



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association  
Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2013**

Host: No host.....

**Date:** September 12, 2013

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

**I. Roll Call**

**Attendees:**

Dan Gearhart	SEA retired	Jason Black	SEA
Nate Armstrong	Cal Fire	Martha Karstens	BSB
Pat O’Connell	SLS	Deano Lindsey	MCRFD
Tammera Badano	AMR	Dave Brown	MPC

**II. Approval of Minutes:** The August minutes were briefly reviewed and approved by consensus.

**III. Treasurer’s Report:** Tammera presented the treasurers report. We have still not received a bill from our accountant. We also need an invoice for the Art of Reading Smoke. Took in \$10 for member dues at the meeting.  
Checking account balance as of 9/10/13 \$12,804.99.  
Savings balance : \$67,247.59  
Total assets: \$80,052.58

**IV. Correspondence and Announcements:** Dan received an email from Charlie at Hollister Fire with training flyers. They are Command 1A, ICS 300 and 400 and Training Instructor 1A. They are posted on our web site, Stewart Roth will be the instructor for all of them. He also got a notice from our insurance carrier regarding getting ready to renew our policy. Fees may increase, we need to monitor this. A reminder that nothing outside the class room is covered.

**V. Committee Reports:**

**A. Wildland Committee** Dan has 8 cases of water left in his garage, he will buy them from us if we like. Motion by Dave to sell the water to Dan for \$32, second by Tammera, unanimous. Pat said he has talked with some people



from Santa Cruz TOs and they would like to meet to talk about next year's wildland school.

**B. Fire Library** Deano asked if we wanted to renew 24/7 for approximately \$1,500. No one has used it for a long time, agencies seem to be using other avenues. Motion by Deano to not renew 24/7, second by Tammera, unanimous.

**C. Programs/Training Classes/Training group** Jason reported he had representatives from most departments willing to do training for the training group. He will talk to John to see if he still wants to be the training designee, he might turn it over to Dan Suarez.

Deano said he and Ron had made contact with Target Solutions/Safety to try and get them to do a County training class on system use but have not heard back. There is a lot done online. Should we have TOs sponsor the class? Deano will look into getting an Art of Reading Smoke instructor. He also spoke with Ron Babbitt and Ron Moore about a class, he will get information from both of them and we can compare them and see who we want to use. Dan was contacted by an Adam Harnage of the Woodland Fire Protection District, he is willing to teach classes for us. Dan told him to contact Ron or Jason.

**D. Website** Dan reported it is going well, there are 150 classes listed on it. He has removed the out of county rotation list, it was out of date. Facebook is doing well, we have now have 200 "likes"! He welcomes any suggestions for FB. Dan also reported on the play at MPC, "The Guys", it was about the 9/11 disaster. It was very good and he recommended seeing it. The flyer is on our web site also, it will still be put on this week end.

**E. Fire Academy** Dave said there are more funds available for training hours. Departments need to make sure and document their training hours and send rosters in with their hours. He is working on promoting class room use here and would like to bolster the EMS component. He is also working on making the MPC registration process easier.

**F. Fire Chiefs Liaison Report** There was no August meeting.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. MCI drills** This is for having a drill for the two "off" years that the airport does not have one. Need someone to step up and organize one. Keep on under old business.



**VII. New Business**

- A. Sell old wildland trailer/purchase new one. Deano suggested that now would be a good time to sell our trailer as it is starting show some wear. We could use a little bit larger one, maybe 5 feet longer. The market is good now to purchase one. He will look into it and bring back a proposal. Deano also reported that the JPA has officially been dissolved. If anyone wants to use the tower or maze contact Deano or Miles and they give you a contact number. We expressed our appreciation to Deano and Miles for all their working keeping the equipment going for all these years.

**VIII. Good of the Order**

Dan – Recommended everyone see the 9/11 play.

Deano – Is anyone doing any research on single layer wildland gear?

Advised to talk to Cal Fire or North County. Regional is getting a new type I.

Jason – They got a grant for 4000 smoke detectors, also a grant for turnouts and wildland gear. Probably black turn outs and maybe leather helmets.

Pat – Salinas is doing the black turnouts also.

- IX. **Adjournment** Motion by Dave for adjournment, second by Tammera. Meeting adjourned at 11:58.

Next Meeting October 10, 2013

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

**Host Big Sur Fire**

Minutes prepared by Martha Karstens



**Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association  
Treasurer's Report – August 2013  
Reporting period: August 2, 2013 through September 10, 2013**

Checking Account Balance as of **August 1, 2013:** **11,820.89**

**Revenue:**

8-19-13	MPC Wildland Training Exercise	856.00
8-19-13	Membership Dues: S. Gertsch (GFPD)	10.00
8-19-13	Membership Dues: B. Gertsch (Spreckels)	10.00
8-30-13	Membership Dues: A Young (Cal-Fire)	10.00
8-30-13	Fire Library Dues: Pebble Beach CSD FD	200.00

**Total Revenue:** **1,086.00**

**Expenses:**

8-19-13	Red Shift Internet Services (August Payment)	-20.95
9-03-13	Red Shift Internet Services (September Payment)	-20.95
9-9-13	PO Box Annual Fee	-60.00

**Total Expenses:** **-101.90**

Checking Account Balance as of 9/10/13: **12,804.99**

Saving Account Balance as of 9/10/2013: **67,247.59**

**Total Assets as of September 10, 2013:** **80,052.58**

Tammera Badano, Treasurer  
September 10, 2013

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