



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association
Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2017**

Date: March 9, 2017

Call to order at: 1000 by President. Doug Dirksen SFD

I. Roll Call

Attendees:

David Nava	SEA	Dan Gearhart	SEA Ret.
Dave Brown	MPC	Matt Evarts	SFD
Pat O’Connell	SFD Ret.	Tammera Badano	AMR
Jeff Field	MFD	Larry Achen	SC Central
Deano Lindsey	MCRFD	Arron Young	CalFire
Kevin Kamnikar	MCRFD	Brad Hinckley	MAR Ret.
		Michael Callahan	FHL

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Gearhart and seconded by Callahan

III. **Treasurer’s Report:**

Motion to accept Treasurer’s report for January by Brown, this motion was seconded by Callahan, motion approved, motion carried. Motion to accept Treasurer’s report for February by Callahan, motion seconded by Evarts, motion approved and carried.

IV. **Correspondence and Announcements:**

Advanced Medical Life Support May be cancelled due to the cost of the class.
LARRO to be held at MPC March 8-9 and April 8-9.
PG Combat Challenge to be held April 9th.
RS1 to be held at MPC April 17-21
GPS-Land Navigation to be held at the Ben Lomond Training May 16-18.
Cost of class to be \$100.

V. **Committee Reports:**

A. **Chiefs Meeting** – Doug Dirksen and Martha Karstens attended the Feb. 16th meeting at Cal Fire. It was reported that small tactical vehicles would be allowed to attend the off-road driving course at Fort Hunter-Liggett. High Rise Policy will be coming. Not yet seen. A disaster was declared in Monterey



County due to the storms. The Pfeiffer Bridge will be demolished and rebuilt but will be out for an undetermined period. New CAD is not going well. New tactical channels one of the issues. Only Salinas's radios are going to work. New OES Director comes from Southern California. Seaside Hazmat trailer will be turned over to the Ca Fire Mechanics Academy.

B. Wildland Committee – Dates for the school have changed to June 15, 17 and 19 due to the continued heavy rains. Alternate sites may be needed. A site visit will be made in April. We might be able to go back to some of the historical sites used if needed. We may or may not have a blacklining day. Military is still very active on the base. An invitation to participate has been extended to Santa Clara County. They have some new Type 6 engines they would like to use at the school. We still need to get overhead positions filled.

C. Programs/Training Classes

S-404 has 15-16 people registered. Spots available.

Division Supervisor S-339 will be added. Brett Loomis and Buddy Bloxem to instruct. May 15-17 tentative date. May be held at MPC, Cost \$295.

Registration is trickling in for Off Road Driving at FHL. Dates may need to be altered based on road conditions after all of the rain. Space available.

Command vehicles welcome to attend.

D. Website continues to gain interest. 947 views in February. 2,120 pages were viewed for an average of 2 1/2 per visitor. Most views are from the Bay Area.

E. Fire Academy Mid-Terms will be held this week.

F. Countywide drills: A proposal for concept of a Wildland Movement Drill was made by Jack Lundgren for spring or fall 2017 at Cypress Knolls. See proposal.

Arron Young said Mutual Aid and Structure Protection could be topics.

Dave Nava said there will be a High Rise Drill at the Embassy Suites possibly at the end of the month. It will be a 1-day event and the date is not set due to the renovations at the site. More to follow.

VI. Old Business- By-Laws Revision

Dan Gearhart said that the last changes were made in 2011. We are required to have by-laws to retain our 301K status. The revisions were discussed and a motion was made to approve by Brown and seconded by O'Connell. Motion passed by all present.



VII. **New Business – Fire Control 3A -3B**

There is a need to for qualified Senior Instructors. Greg Greenlee it trying to complete the process to qualify. If anyone else would like to go through the process, Dave Brown will make it happen. Contact Dave if you are interested.

VIII. **Good of the Order:**

Tammera Badano said AMR Admin's move to near the airport is complete. Save the date for April 27th for CPR Pit Crew changes. CARES program needs each department to complete a questionnaire regarding patient survivability. Some changes to transport are coming. It will increase what we are doing. The ESO System has a new mandate for BLS PCR in electronic format. Training needs to occur. QI plan is being mandated. AMR will put out a template for each department. This will need to be done by November 1st this year. This is mandated for everyone. Two MCI drills are requested. One on the peninsula and one in the valley. AMR can participate.

Dan Gearhart stated that Martha is hanging in there. Two units are on the north side of Big Sur. The ambulance is still stuck at the station. Helicopters are shuttling in crews. A trail is being constructed to enable locals to get supplies.

IX. **Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 1145

Next Meeting April 13, 2017
MPC Public Safety Training Center
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