



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association
Move Up Committee Meeting Minutes –
May 14, 2015**

Date: May 14, 2015

Call to order at: 1000 by President Jason Black.

I. Roll Call

Attendees:

Jason Black	SEA	Brian Nichols	BEU
Pat O’Connell	RET/SLS	Cary Lesch	SLS
Martha Karstens	BSFB	Jeff Field	MTR
Clinton Tolle	FHL	Ron Lemos	MCRFD
Deano Lindsey	MCRFD	Humberto Arista	NCD
Doug McCown	MAR	Dan Gearhart	RET

Guests:

Larry Achen	Central Santa Cruz
Jeff Seaton	Northern California Training Officers

II. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Lemos and seconded by Lindsey. Minutes were approved by all present.

III. Treasurer’s Report: A printed report was supplied.

IV. Correspondence and Announcements:

Flyers for classes being offered:
XMY Operations Annual Refresher - For all overhead position’s to stay current. If you don’t show you don’t go. May 20 or May 22
CSFA - Mid Coast - May 16-17
Military AirOps Seminar with Lemoire NAS June 23-25. RSVP Brad Hinkley
On Scene Commander Re-Cert - May 28.
POM Flashover Training - June 6-7 Contact Dave Wilcox.

Guest Speaker Jeff Seaton is the area representative for the Northern California Training Officers. The NCFTO’s can try and help with training and he offered that they would take issues to the OSFM on our behalf. They do more than just the Fresno Symposium. Their goal is to offer quarterly training.



They are offering S.L.I.C.E.R.S classes in Sacramento Sept. 24 and San Jose Sept. 25. Some classes are being offered through a grant at no cost. Transitional Attack will be offered in SOCAL. There will be a charge for food only. Jeff will contact Jeff Fields with future information from the group.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Chiefs Meeting – Doug McCown reported that the last meeting was held in King City. There was an update on the current fire season at the meeting. Locally we are 2-3 months ahead of where we would expect conditions to be. Some areas are critical.

Radio's are being reprogramed this month. BEU West is not up and running yet. Stay on BEU local for now. Ron Lemos expressed concern that we may not have a current list for the OES engines.

There are a lot of issues being addressed in the Chief's and EMS meetings. JPA, Governance and levels of service are being addressed. More to come.

B. Wildland Committee – Dan Gearhart reported that Monterey County has 7 engines per day signed up to attend the Wildland School. Santa Cruz County has 7-8 engines signed up per day. Santa Clara County has three engines signed up each day. Divide the resources out and we should be able to have three branches each day with 6-7 engines. We have enough overhead and staff to support this. Monterey County Regional is supplying the greatest number of overhead and we are hoping to lesson our reliance on one source. Santa Cruz County is sending 10 overhead resources each day. Jeff Mason from BSFB will be the Water Supply Manager. He has scouted the area and the water sources are good with water still flowing in Nacimiento Creek. The Monterey County Sherifs Office will be using the wildland school as a training exercise by having the CHP helicopter fly in the repeater to Peanut Hill and set the unit up on top of hill. They will also put up a repeater tower. The command channels will be run off the repeater. It will be a good opportunity to test our radios.

Pat O'Connell reported that Hunter-Liggett held an Off Road Driving class. The one day class was held on two different dates and was limited to 5 engines each day. There were up to three drivers per engine. There was excellent feedback from those who attended the class. It was challenging and the difficult built up as they completed the 50 mile course. There were creek crossings and 40° hill climbs. Clinton Tolle indicated that FHL would be willing to offer the class again if time was available. There was an additional discussion about the possibility of a class being offered for overhead vehicles that might be used for strike team assignments.



The S-219 class that was offered had to be cancelled due to lack of registrants. There may be a time in the fall that the class could be offered again. S-219 has replaced S-234 and there may have been some confusion as the S-234 is still being offered. Many of those classes lack the live fire component. Ron Lemos mentioned that the live fire component is required in his department. It was agreed that the live fire needs to occur with the classes. Clinton Tolle reminded the group that there are places to stay on the base while classes are held including the Hotel and the Hacienda as well as camping.

C. Fire Library No report

D. Programs/Training Classes

Jason Black Wants to talk about an Officer Academy being held in the County.

Humberto Arista noted that an Active Shooter Drill is in the works and that they have had their first meeting. It will not happen until next year. County OES and Law as well as other groups will participate.

SWAT Medic training has been great however they have lost the Fire Investigators training Building due to asbestos being found in the tiles.

E. Website There has been 1,450 views of the website with a daily average of 48-50 views. Dan has been updating the site every 1-2 weeks. The Facebook page has 350 likes. If you want to place flyer on the website please send a PDF file. The PDF files need to be sent as a single document.

F. Fire Academy They are sending the Academy to the Crucible on the 23rd of the month. This is a 24 hour class where the students staff engines and respond to calls for the entire day. They also perform Pub Ed training. They get immediate feedback throughout the entire day. The calls are toned back in the evening. There are opportunities for those who have officer task books to help with this training and get some things signed off.

G. Countywide drills: Jason Black is working with Dane Lobbs at PG&E for a future movement drill. Hunter-Liggett should count as a movement drill and be paged out. The after action review of the Salinas Movement Drill should be finalized.



VI. Old Business

The Traffic Safety Policy is being reviewed by OPS.

Chief Urquides has expressed interest in the old training trailer. There may also be interest from OES in the trailer. It was suggested that the minimum cost of the trailer should be \$2,500 with a potential discount to someone local to \$1,500. A motion by Arista and seconded by Lemos to set the price at that number. The motion passed.

VII. New Business

Jeff Field announced that Monterey Fire will be hosting some of the Command Series Classes. They are able to host smaller class size. Flyers to come.

VIII. Good of the Order

Congrats to Martha as she has the lower part of her house completed. Chief Loomis is now promoted to the position of Chief of Training. Chris Vaughn had been promoted to fill the on line BC position previously held by Brett. Sam Klemak has been promoted to Fire Marshal. Cal Fire will be at full staffing next Monday. No press release yet for the start of the fire season. The Big Sur Fire Brigade will be holding it's Muster on June 13th. A BBQ will be held from 12-3.

IX. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 12:10.

Next Meeting June 11, 2015.

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



Treasurer's Report – April 2015
 Reporting period: April 6, 2015 through May 8, 2015

Checking Account Balance as of April 6, 2015: **17,343.17**

Revenue:

4/28/2015	Membership Dues:	
	Suzette Gertsch – Gonzales FD	10.00
	Brian Gertsch – Gonzales FD	10.00
4/28/2015	Fire Library Dues – Monterey FD	200.00
5/06/2015	P.O. Box cancelation refund	16.50
	Total Revenue:	236.50

Expenses:

05/01/2015	Red Shift Internet Fee	20.95
	Total Expenses:	20.95

Checking Account Balance as of May 8, 2015: **17,558.72**

Wildland Fire School Training Fund: (Savings Account)	60,000.00
Unrestricted Savings: (Savings Account)	7,359.58
Savings Account Balance as of May 8, 2015:	67,359.58
Total Assets as of May 8, 2015:	84,918.30

NOTES:

- Post office box 771 was closed per request from March 12 meeting. Change of address filed to have mail go to 2642 Col Durham Street, Seaside, CA 93955. Request that all departments in the county are notified of change.
- 2014 taxes paperwork has been turned in to Peter Tansill, CPA Accountant. Fee will be 475.00 when completed.

Tammera Badano, Treasurer
 May 8, 2015