



San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association

ADVANCEMENT THRU UNITY IN ADMINISTRATION

Joe Telles – President
Geoff Balton - Vice President
Dan Ghiorso – Secretary

March 19th 2009
Draft
Minutes
Operation's Group

Meeting called to order at 0900 hrs.

Member Attendance

Belmont/San Carlos Cal Fire	Mike Gaffney
Coastside Fire	
Central County Fire	Drew Flinders
Foster City	Jim Scott
Foster City	Mike Towns
Menlo Park	
Millbrae Fire	
North County Fire	Todd Johnson
Redwood City	
San Bruno	Joe Telles
San Mateo Fire	John Healy
So. SF Fire	Dave Quasney
Woodside	Dan Ghiorso

Outside Representative Attendance

Fire Chief Liaison	Dan Belville
OES	NA
PSC	Don Maynard
TO	Todd Johnson
EMS	John Kammeyer
FPO	John Mapes
SFFD	NA

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes motioned by Todd Johnson and seconded by Jim Scott. Approved

Fire Chiefs' Report

Report given by Dan Belville

- Bob O'Donnell presented to the chiefs the Angelina Ciucci Golf Tournament. It will take place Aug. 10th 2009.
- Operation "Urban Shield" will be 4 exercises and take place on Oct. 23rd thru 26th. More info to follow as details become available.
- Chiefs recognize potential for brownouts, closures etc... and how that affects other districts.
- Fire Chiefs are working on a move and cover plan with AMR.
- Bill O'Callahan and Chief Belville talked about county resource list; OES assembled and gave to SUASI group. List not exactly what OPS had wanted and therefore we will be continuing our own committee work.
- Chiefs are in agreement of the need for a safety vest policy, where all jurisdictions will have a safety vest for their personnel as required by law.
- Chief Belville requested Life Safety Policy, BC Vehicle Standardization Policy and Code 2 Policy be forwarded to Chief Skinner. Dan Ghiorso will facilitate.
- Radio communications with SFFD at SFO is challenging at best. Chief Belville is contacting Captain Sullivan to address problem.
- Fire Academy is on target for fall. If numbers dictate, it may get moved to the 1st of the year. TO Group says at minimum 10 recruits are needed to run academy
- State OPS group will have their annual leadership seminar next week in Oroville.
- The "Fire line EMTP" position has been resurrected. OPS group will send out info as it becomes available. Dan Ghiorso will facilitate.

OES Report

No Report

EMS Report

Report by John Kammeyer

- Negotiations with AMR almost complete. New Life pack 15 is FDA approved and JPA is re-entering negotiations with AMR to get new Life packs.
- AMR is looking to post units at Fire Stations.
- New contract will have a "technology fund" with an executive committee. The committee makeup will be that of the JPA, AMR and County EMS.
- Operations of the new system will be up and running on July 1st.
- Training will be provided prior to that date for all changes.

PSC Report

Report by Don Maynard

- 2008 stats are out and have been forwarded to the Chiefs, Operations Group and Training Group. If jurisdictions need stats in other forms, contact Don Maynard. Custom reports can be built.
- Don is making himself available to help jurisdictions with deployment plan if they are looking at “brown outs” or station closures.

Mike Towns

- Command 31 should be online in about 1 month. Millbrae Public Works got the old channel that is non-repeated, simplex system. We will use their channel.
- Cost for this may be absorbed to some extent. FCF has already absorbed much of the labor cost with the work of Mike Towns.

TO Report

Report given Todd Johnson

- Dave McGrail High Rise class/operations is on May 4th and 5th. It will be part of the COCE and off duty personnel are welcome.
- STL refresher class on June 1st and 2nd.
- Hunter Liggett burns are on June 4th thru 6th.
- Camp Parks burns are June 23rd and 24th.

FPO Report

Report given by John Mapes

- Local Fire Departments are not signing off on landscaping or defensible space bill. They will advise on actions only.
- FPO's are moving ahead with becoming an ICC Chapter.
- Pub Ed working on juvenile fire setter program. This program will be similar to the one used in Santa Clara County.
- FYI, the Fire Code does not allow BBQ's on combustible decks except for the table top size BBQ's that utilize the small disposable propane bottles.

Old Business:

BART report by Joe Telles

- San Bruno still in need of batteries for BART radios.
- Noted some Knox boxes without keys.

