship with our cooperators that we rely on to facilitate our training and coordination. The cooperators continue to support our Association with the availability of personnel and allowing participation in our programs.

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Monterey Peninsula College

2008 Class Schedule

The 2008 Winter and Spring schedule has been finalized and we are currently working through many ICS positional classes. The Training Officers have secured the following classes for January through May.

S440- Planning Section Chief
S445- Training Specialist
S230/ 231- Engine Boss and Crew Boss
S224- Field Observer
S450-Logistic Section Chief
S212- Falling Class
PC832- Laws of Arrest

In addition to offering these classes, the Training Officers have established a \$5000.00 dollar scholarship fund to offset the fees for these classes by 50% for Monterey County Fire Personnel.

Conclusion

The Monterey County Training Officers are comprised of a dedicated group of firefighters who continue to seek opportunities to support the general firefighting population of Monterey County by listening to the needs of our firefighting community and supporting those needs through education, training, and professional assistance.