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Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association

Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2009

Host: North Monterey County Fire Protection District

Meeting called to order at 10:10 by President Dan Gearhart

I. Roll Call:

Attendees:

Doug McCoun	North County FPD
Humberto Arista	North County FPD
Dan Gearhart	Seaside Fire
Natalie Rodda	Monterey Peninsula College
Mike Meddles	Soledad
Rick Williams	Salinas City Fire
Deano Lindsey	Carmel Valley Fire
J. Phil Rossi	Hollister City Fire
David Sargenti	Salinas Rural Fire
Colette O'Connor	Cal Fire BEU
Pat O'Connell	Salinas City Fire
Brett Loomis	Salinas City Fire
Martha Karsteas	Big Sur Fire
Stewart Roth	Monterey Fire

II. Approval of Minutes:

Review of the minutes from the meeting of December 11, 2008 hosted by Monterey Airport Fire and recorded by Doug McCoun. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Stewart Roth and 2nd by David Sargenti to approve the minutes; motion passed.



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III. Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2008 63,044.26

Expenses:

12/19/08 Red Shift Internet Serv...Balance 50% Web Site Expen -2000.00

12/23/08 Red Shift Internet Serv...Month Web Site Expen -41.90

Total Expenses: -2041.90

Income: 0.00

Total Income: 0.00

Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2008: 61,002.36

Motion by Stewart Roth and 2nd by Mike Meddles to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, motion passed.

IV. Correspondence:

Fire Chief's Luncheon
Salinas Fire Chief Turner Retired / Chief Loomis now Training Chief.

Monterey Fire announced T.F.T. training class

V. Committee Reports:

President Gearhart requests that committee chairs e-mail reports if they will not be present at the meeting.



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A. ICS: No report

Strike Team Leaders Class and Division Group Supervisors Class will be offered in March. S-212 will be offered starting Feb 9; S-230 will be offered in April. S-270 Air Operations will be offered at a date to be determined.

B. Wildland Committee: Dave Sargenti
Looking at new sites at Hunter Liggett for Wildland School
For more information see minutes from Wildland Committee meeting

C. Fire Library: Deano Lindsey
The Fire Library is back up and running. 15 departments invoiced. CALFIRE units consolidated and Monterey Fire and Pacific Grove Fire invoiced as one department due to consolidation
New to Library:
10 Cones of Highway Safety

D. Programs: Stewart Roth
Three new classes S390, S230, and S231.

E. Website: Doug McCoun
The web site is up and running. Shopping cart is being worked on with Google and Red Shift. We will have a security charge for site of \$10.00 and a site charge of \$30.00 to Red Shift. Had discussion on making postings PDF or opened.
Send up dates for web sight to Doug McCoun

F. State Fire Academy/MPC: Natalie Rodda
Site visit went good for Fire Academy; we received a three year recommendation for its accreditation.
Instructor III roll out on February 17, 2009 will be needed for master instructor.
Construction moving forward; planning to open for fall semester of 2009



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VI. Old Business:

Discussion of Brad Mayhew's presentation about Fire Line Factors Workshops. We discussed the possibility of scheduling a class for April or May before Wildland School and if we should have the 4 hour or full 8 hour class.

Motion was made by Pat O'Connell and seconded by Mike Meddles to host Brad Mayhew's full class Fire Line Factors Workshops. Prior to the Wildland School

VII. New Business:

President Gearhart advised that we needed to elect a Treasurer for the Organization, and that we needed Board of Directors

Nominations for treasurer where opened:

Kathryn Pernet was nominated for Treasurer. No other nominations where received.

David Sargenti made motion to close nominations. Motion seconded by Mike Meddles

Voice vote taken for Kathryn Pernet for Treasurer:

14 infavor 0 abstentions and 0 nay

Revision of by-laws

Gearhart requested that the by laws be changed for the number of Board of Directors from 5 to 7 members to 3 to 5 members

Motion made by Stewart Roth and seconded by Deano Lindsey

Board of directors shall be no less than 3 and no more than 5

Voice vote taken 14 in favor 0 abstentions and 0 nay

Passed

Board of Director's nominations opened

Stewart Roth, Deano Lindsey and David Sargenti

Motion by Mike Meddles and seconded by Brett Loomis

to close nominations and elected Stewart Roth, Deano Lindsey and David Sargenti to Board of Directors.

Voice vote taken: 14 in favor 0 abstentions, and 0 nay

Passed



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Discussion on do we need corporation and officers insurance by Natalie Rodda. That this is something we should look in to to see if we are covered by Monterey County Fire Chiefs or do we need our own.
Tabled for more information at next meeting

Highway Traffic Safety updates on use of high visibility vest exception of use at hazards incidents on page 15 & 16 discussion by Gearhart
Motion by David Sargenti and seconded by Deano Lindsey to adopt change to Monterey County High way Traffic Safety plan.
Voice vote taken: 14 in favor 0 abstentions and 0 nay
Passed

Discussion of letter from Sherwin, John on Monterey County EMS Training Programs.
Forward to Monterey County Fire Chiefs with no recommendation

Website

Should we post minutes and in what format on the website
Motion by Natalie Rodda and seconded by Brett Loomis to post minutes in PDF format on website;
Voice vote taken 14 in favor 0 abstentions and 0 nay
Passed

Need manager for website. The website is us and we need to keep it current. Contact Doug McCoun or Dan Gearhart if you are interested

New Logo design

Dan Gearhart contacted graphic design companies for logo design and received 3 proposals

Full Steam Marketing and Design

www.fullsteam.com

SeeBox Studios

www.seeboxstudio.com

Takigawa Design

www.takigawadesign.com

Pat O'Connell offered to also submit a design for the logo.
Recommend to table to February 12, 2008 meeting to give time to review options by David Sargenti.



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VIII. Good of the Order:

IX. Adjournment:

1. Meeting adjourned at 11:15

Next Meeting: February 12, 2009
Wildland Committee: 0900 hrs
General Membership 1000 hrs.

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Johnson Ave and Abbott Pl
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January 30, 2009