



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association
Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2013**

Host: No host:(

Date:

Call to order at: 10:04 by Vice President Jason Black.

I. Roll Call

Attendees:

Charlie Bedolla	Hollister	Pat O’Connell	SLS
Brian Nichols	Cal Fire	Jason Black	SEA
Danny Suarez	Cal Fire	Deano Lindsey	MCRFD
Natalie Rodda	MPC	Brad Hinckley	MAR
Dan Gearhart	SEA retired	Martha Karstens	BSB

- II. Approval of Minutes:** Dan reviewed the minutes he had done for April, motion by Pat to accept the April minutes, seconded by Deano, motion carried.
- III. Treasurer’s Report:** Dan also reviewed the treasurer’s report for Tammera in her absence, motion by Dan to accept the treasurers report, seconded by Pat, motion carried. Comment by Natalie and we all agreed, that Tammera is doing an excellent job being the treasurer!
- IV. Correspondence and Announcements:** Dan read a flyer for the United Veterans council training for military vets in crisis, May 15 from 10:00 to 1:00, no cost for the class.
- V. Committee Reports:**
 - A. Wildland Committee** Dan reported that the wildland training was moving ahead. Contrary to some rumors he had heard, the dates will be the same, June 17, 19, and 21. Apparently at least 4 other departments will be doing individual training over there, hopefully not in our area, which may have caused the confusion with the dates. Dan will send out an email to Clinton Tolle over at HL to confirm our area will not be used. The overhead list is filling out OK, still need branch level instructor personnel. We had a brief discussion on the possibility of having task books signed off.



- B. Fire Library** Deano had nothing to report, but did mention there had been some confusion with the Art of Reading Smoke DVDs, there are apparently 4 DVDs that make up the complete package. Jason mentioned if Fire departments see a training DVD that they think would be good to use to let TOs know and we would look into purchasing it for the library.
- C. Programs/Training Classes** No report.
- D. Website** Dan reported it is going well and is all updated. The face book page is popular. He read some emails he had received that appeared to be veiled requests for advertising.
- E. Fire Academy** Natalie reported they have 18 people signed up for the upcoming academy. The course plans for upcoming classes are still not clear and are confusing. They need instructors to staff the new classes. She has only 49 days left and the process for replacing her is in progress. There will be an interim person for a few months.
- F. Fire Chiefs Liaison Report** Dan attended the Chief's meeting that was held in King City. It was the annual cooperators meeting followed by a BBQ hosted by Cal Fire. Topics discussed were:
Chief Orman appointed to be the emergency communication committee rep for the process of selecting a new director.
Fire Ops- There is a Fire Comm communications feedback report form for departments to use.
OES- Digital sandbox, GAA report, the County needs to have coordinated grant requests.
AFC- They are updating the list, discussion about the fireline EMT position, people are coming not prepared with the appropriate gear, radio knowledge, or physically able to do the job.
EMS-The County hired Citygate to work with the Chiefs on the ambulance contract issues.
Salinas was close to getting certified as a type 3 Hazmat team.
Cal Am- A water committee report was given.
Strategic plan-Soon to be out.
- G. Training group-Jason** continued discussion of last month's initial thoughts of forming a training group. He will email out all the training officers about this as well as trying to get more participation with TOs. Discussion on classes to present in the future, Natalie said to make sure and have them go through MPC so there is no conflict or duplication. Have specific classes maybe



offered quarterly. Natalie would like to see them offered on a regularly scheduled basis, IE, annually, not just random. Also mentioned was the upkeep cost of the buildings/courses used. Right now MPC was paying for any repairs.

VI. Old Business None

VII. New Business Discussion on keeping an eye on the property at Parker Flats and MOUNT. Need to make sure fire is staying involved so it does not become an all law environment. Natalie felt the Chiefs should be in contact with, and support Walter Tribley. She also suggested we wait until June when the interim person is hired and then meet with a representative from TOs, Chief's, Natalie and Walter. Jason will send a letter to Walter in support of use of the proposed facility, (phase two). We can get one from the Chiefs also. Deano said a lot of cleanup had been done at the MOUNT site, Natalie will see if she can find out who did it.

VIII. Good of the Order

Martha- Big Sur will be having their annual Muster/BBQ on June 8th, noon to 3:00 PM in the Pfeiffer State Park.

Brian-All Cal Fire engines should be staffed by 5/20.

Danny-Announced Brian will be getting promoted to ECC-BC, congratulations Brian!!

Charlie-Hollister paid their membership dues for two of them and hope to attend our meetings.

Pat-Salinas formed a working group for training, Brett Loomis is still in charge of training. He is trying to make sure someone from Salinas attends the TOs meetings.

Jason-Thanks to Cal Fire for allowing them to go to the propane class.

Dan-Reminder to look at the calendar on our web site for training opportunities.

IX. Adjournment Meeting adjourned by Jason Black at 11:37.

Next Meeting June 13th

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

Host Monterey Fire Department

Minutes prepared by Martha Karstens



Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association
Treasurer's Report – April 2013
Reporting period: April 11, 2013 through May 7, 2013

Checking Account Balance as of **April 11, 2013:** **13,539.88**

Revenue:

Total Revenue: **00.00**

Expenses:

4-06-2013 Red Shift Internet Services -20.95

Total Expenses: **-20.95**

Checking Account Balance as of 5/7/2013: **13,518.93**

Saving Account Balance as of 5/7/2013 **67,213.96**

Total Assets as of May 7, 2013: **80,732.89**

Tammera Badano, Treasurer
 May, 7 2013

Notes:

Correction to last month's report, the end total for checking should have been \$13,539.88,

Taxes are being worked on and should be done soon there will be a bill once completed.