



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association
Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2014**

Date: February 13, 2014

Call to order at: 1010 by Pres. Jason Black.

I. Roll Call

Attendees:

Jason Black	SEA	Doug McCoun	NCD
Brad Hinckley	MAR	Martha Karstens	BSB
Paul Brown	MPC	Pat O’Connell	SLS
Aaron Young	BEU	Humberto Arista	NCD
Mike Meddles	BEU	Stewart Roth	MTR

II. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Pat O’Connell to approve the January minutes as submitted, seconded by Doug McCoun, motion carried.

III. Treasurer’s Report: Jason Black gave Tammera’s Treasurer’s report.

Checking account balance as of 02/10/2014	\$25,005.87
Saving account balance	\$67,276.14
Total assets	\$92,282.01

Motion by O’Connell to approve the treasurers report, seconded by McCoun, motion carried.

IV. Correspondence and Announcements: None

V. Committee Reports:

A. Wildland Committee Pat O’Connell reported that he and Dan Gearhart met at Fort Hunter-Liggett with BC Mike Hewston and Acting Chief Clinton Tolle to discuss the upcoming Wildland School. Also present were Aptos/LaSelva BC Todd Skrabak and Scotts Valley BC Tim Tieland. Optional dates were discussed in case the drought continues and the lack of rain causes concerns of an early fire season. Alternate dates were set for April 22, 24 and 26. A discussion of the logistical needs and the potential lack of water available if the streams remain dry. FHL offered their water tender to be available. S-234 will be offered through FHL with Dan Freeh as the instructor. 25 students



would be allowed. O'Connell explained that this class being offered through FHL would be at no cost to us. We could keep it to members within the two counties at no charge. The students will receive an NWCG Certificate. They will receive a task book. The task books can be signed off at the Wildland School or through working with FHL during the burn season. Another option would be to set a date that we can work with FHL and burn off a specific section. We took a tour of the large area available to us to burn. There was a lot of dry grass in areas that has not been burned for several years. Areas burnt last year have no new grass growing. There should be enough for everyone to have choices of where to set up evolutions depending on conditions. A possible off-road driving class will be hosted by FHL. The need for overhead participants was discussed between the TO's from both Counties. Assistant or Deputy positions could be set up to allow any needed task books for overhead positions to be signed off. We need to keep getting the word to the Chiefs for support by sending personnel. Salinas will have the Command Unit at the school

B. Fire Library No report

C. Programs/Training Classes

Aaron Young discussed some of the classes that they are working with Fort Hunter-Liggett on including some props that they will be building on the base.

Brad Hinkley said the Fire Control training through Lemoore has been put on hold due to the Federal Budget.

D. Website The website is up to date and Google Wallet is working again. The site has had about 1,300 visits per month and averages about 43 per day.

E. Fire Academy 23 recruits are going through the academy. Looks to be a very good class.

F. Fire Chiefs Liaison Report Humberto Arista reported that around 50 people attended the Chief's Awards luncheon. The Chiefs reviewed the 2013 Strategic Plan and found that a lot had been accomplished. They are looking to update their bylaws. They had discussed the question of Vehicle accidents on strike teams and how they are handled. A letter was written to Hollister in respect to the compliance with four number identifiers causing possible confusion. An active shooter drill is being worked on. It could be one of the largest drills in our County. More to come. Possible September- October dates.



VI. Old Business

- a. No reports

VII. New Business

A presentation of a portable fire simulator/smoke machine was given to the TO's as well as several other agency representatives. The simulation was impressive. It has a panel that indicates the type and sound of an interior fire. The fire will stay "lit" until it senses that the right amount of water has been used to put it out. The price was also impressive.

Jason discussed that at our next meeting would be brief and then include a working session. We are looking for ideas. We need participation from all agencies. We would like to see more people participate within each agency who have interests in training. All ideas are welcome. We want to offer more classes such as a Fire Officers Academy and Fire Ground Operations. We want to reach out. What can we offer? What are the needs? Food and refreshments will be offered. Be there.

VIII. Good of the Order

Aaron Young mentioned tat a D/O1C class dealing with aerial apparatus is in a pilot stage.

IX. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 11:56, motion by Doug, second by Humberto, motion carried

Next Meeting March 134, 2014.

MPC Public Safety Training Center
2642 Colonel Durham Street
Seaside, CA. 93955

Minutes prepared by Pat O'Connell.



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association
Treasurer's Report – January 2014**

Reporting period: January 7, 2014 through February 10, 2014

Checking Account Balance as of **January 6, 2014:** **24,899.84**

Revenue:

Memberships Dues for 2014:

1/9/14	L. Lundgren	Marina FD(10.00)	9.48
	R. Lemos	MCRFD	10.00
	D. Lindsey	MCRFD	10.00

Fire Library Dues for 2014:

1/1/2014	North Co Fire Protection Dis (100.00)	97.50
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Total Revenue: **126.98**

Expenses:

1/6/2014	Red Shift Internet Services	-20.95
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Total Expenses: **-20.95**

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Saving Account Balance as of 02/10/2014: **67,276.14**

Total Assets as of January 6, 2014: **92,282.01**

Tammera Badano, Treasurer
February 10, 2014

Notes: Invoices for Fire Library have been sent out