



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association
Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2014**

Date: October 9, 2014

Call to order at: 1008 by President. Jason Black.

I. Roll Call

Attendees:

Jason Black	SEA	Dan Gearhart	RET
David Wilcox	POM	Martha Karstens	BSB
Dave Brown	MPC	Pat O’Connell	RET
Brian Dempsey	SEA	Aaron Young	BEU
Ron Lemos	MCRFD	Mike Meddles	BEU
Deano Lindsey	MRRFD	Humberto Arista	NCFPD

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

III. Treasurer’s Report: No Treasure’s Report.

IV. Correspondence and Announcements:
A request was made to the TO’s to see a demonstration of how a drone may be used for training or incidents.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Chiefs Meeting – Chief Dempsey said that Bill Fullerton had given a presentation on Volunteer Retention Programs. Money is available for reserves and many items. A seminar will be given in San Diego. Jason Black will be attending the seminar. The Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County is in final draft. PUC Meeting – Everbridge Training was discussed with the goal to allow each community to make emergency alerts. They reviewed the need to upgrade the CAD system. Agencies are encouraged to give input. Panholzer and Loomis are taking the lead. The anticipated need is two years down the road. EMS Stakeholder Summit will occur on October 23rd. Scott Houchin is the Representative to Cal Chiefs EMS. Natividad is now accepting trauma



patients. Law and Fire are working on UASI grants. Discussion of OACC Disaster Council. The language in documentation needs to be updated. Fort Ord MOUNT site is available to be used for training. Monterey County Regional and POM Chiefs can approve. Elections are coming up. Gearhart stated that he noticed in a past Chiefs Association meeting minutes that the Chiefs Association wanted to become more involved with the Training Officers Association. Gearhart inquired from Chief Dempsey if there was any follow-up to that topic. Chief Dempsey said that this has been an item of discussion at their meetings. They are working on getting more consistent participation. Lemos said that we would need to keep this discussion on the front burner. Participation at Wildland School and at the training meetings needs to be more inclusive of all Departments. The Chief's will need to put money into OT for training. Black agreed to make a presentation to the Chief's on this topic. Lemos reminded the TO's that the upcoming return to County Wide drills will need buy-in from the top down in order to succeed.

B. Wildland Committee – Young indicated that Cal Fire wants to get more involved in countywide training and the Wildland School. He will try to be at the TO'S meeting. Cal Fire can help with the overhead positions. Chief Blue supports more involvement in training. Gearhart asked Chief Dempsey what is the level of interest in going back to the full four day Wildland School from the Chiefs. Chief Dempsey indicated that the costs of logistics were discussed. A discussion on the best way for this to occur was to ask the people in this group who have put on the school over the years. The need for transition planning was brought up as well as the need for individuals to step up. The possibility of using the matrix for strike team callouts and require participation to stay current. This idea could be taken to OPS for input. The Wildland Committee will need to have a meeting soon. We need to make sure that our County gets full participation as overhead and as engine company's participation. We may continue to expand if we get the support. Santa Cruz County was an excellent partner.

C. Fire Library - No report

D. Programs/Training Classes - Lemos asked if there was interest in having a class on how to write reports. The class would be an Attorney with a medic background. There was a lot interest from those present. Additional topics in the class could deal with safe driving. He will get further information. Seaside FD and MPC looking to put on a D/O class. Looking for interest. Looking to put in on a volunteer schedule.



- E. Website** – The website continues to gain interest. 41.5 hits per day. This has gone up 25% the last few months. Some revisions to the sites have helped this increase. Looking to update the look of the site in the next few months. Facebook now has 265 “likes.”
- F. Fire Academy** - Dave Brown said that the Academy has been going through reaccreditation. It involves a lot of paperwork. The Training Officers Association is listed as the MPC Fire Technology Advisory Committee. Room fees for non-instructional usage are \$19 per hour. Non-profits are \$4 per hour. Working on getting an AA program for paramedicine. There are 13 students in the anatomy class and 19 are signed up for the paramedic class. The classes are taught through NCTI, which is AMR’s parent company. He discussed the changes that are going to occur in the method to receive FFI certification. It will need to go through a test by accredited academies and be handled similar to the National Registry process from EMT’s and medics. Cal Fire is going to go to only hire FFI when this happens. This has not yet been approved by Cal Chief’s but is well on its way to happening. There are also changes occurring for fire instructor 1, 2 and 3.
- G. Countywide Movement Drills** - Salinas has asked to move the date for the first drill to January. A 2-4 hour drill set for one day only. It will be held in the morning to make it easier for staffing with change of shifts. Tropic will be flowing big water and will incorporate various stations and work ICS building a large event.

VI. Old Business:

A. Training Trailer

Ron Lemos reported that the training trailer has been purchased and the items from the old trailer have been moved to the new trailer. Jason Black requested that the trailer be brought to the next meeting for everybody to see.

B. Challenge Coins

Black and O’Connell working on design.

VII. New Business

A. Election of Officers & Board Members



Jason Black reviewed the Election and Nomination procedures. Jason Black declared nominations open for Officers and Board Members.

Nominations were received for the following positions:

President: Jason Black
Vice President: Dave Wilcox
Secretary: Martha Karstens
Treasurer: Tamera Badano

Board of Directors:

Humberto Arista
Pat O'Connell
Dan Gearhart

After no other nominations were received, Jason stated that nominations would remain open until the next meeting.

B. Pacific Gas & Electric Movement Drill

Martha Karstens said that PG&E has approached the County Fire Chiefs through the Operations Committee about providing standardized response training with the possibility of incorporating the training into a countywide movement drill. Jason said he would follow-up with OPS and PG&E concerning this training opportunity.

C. Website Re-imbursement

Jason Black raised the issue about possible re-imbursement or payment of services to Dan Gearhart for his continued work on the TO's website. Mike Meddles said that about \$250.00 a year is paid for hosting a site that he is involved with. Dan said that we pay Redshift \$20.95 per month for hosting the site, which is completely separate from any work needed for updating the site. Dan said that he spends about 2-3 hours a week working on the website; adding classes, removing classes, revising, and updating. Dan said that Redshift charges \$100.00 per hour for the same work he is doing at no cost. Jason asked the group for input on the issue. After not receiving any input, Jason said the issue will be carried over to the next meeting.



VIII. Good of the Order

Flash trailer has been acquired by POM

Monterey County Fire Chiefs Association FF of the Year Award nominations will be opening soon.

FHL is putting together a RS-1 site.

SMCFPD is annexing a large area including San Ardo

Coast Guard looking to host a shore based rescue swimmer class.

Highway tension cables are being added and we will need to train on these.

IX. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 12:40.

Next Meeting November 13, 2014.
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