



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association
Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2014**

Date: August 14, 2014

Call to order at: 1003 by President. Jason Black.

I. Roll Call

Attendees:

Jason Black	SEA	Dan Gearhart	RET
David Wilcox	POM	Martha Karstens	BSB
Dave Brown	MPC	Pat O’Connell	RET
Art Webb	MTR	Chris Knapp	SLS
Tammera Bandano	AMR	Deano Lindsey	MCR
Jeff Field	MTR		

II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved by all present with corrections. Draft to be corrected.

III. Treasurer’s Report: Tammera gave the Treasurer’s report.

Checking account balance as	\$17,940.28
Saving account balance	\$67,309.39
Total assets	\$85,249.67

Motion by Brown to approve the treasurers report, seconded by Gearhart.
Motion carried.

IV. Correspondence and Announcements:
None.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Chiefs Meeting – The Chief’s are working with law on an Active Shooter Policy. Brennan Blue from Cal Fire to Coordinate for San Benito County. December is the goal with a planning meeting for all involved to be held September 18th. There was interest in the cost it would take to return to a full Wildland School.



- B. Wildland Committee -- Direction** was given to pay a \$150 to the Big Sur Fire Brigade for the loss of a tarp that was burned during the previous years Wildland School. The total cost of this year's Wildland School was \$1,058.37. Total Revenues were \$940. \$118.37 was made on the school. There were no complaints about the \$10 fee to attend the school. Gearhart made a recommendation that we go back to MPC for registration. Dan also presented the evaluations and feedback from the attendees to the school. 16 evaluations were received. A question was asked if we wanted to have the media there. The media has always been invited but they don't always show. These days they ask for us to send them a photo by email. The information that went to the media and came from the Hunter-Liggett PIO was not accurate. 1,000 acres Vs. 70 actual acres within the black. Dan also presented the After Action Report. Some items that were discussed: Lack of engines participating from Santa Cruz County. Radio Communication did not go well. A repeater system was recommended for the future schools. A minimum number of engines for a branch need to be established. Expanding the School. Having a meeting of the MCTOA's Wildland Committee previous to any other meetings. The After Action Report will be sent to the Chief's to discuss.
- C. Fire Library** No report
- D. Programs/Training Classes**
Trauma Triage Training to all paramedics. The 2-hour course will be a lecture about protocols. Sept. 18,19 and 22nd.
- E. Website** Lots of people are checking the website. Average of 35 sessions per day are logged. The most popular part is the Health and Safety Section. MCFTOA is also very popular on Facebook.
- F. Fire Academy** The Paramedic Program is moving forward. Classes will be held in the room that we usually meet at the training facility. Dave Brown also stated that the fire classes are on the decline. We need to get input from all departments countywide on their needs. Many classes do not get filled. If there are needs they can be filled. He would also like to put together a list of core instructors. The new Fire Academy has 24 students. The Academy purchased one of the new smoke machines. The TO's can make it available. The cost of the fluids will need to be covered.
- G. Countywide drills:** Salinas is scheduled for the first drill in the November timeframe. Chris Knapp is a contact. Goals and objectives have been established. The timing would be a drill that may last 2.5 hours at shift change



on one day only. Props can be funded through the TO's. The drill would be multi Level and would have possibly 5 stations. A location is being determined.

VI. Old Business

- a. Deano has found and purchased a trailer. It is a 2007 model and was used for racing. It needs some work but is 95% complete. A place to store the trailer will need to be determined. The old trailer can now be sold. He is going to ask \$3,000. A motion was made to approve the sale by Lindsey and seconded by O'Connell. Motion approved.
- b. Black and O'Connell are working on MCTOA Challenge Coins.

VII. Good of the Order

POM has brought on six new recruits.

Big Sur has a new 3,500-gallon water tender.

Tamara said that Tabletop MCI drills will be coming out and will begin by the end of the year.

IX. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 11:39.

Next Meeting September 11, 2014.

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