



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association  
Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2012,**

Host: Meeting held at MPC Public Safety Training Center, Big Sur hosted.

**Date:** February 9, 2012

**Call to order at:** 10:17 by Secretary Martha Karstens.

**I. Roll Call**

**Attendees:**

Ron Lemos	MCRFD	Tammera Badano	AMR
Dave Cruz	Monterey Airport Fire	Brian Nichols	Cal Fire-BEU
Dan Gearhart	Seaside FD-Retired	Brad Hinckley	Marina
Natalie Rodda	MPC	Dave Nava	Seaside
Pat O’Connell	SLS	Humberto Arista	NCD
Doug McCoun	NCD	Charlie Bedolla	Hollister
Clinton Tolle	FHL	Deano Lindsey	MCRFD
John Owens	Cal Fire-BEU	Martha Karstens	BSB

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

December meeting minutes, motion to approve by Dan Gearhart, second by Dave Cruz, motion approved. January meeting minutes, motion to approve by Ron Lemos, second by Dan Gearhart with the one correction in the Fire Chiefs report, should be AB1028 not AB1021, motion approved.

**III. Treasurer’s Report:**

Dan read the January Treasurer’s Report, motion to approve by Humberto Arista, second by Ron Lemos, motion approved. Dan also reviewed the yearend financial statement for 2011; he will send it out to all the members.

**IV. Correspondence and Announcements:**

- A. Resignation of Dave Cruz from the Board: Martha read the email from Dave Cruz announcing his resignation as a Board member and stating his availability to fill any other position if needed. We then moved ahead to old business and the filling of the vacant positions.
- B. Wildland Training: Dan sent a letter to Chief Scruton thanking him for allowing us to have our wildland training at FHL last year and letting him



know while we will not be having our usual four day wildland school for the foreseeable future, we are planning on having several one day sessions of training if possible, and would be able to assist FHL with their prescribed burning at the same time.

- C. EMS 4 Stroke: Tammera reported AMR will be putting on an EMS 4 Stroke class. CHOMP has been designated as an official stroke center. Two hours of CEs can be issued to people taking the class.

## V. Committee Reports:

### A. Wildland Committee

We will do several one day exercises; it will be run through MPC as usual. TOs will provide lunch. Pat, Cheryl and Dan are on the committee, Martha offered to help. The training will probably be done near the end of June. Dan to chair the wildland committee only 😊

### B. Fire Library

Nothing new to report, memberships are all paid up except for FHL, Airport Fire, and Salinas.

### C. Programs/Training Classes

There is nothing active, John brought up the Fire Control 5 class. Discussed using/sharing equipment with Clinton (FHL) and putting on a class in our area. Would need a Control 5 instructor and could do a component with a mobile aircraft training unit combined. Dave Cruz and Clinton can work on it, maybe do a three day class. Also possibly planning basic auto ex classes. Deano is talking with an instructor, would need a location. This would include the newest vehicles. We could do a "Train the Trainer" or an "open" course. Deano will continue to research, send him any ideas. Do we want any specialized training, i.e., school busses? North County does classes periodically and they can let us know about them. John also mentioned the possibility of doing an agriculture equipment "rescue/extrication" class; we do have a lot of equipment in our area. Deano said there could be two components of a basic auto ex class, new and "wrecked" cars to work with, he will research instructor Randy Babbitt. Humberto suggested doing training for large area searches, (structure). John said Cal Fire would be doing the heavy equipment classes April 10-13 and S234 in June.

### D. Website

Going well, Dan divided up the classes into topics to locate them easier. He is expanding the Chiefs tab. He also put on the names and pictures of the winners of the annual Chiefs awards on the site.



#### **E. Fire Academy**

Also going well, the enrollment picked up. Please get in touch with Natalie in advance for any classes you would like to do, need to reserve the class room ahead of time.

