



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association
Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2013**

Host: No host...

Date: July 11, 2013

Call to order at: 10:10 by Vice President Jason Black.

I. Roll Call

Attendees:

Brad Hinckley	MAR	Pat O’Connell	SLS
Martha Karstens	BSB	Dan Gearhart	SEA retired
Tammera Badano	AMR	Deano Lindsey	MCRFD
Nate Armstrong	Cal Fire	Doug McCoun	NCD
Jason Black	SEA		

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 13 meeting were approved as submitted, motion by Tammera, second by Pat, motion carried.

III. Treasurer’s Report: Tammera reviewed the report for us. Dan submitted a reimbursement request of \$1,379.85 for the food and supplies for wildland school. Motion by Pat to pay him back, second by Brad, motion carried.

IV. Correspondence and Announcements: None.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Wildland Committee Dan reviewed the excellent and extremely comprehensive report he submitted. We agreed it was OK to send it out. We did not have as many engines take part this year. There are 8 cases of water left over in the trailer. Some of the leftover food was donated to Regional stations on the way home. In 2012 there were 31 engines with 259 participants, vs.17 engines and 108 participants in 2013. Only 8 different departments took part in the training. The school was well advertised. Air pollution was advised every day and media was notified (with prior approval from HL). We got a request from KSBW for pics on Monday and sent some in, not sure if they were used or not. The Herald came down on Wednesday and did a nice article with pics in the Sunday paper. Dan was also misquoted in the Herald regarding a statement he made. The IAP was done every day



and the school was run as 3 separate events through MPC. 107 applications were turned in, we should get back \$856 from MPC. We may not get the check until next year, possibly sooner. Comm unit 5390 was there for all three days and was helpful with some radio PL tone glitches that came up. The wildland trailer was there, Regional brought it down, we were able to leave it over there for the week. The food unit provided hot food and cold beverages every day. There was 1 medical, possible heat/over exertion right after lunch. The person was rehabbed in 5390 and stayed there the rest of the afternoon. Water tenders were supplied from Big Sur and Regional. There was some property damage with the tarp underneath Big Sur's porta tank getting burned. Motion by Dan to reimburse Big Sur for the cost of the tarp, second by Pat, motion carried. (Tarp costs are about \$150). The area burned well, there were wind shifts in the afternoons. The engines were used as strike teams for the first time rather than branches. This allowed for mobility from branch to branch. The food cost was \$500 less than last year, porta potties cost \$200. Cost per student was \$4.85. Certificates were mailed out. Motion by Deano to repay Dan and Julie for the fuel costs for the school and the days Dan drove over to meet with HL, Tammera second, Dan to submit receipts, motion carried. Deano read a thank you letter to Dan from Ron for all his work spent putting the school together, (it was sent to the Chiefs as well).

A great job once again!!

Deano mentioned the orientation of units on the fires, with some ending up on the same flanks and also working on flanks where they were not needed. The radio transmissions needed some work. It was nice to have multiple instructors to work with the people. We had 1 instructor from Santa Cruz. We will try and have SC participation next year, also do the strike team configuration again. Brief discussion on 4 day larger school, most agencies seem to like the 3 separate days school. We also reviewed all the different departments doing their own separate training and the impact on the school. There was no communication and coordination from them. We were told a MC FF was not allowed to participate in a SLO TOs class. Next year we can try to do a joint MRY/SC school. We could share the base camp and communications unit. Could we have the Cal Fire food trailer do lunch? We would provide the food, maybe talk to John Owens about it. Some of us can meet with Santa Cruz and Santa Clara people in the next few months to talk about next year. Pat will go to Santa Cruz TOs and mention it.

B. Fire Library No new additions, no requests.



- C. Programs/Training Classes** Left Coast Fools is holding a class at MPC academy on July 26 “First due Engineer” 4 hours and a Leadership class to be held on the same afternoon for 4 hours put on by “Fully Involved”.
- D. Website** Dan reported it is going well, no issues and everything is up to date. We got an email showing us as at the top of the list for a web site to find classes. He is still doing the popular XMY profile of the month.
- E. Fire Academy** Jason reporting; there are only 15 in the latest academy, they are looking at ways to lower the cost. It cost almost twice as much as a FF I academy, \$2,200 vs \$4,000. You do get more certs from ours. Discussion regarding the prerequisite of completing an EMT class. Hartnell is requiring their students to take A &P before the EMT class making it even more difficult to complete, MPC is not yet doing this. Tammera to talk to Tracy about this. Tammera said a pilot paramedic class may be starting in August either at Hartnell or at AMR. It will be one week day and one weekend day and will probably take up to 20 people.
- F. Fire Chiefs Liaison Report** Dan: There was a presentation from MB air quality on above ground gas tanks re vapor leaks. Jeff Terpstra showed a DVD re Cal Star issues. Reports given for Investigators and TOs. EMS, Citygate. NGEN went live, with the command 4 and 6 switch over. AFC, Mid Coast added to the strike team list. San Benito County transitioned to Hollister city fire. One change was made in the Social media policy. Still working on the type III teams. Alert Monterey county was looking at purchasing a new system. A letter of support for ALS reports to be available for review.
- G. Training group** Jason; He has a list of interested instructors, we still need to identify training needs.

VI. Old Business

- A. MCFCA strategic plan 2013 - Reviewed the components of the plan that were “assigned” for TOs to accomplish. Will be added on to Jason’s training group. Jason to talk to Stew.
- B. MCI drills - Maybe have TOs host the drills the year that Airport is not doing them. Have them in a different location around the County each time with a department “hosting” the drill?



VII. New Business

A. Training exercises/OES move up. This was mentioned at Chiefs by Sherry Collins, we think to get the OES and EOC involved in the above drills.

VIII. Good of the Order

Doug – No OPs or DFD in August.

Deano/Jason – 5 people attended the SWAT/Medic training from Regional. There appear to be SO funding issues. There was good interaction between fire and PD

IX. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 12:25.

Next Meeting August 8, 2013

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

Host Seaside fire

Minutes prepared by Martha Karstens



Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association
Treasurer's Report – June 2013
Reporting period: June 12, 2013 through July 9, 2013

Checking Account Balance as of **June 12, 2013:** **13,507.98**

Revenue:

6-28-2013 **Membership Dues**
 David Brown, MPC **10.00**

Total Revenue: **10.00**

Expenses:

7-3-2013 **Red Shift Internet Services** **-20.95**

Total Expenses: **-20.95**

Checking Account Balance as of 7/9/13: **13,497.03**

Saving Account Balance as of 7/9/2013: **67,230.22**

Total Assets as of July 9, 2013: **80,727.25**

Tammera Badano, Treasurer
July 9, 2013

Notes:

Reimbursement for Wildland cost to Dan Gearhart for the amount of \$1379.85