USAR

- Drew Flinders met with USAR group and identified where programs are and what their needs were.
- SSFFD looking to be typed as Type I by August.
- Menlo Park looking for Typing to Type I by July, possibly in combination with Woodside Fire.
- Central County is still looking for a little equipment to meet Type I.
- Drew has located about \$30K for use in the way of training. This training needs to be completed by June 2009.

High Rise Policy

- Dan Ghiorso to obtain electronic copy of policy and distribute to OPS Group.

Alarm Standardization Policy report given by John Healy

- John to reconvene committee to work on policy.
- EMD cards have been reviewed and recommendations given back to PSC.

Overhaul Committee report given by Jim Scott

- They have met once and are possibly looking at creating an O'Haul Group Sup at incidents.

Water Rescue Policy, no report, Joe Telles to follow up with Menlo to have this Policy completed. Joe to also look into the sign offs from Menlo on **Violent call responses**.

Landing Zone Committee report by Dan Ghiorso

- About 5 jurisdictions have reported back info specific to their jurisdiction on landing zones.
- Stanford Life Flight has no known documentation of San Mateo County landing Zones. They have requested a copy of our completed report.
- FCF has offered to put info into database so it can be loaded into GPS units and laptops.

New Business

Command 21

Report from Don Maynard

- There is or has been some issues with the use of Command 21.
- PSC needs exact locations, time and alarm number if applicable so that the problem can be addressed.
- When a company has an issue with radio communication, report problem to PSC and the jurisdiction of the reporting party. PSC will determine if TEA needs to be contacted immediately or if this is a problem that may already be established and or addressed.

Committees and Members

- Radio Committee
 - Chair
- BART Drill and Policies
 - Chair, McWhirter
 - Drew Flinders
 - Joe Telles
 - Todd Johnson
 - TO rep
- High Rise Training (OP's assisting TO's)
 - Chair, Ron Lavezzo
 - Geoff Balton
 - Stan Maupin
 - Ed Barton
- Joint Meeting with TO's
 - Chair, Joe Telles
- USAR- assessing equipment needs; writing guideline policy.
 - Chair, Drew Flinders
 - Tom Azzopardi
 - Frank Fraone
 - Todd Johnson
 - Larry Whitney
 - Jim Frey
- Emergency Response Directory
 - Chair, Brennan Blue
 - Bill O'Callahan
 - Frank Fraone
- Standardized alarm response plans.
 - Chair, John Healy
 - Todd Johnson
 - Mike Gaffney
 - Don Maynard
- Landing Zones-all cities
 - Chair, Dan Ghorso
 - Brennan Blue
 - Jim Comiskey
 - Bob Ballard
 - Bill O'Callahan, contact
- Water Rescue Plan
 - Chair, Geoff Balton
 - Tom Azzopardi
 - FOS TBD
 - RWC TBD
- O'Haul Policy
 - Chair, Mike Gaffney
 - Todd Johnson
 - Jim Scott

Significant Calls & Roundtable

Belmont/San Carlos:

Cal Fire:

Central County Fire: Drew Flinders

- E36 will be coming up as a RIC capable engine.
- Don Maynard helped in drawing up plans for browning out E34. This will occur on May 1st and run until at least march of 2010.
- Significant calls included a vehicle at Mollie Stone's hitting numerous victims both adults and juvenile. Significant traumatic injuries by multiple patients.
- USAR called to 4 alarm Fire in Menlo Park.

Coastside Fire:

Foster City: Mike Towns

- Significant call involved an auto into a Single family dwelling. High speed involved and Life Flight utilized. Prognosis is poor for the 1 patient.
- Alarm in High Rise escalated due to reports and scaled down quickly, ending up being a good drill.

Millbrae/San Bruno: Joe Telles

- Looking for direction on consolidation.
- Millbrae looking to continue Fire Tax. Ballots are mail in.
- San Bruno may have to cross staff as budget concerns weigh in.

North County: Todd Johnson

- BC Test in Pacifica. Looking to promote 1.

San Mateo: John Healy

- AFG grant awarded for EMS coats.
- Working on "borrowing Equipment" document.
- Tunnel from Polhemus road into Hillsborough as part of water plan. Runs thru Cal Fire Jurisdiction.

Menlo Park Fire:

North County Fire:

Redwood City Fire:

SSFFD: Dave Quasney

- May be going to ALS boundary drops by summer

Woodside Fire: Dan Ghiorso

- 2 new Seagraves are expected to be completed in early April and delivered by May.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 hours

Next Operations' meeting: **April 16th, 2009** @ Foster City Community Center at 0900 hours.