



San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association

ADVANCEMENT THRU UNITY IN ADMINISTRATION

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

April 16th 2009
Draft
Minutes
Operation's Group

Meeting called to order at 0900 hrs.

Member Attendance

Belmont/San Carlos	Mike Gaffney
Cal Fire	Brennan Blue
Cal Fire	Scott Jalbert
Coastside Fire	
Central County Fire	Drew Flinders
Foster City	Jim Comiskey
Menlo Park	Tim Campbell
Menlo Park	Frank Fraone
Millbrae Fire	Ron Lavezzo
North County Fire	Todd Johnson
Redwood City	Geoff Balton
San Bruno	Joe Telles
San Mateo Fire	John Healy
So. SF Fire	Dave Quasney
Woodside	Dan Ghiorso

Outside Representative Attendance

Fire Chief Liaison	
OES	NA
PSC	
TO	Todd Johnson
EMS	
FPO	John Mapes
SFFD	NA

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes motioned by Jim Comiskey and seconded by Ron Lavezzo.
Approved

Fire Chiefs' Report

Report given by John Healy

- CICCIS review committee will meet in June after the STL refresher training.
- The Chiefs are still trying to find the appropriate “home” for the electronic Policies and Procedures.

OES Report

No Report

EMS Report

No Report, overhead discussion

- Discussion on Lifepack 15 (new) as opposed to current model proposed in new RFP and currently being negotiated. It appears as of now we will stay with current model.
- There is a plan for PCR changes for 1st responders to make them more end user friendly.
- This may lead to a new MEDS program and capability to interface with Zoll RMS.

PSC Report

No Report

TO Report

Report given Todd Johnson

- County looking at Pending brownouts.
- Updating TO web site.
- Edgewood burn has been cancelled.
- Russian Ridge Burn still TBD.
- TO's are still planning on holding Fall academy.

FPO Report

Report given by John Mapes

- No meeting of FPO's prior to OPS group so no report.
- FYI, Alameda County may be changing ALS services from fire to county or other unknown source.

Old Business:

BART report by Joe Telles

- Colma in need of batteries (6) Millbrae needs (3), Joe Telles to handle.
- SSF Fire is good.
- Unknown status of North County, Matt Lucett is handling.
- BART quarterly meetings will be attended by North Zone reps on a rotational basis if possible.

USAR report by Drew Flinders

- Drew Flinders sent out policy draft and info on USAR via OPS email.
- Basic items on how to call for a USAR response, similar to that of HAZ MAT call out. This is still in discussion with PSC.
- There is a class set for May 11th-15 on CS operations. This is a State certified 40 hour class.
- There is a second class planned for June.

High Rise Policy

- High Rise Policy is not adopted or in effect at this time.
- Questions on Policy include,
 - Too Much 2 ½" hose??
 - 10' jumper without gated wye?
 - Has cost analysis been done on this??
- Recommend only 50' lengths.
- Can we have recommendation on desired jobs for 3 person Engine Company?
- Concerns on limited amount of trucks for forcible entry.
- No assignments on the floor above the fire in 1st 3 alarms.
- No BC assignment (this was intentionally done) allows flexibility.
- Question on all truck crews going in, who works stick if needed.

Alarm Standardization Policy report given by John Healy

- Has talked with PSC.
- Group still unsure of what Chiefs want or for direction for this Policy.
- The response appears to be agency choice at this time.
- Chiefs are looking for a set of guidelines and then each agency can pick from these guidelines.

Emergency Response Directory report given by Brennan Blue

- Brennan now has book from Menlo Park and will be moving forward.
- Brennan will contact Chief Belville for OES involvement.

Overhaul Committee report given by Mike Gaffney

- They have had discussion as to a template on how best to utilize crews for Overhaul.
- Safety and workload are high priority.
- There is no ability at this time to monitor all types of gases during overhaul. Safest way is full PPE for duration.
- Leaning towards SCBA for duration of Overhaul.

Water Rescue Policy, report by Geoff Balton.

- Only report is meeting with PSC.

Landing Zone Committee report by Dan Ghiorso

- Foster City is compiling data base for GPS units and laptops.
- More info from jurisdictions that have yet responded is needed.

Radio Committee No Report

New Business

Vest Policy

- Vest Policy draft shown at meeting.
- Policy in County Format will be moved forward.

Adherence to County Policy report by Geoff Balton

- Chiefs are determining what policies are and what guidelines are.
- Keep individuals on task with Policies, they are agreed upon by the majority and therefore accepted by all upon implementation.

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 Ghiorso
 - 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 Stopped here!

Belmont/San Carlos: Mike Gaffney

- BSC is looking at hiring both entry level and lateral FF and FFP positions.
- Getting a grant trailer for water protection, i.e. boone for spill protection. Will be available to all.
- Received AFG grant for wildland gear.
- For Haz Mat consults, page Haz Mat 13. You will get the Haz Mat Captain. If they are unavailable, request Haz Mat 30.

Cal Fire:

- Scott Jalbert had discussion with AMR sup. Mike Marsh in regards to having a transport ambulance on structure fires. The group expressed a desire to have ambulance automatically assigned on 2nd alarms. It was also expressed that we should automatically have one dispatched upon full HAZ MAT response.

Central County Fire: Drew Flinders

- Had a good call with AMR sup Mike Marsh.
- Sewer measure for Burlingame, if it fails it could have fiscal impacts on CCF.
- May look at closing Station 36 if impacts are to big.

Coastside Fire:

Foster City: Jim Comiskey

- Water Rescue team to be typed on April 17th. Expect to get typed as a Type II team.

Millbrae/San Bruno: Ron Lavezzo/Joe Telles

- Fire assessment tax coming up on May 15th.
- Matrix study ongoing with consultant hired for possible merger.
- SB may need to cross staff E51 and T51 due to budget concerns.

North County: Todd Johnson

- BC assessment center to be held and looking for help on assessors.

San Mateo: John Healy

- SM station 23 going to planning for a complete rebuild. Hopefully it will be 2 stories.
- There is internal training going on for water rescue. New PFD and rope launchers on E24, E26 and truck.
- Radio grant regionally for mobile and portable.
- Looking for grant for Hose Tender.

Menlo Park Fire: Tim Campbell

- Having a BC test April 15th.
- Will be promoting 2 new BC's.
- After completion of BC appointment, 2 new captains will be promoted.
- Looking for new Emergency Coordinator.
- Probably not hiring this year for FF position.

Redwood City Fire: Geoff Balton

- No hiring upcoming. Fire Chief to run as FM dual role.
- No brownouts this fiscal year. May brownout E9 if needed next fiscal year.
- Significant call involving aircraft down. Plane crashed into a very inaccessible area. Flew emergency crews into area. Multiple injuries.
- Another BC at command post would have been beneficial. 1 BC was already in airport tower.
- Some units were initially released and in retrospect should have kept them.
- Exhaustion level for Ff's was a concern.
- Private helicopter flew out help to the site.

SSFFD: Dave Quasney

Woodside Fire: Dan Ghiorso

- State Fire Hazard mapping is a growing concern with 1 of the towns in the WFPD. Town does not want to recognize map and or fire hazard in areas served.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 hours

Next Operations' meeting: **May 21, 2009** @ Foster City Community Center at 0900 hours.