#### **F. Fire Chiefs Liaison Report**

- The January Chiefs meeting was held in Castroville, the awards luncheon was well attended.
- AB1028 was discussed again.
- A presentation from a construction company was given for building restoration, (like BoardUp).
- Voted to require type III engines going out of County to be 4x4.
- Cal Fire demonstrated on the computer a program that could make diagrams of fire areas on live incidents.
- TOs update was given by Dan.
- Cal EMA will be reporting straight to the Governor.
- CSTI will be at Northern or Southern California now.
- Second alarms- Each agency will make their own decision on what to send.

#### **VI. Old Business**

- A. Filling of vacant positions: Motion to accept Dave's resignation by Dan Gearhart and to suspend the rules for a vote and by acclimation appoint him President, Pat O'Connell second, motion approved. At this time Dave as our new President took over running the meeting. Motion by Natalie Rodda to appoint Ron Lemos Vice President by acclimation, Dan Gearhart second, motion approved. Motion by Dan Gearhart to suspend the rules and appoint Doug McCoun to fill the vacant position of Board member, Ron Lemos second, motion approved. We then went back to finish Correspondence.

#### **VII. New Business**

- A. DMV compliance: A DMV licensing course was held in Los Banos, there was a huge turnout, Dave Cruz and Ron attended. An instructor needs to be approved to do the training. Departments can do an equivalent of the course. Need to be a commercial licensed driver to check off new driver skills. Mark Ferguson 916-657-8209 or Kala Peterson 916-657-8694 can be reached for any questions. Dan will put the CD with all the regulations on the web site.
- B. CPR: Skip just had a class audited and is waiting for final approval from AHA, should be within a month. All instructors will need to attend an



update class. We should no longer use the A & B Healthcare provider CPR tests, they were sold on EBay. We should be using version C & D now. (A side note, there have been break ins to vehicles at MPC during daylight hours, one FF had his structure gear and some tools stolen, BOL for possibly light tan with red stripe gear with CV Fire on the back.)

#### **VIII. Good of the Order**

Nichols- Probably hiring and starting fire season early this year may be April or early May. Northern and Southern California are wetter than our area. They may be having classes other agencies can attend.

Badano- AMR is doing case reviews 9:00 to 12:00, departments that were involved with the calls will be notified. EMS will have a training calendar on their web site. There will be more opportunities for training/CEs, FTOs will be doing them.

Karstens- Had a veg fire on south coast, it burned very well, 4 to 5 acres, 20 to 30 ' flame lengths.

Arista- CSA74-EMS agency wants any CE training being done sent to them for their calendar. NCF will train with Santa Cruz county due to their auto aid agreement. They will be doing Fireground Safety this month, also on the 22<sup>nd</sup> FBoR class.

O'Connell- Salinas has been busy.

Gearhart- Reviewed the membership roster, Dan will update it for agencies that have changed names or email addresses. Email him with any changes. Most agencies have the Fireground Safety DVD.

Cruz- Mentioned the annual report to the Chiefs Dan sent, thanked him for doing it, Dan will put it on the web site.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ron, Natalie second, motion approved, 12:09 PM.

Next Meeting March 8, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

MPC Public Safety Training Center  
2642 Colonel Durham Street  
Seaside, CA 95955

**Hosted by (if desired) North County Fire**

Minutes prepared by Martha Karstens



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association  
Treasurer's Report – January 2012**

Checking Account Balance as of Dec. 31, 2011: **75,766.82**

**Revenue:**

01-05-12	MCFTOA Annual Membership Dues	30.00
01-05-12	Fire Library Annual Dues	1,300.00

**Total Revenue: 1,330.00**

**Expenses:**

01-03-12	Redshift Internet Services (Two Months)	42.21
01-03-12	Secretary of State – Corporate Filing Fee	20.00

**Total Expenses: 62.21**

**Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2012: 77,034.61**

Certificate of Deposit as of January 31, 2012: 7,162.80

**Total Assets as of January 31, 2012: 84,197.41**

Kathryn Pernet, Treasurer  
Prepared by: DG  
February 7, 2012