



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association  
Meeting Minutes December 2015**

**Date:** December 10, 2015

**Call to order at:** 10:13 by Dave Wilcox.

**I. Roll Call**

**Attendees:**

Dave Wilcox	POM	Dan Gearhart	SEA (retired)
Brad Hinckley	MAR	Martha Karstens	BSB
Tammera Badano	AMR	Mike Smith	POM
Brian Gertsch	GNZ		

**II. Approval of Minutes:** No October minutes to approve, Novembers meeting was cancelled.

**III. Treasurer’s Report:** Tammera reported we had no activity for October.

Novembers balance is:

Checking account balance as of 12/2/2015	\$22,040.65
Saving account balance	\$67,394.04
Total assets	\$88,434.69

There was a small, .31 fee due credit card issues. We took in \$420 from two departments for wildland school. 3 more departments still owe money, Monterey, La Honda and San Jose. A second invoice notice has gone out.

Motion by Dan to approve the October and November treasurers report, seconded by Mike, motion carried.

**IV. Correspondence and Announcements:** MPC Fire Academy graduation is the 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 (or 10:30?). An email went out from Chief Rodriquez regarding the swearing in ceremony for promotions.

**V. Committee Reports:**

**A. Monterey County Fire Chiefs Association** Chief’s met at Soper hall, brief discussion about renumbering, no EMS, TOs reports.



**B. Wildland Committee** Dan reported they will start meeting again in January meeting before the regular TOs meeting at 8:30 AM. Dan will go up to Santa Cruz to meet with them. He is not sure what conditions will be for the school with the possible El Nino and rain. We can expand the relationship with Santa Clara, maybe have them bring strike teams. He would like to see another S234 and S219 class done, and at least one more off road driving class. Clinton said there may be other areas for us to burn, (Dan would prefer to stay with our usual location). We need to secure the Salinas Comm unit for all three days. 2016 will be Dan's last year running it, we need to have someone be trained to take over, Dan said possibly Mike Conrad from Santa Cruz. Mike suggested Vandenburg may want to be involved.

**C. Programs/Training Classes** None.

**D. Website** Dan reporting between November 9 and December 9 there were 1,092 hits, averaging 40-50 a day. There are several different ways people are accessing the web site, Safari, (cell phone use), Firefox and Chrome are others, Windows is the most common. The shopping page was down with problems with the calendar program. It has been removed for now. He is working on a code to be able to use text with pictures. \$67.50 for the work done. Facebook had 427 likes.

**E. Fire Academy** No report.

**F. County wide movement drill.** We are trying to set dates, looking at February. We will do the same drill that was done in Salinas. Brian needs to know what kind of location is needed. He said it was OK to use their fire house for a BBQ after the drill.

## **VI. Old Business**

- a. Water awareness scholarships. We agreed to pay for 5 for each department if the certificates were completed by the 31<sup>st</sup>. Only 2 departments have done them so far. We should consider if we are under budget maybe making the scholarships available to individuals.
- b. Dan said the Traffic Safety was finally approved at Chiefs. It is on the site.

## **VII. New Business**

- a. *State Fire Training- Arista/Aiken.* Trying to get more information and dates.
- b. *Elections.* Nominations for President; Dan nominated Humberto Arista, and Brad Hinckley (if he is still here) for Vice President. Mike



nominated Dave Wilcox for Vice President. Dave nominated Mike Smith for secretary. Martha nominated Tammera Badano for Treasurer. We will carry the nominations over to January to complete the elections.

**VIII. Good of the Order**

Brian – Full time engineers are being hired for Gonzales.  
A reminder that dues are now due and payable for next year, Dan will send out the reminder with the form to fill out

**IX. Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 11:18.

Next Meeting January 14, 2016.  
MPC PSTC-Room 106  
MPC Public Safety Training Center  
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Minutes prepared by Martha Karstens..