



Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2012

Host: Meeting held at the MPC Safety Training Center, MCRFD hosted.

Date: January 12, 2012

Call to order at: 10:28 by Martha Karstens. The meeting was then run by Board member Dave Cruz.

I. Roll Call

Attendees:

Martha Karstens	BSB
David Brown	Monterey
Humberto Arista	NCD
Doug McCoun	NCD
Ron Lemos	MCRFD
Dan Gearhart	Seaside FD-Retired
Natalie Rodda	MPC
John Owens	CAL Fire-BEU
Brad Hinckley	Marina
Chris Vaughn	SLS
Dave Cruz	Monterey Airport Fire

II. Approval of Minutes:

December 8, 2011 minutes tabled until the February meeting.

III. Treasurer's Report:

Dan read the December's treasurer report, motion to approve by Ron Lemos and second by Doug McCoun, motion approved.

IV. Correspondence and Announcements:

The annual awards luncheon will be held in Castroville on January 19th at noon.

Discussion on where mailed correspondence went, Kathryn has the P.O. Box key and will get any mail to Dave in the future.



V. Committee Reports:

A. Wildland Committee

Has not started up yet.

B. Fire Library

Eight agencies have paid as of December 2011, invoices have gone out. Natalie asked about the MPC fire academy being exempt from paying the annual fee as they are hosting the library, motion made by John Owen for MPC fire academy to be exempt from paying the annual library dues, seconded by Doug McCoun, motion approved.

C. Programs/Training Classes

No one is on this committee at the moment; John offered to be the lead person with Chris helping him. Chris is on the Nor Cal TOs and reported we can get \$1,000 to offset the cost of classes we put on. There are several classes coming up, all out of the area. Chris covers Monterey County as well as other counties for his area.

D. Website

Dan reported it is going well, he will divide all the classes listed into categories to make it easier to locate one. He may put a “counter” on the site and will expand the Fire Chiefs tab.

E. Fire Academy

Natalie said the FF II academy will be starting in March, it will be on Tuesdays and weekends. The classes are going well, enrollment is better. They took possession of a breathing support unit from Cal Fire in Santa Cruz and a ladder truck from Santa Cruz. Regarding the contracts for agencies; she will be sending out a list of the department’s membership that need to be updated for her. Everyone needs to make sure they have up to date MPC forms filled out for all members. 25 people are in the current fire academy class.

F. Fire Chiefs Liaison Report

- Hydrant testing was discussed, a committee was formed.
- Marina- Chief Kelley asked the Chiefs to support legislature for fire alarms for residential care facilities that have fewer than six residents.
- AB 1028 the new PERS, definition of a “temporary” employee, can only work one year for one agency.
- The Investigators will hold their meetings at the MPC training center pending approval.



- DFD working on confirmed/unconfirmed structure fire paging, (it was approved).
- EMS- AMR contract renewal, (it was extended for one year).
- UASI group mentioned, Seaside and Salinas are the representatives.
- Chief Orman brought up having a program for county standards for stoplights.
- January Chiefs meeting is on the 19th.

VI. Old Business

- A.** We have paid the liability insurance for one year.
- B.** Dan can make more fire ground safety CDs if anyone needs them.

VII. New Business

- A.** Brad is looking for a Fire Control 5 class and fire trailer, advised to talk to Deano.
- B.** Dave Cruz- looking at bringing in someone to do the full Control 5 -40 hour class with the burn portion to be done the following week. (We should look at using the \$1,000 from Nor Cal TOs towards doing Fire Control class that everyone can attend.)
- C.** Dave Cruz agreed to be President of TOs, he will send in his written resignation as a Board member to Martha effective immediately. We will put on next months agenda that we will be filling the Presidents position and the one vacant Board seat. If/when Dave is voted in, Ron agreed to help out as Vice President.
- D.** John- 3 Fire line safety classes for hired equipment vendors/contractors will be put on starting in April, 8 hours each. S32, now heavy equipment "boss" being put on in conjunction with FHL. Soledad is being dispatched by ECC, all former contracts are still in effect with Cal Fire. They will have 1 Capt., 2 engineers and 2 FF at Soledad. They have a type 3-8333- may be up for sale, F450 crew cab, 2007, 12,000 miles. The burn ban is still on, not sure if they will have an early hire due to the weather. C234 will be in June at FHL

VIII. Good of the Order

Chris- On 1/31 they will be getting a Drager fire container, it could go to different departments and the academy. He is transitioning out of training. Chief Pinion to be in charge of training.

Martha-Thanks to Cal Fire and Monterey/Carmel fire for sending down engines for a structure fire.

General discussion regarding the JPA and equipment that various agencies have and how they could be used for the benefit of all. TOs



could partner with the JPA for training. We can put a list of available training tools and equipment on our web site with contact information, send to Dan. Maybe take over the JPA? Swap trainings with departments? Do a week long training on different topics with everyone's equipment at MPC? Put on next months agenda to continue the training discussion.

Dan- Will do a 2011 yearend report to the Fire Chiefs and a yearend financial.

Humberto-January 25th will be training with South county Santa Cruz, Watsonville. February 20th a FF bill of rights class for Regional and North County.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.

Next Meeting February 9th, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

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

The hosting of the meetings was discussed, it was decided that if the agency listed as the host wanted to bring refreshments they could, if not that was OK too.

Big Sur to host February.

Minutes prepared by Martha Karstens



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association
Treasurer's Report – December 2011**

Checking Account Balance as of Nov. 31, 2011: **76,807.98**

Revenue:

12-09-11	Membership Dues (Google Deposit - Gearhart)	9.41
12-21-11	Balance returned for Canceled WFS (Paypal)	938.28
12-21-11	Fire Library Dues – NCFPD (Google Deposit)	193.03
12-21-11	Membership Dues (Orman, Arista, McCoun)	30.00
	Total Revenue:	1,170.72

Expenses:

12-15-11	Pulford Insurance Agency	2,231.88
	Total Expenses:	2,231.88

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

Certificate of Deposit as of December 31, 2011: 7,161.58

Total Assets as of December 31, 2011: 82,928.40

Kathryn Pernet, Treasurer
Prepared by: DG
January 5, 2012