



# San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association

ADVANCEMENT THRU UNITY IN ADMINISTRATION

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

May 21st 2009  
Draft  
Minutes  
Operation's Group

Meeting called to order at 0900 hrs.

## Member Attendance

Belmont/San Carlos	Mike Gaffney
Cal Fire	Brennan Blue
Coastside Fire	
Central County Fire	Drew Flinders
Foster City	
Menlo Park	-
Menlo Park	
Millbrae Fire	Ron Lavezzo
North County Fire	
Redwood City	Geoff Balton
Redwood City	Stan Maupin
San Bruno	Joe Telles
San Mateo Fire	John Healy
So. SF Fire	
Woodside	Dan Ghiorso

## Outside Representative Attendance

Fire Chief Liaison	Dan Belville
OES	Bill O'Callahan
PSC	
TO	
EMS	
FPO	
SFFD	NA

## **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of minutes motioned by Geoff Balton and seconded by Ron Lavezzo.  
Approved

## **Fire Chiefs' Report**

Report given by Chief Belville

- Prevention and OPS presented at last Chiefs meeting.
- No others news to report.

## **OES Report**

Report given by Bill O'Callahan

- Swine Flu debriefing was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Belmont Sports Complex.
- Preparedness day at SSF on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.
- New grant period for OES.
  - Committee members include Chief Meyers, Chief Sims along with members from law and Public Health.
- EOC grant applied for and denied.
- Completed MOU with Community College District for Sheltering, Staging, Flu, etc...

## **EMS Report**

Overhead discussion and report by BC Balton.

- Invite AMR to OPS group. Do they have a specific rep?
- JPA parties in contract negotiations, negotiations struggling.
- Question on increasing use of FRU to code 3 to hospitals with AMR.

## **PSC Report**

Report given by Don Maynard

- PSC will be eliminating training position from law academy.
- That person will move back to dispatching.
- Hiring 2 additional people in the fall.
- EPD protocol is moving forward on the law side.
- New training room at 455 building. 2 fully functional CAD consoles.
- Violent call addition of BC will roll out.

## **TO Report**

## Report given Stan Maupin

- COCE for high rise was good success. 219 people attended with 47 Chief Officers.
- STL classes June 1 and 2.
- Academy for fall is not likely. Unknown what jurisdictions will do if they hire before next year.
- County Fog Manual trying to be used in P&P.
- Safety stand own is June 14<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Wildland Update for Fire Training
  - Edgewood burn cancelled
  - Russian Ridge burn scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Cloverdale burn planned for July or August
  - Camp Parks is 24 and 25 of June
- TO's sponsoring a hole at Angelina Ciucci Golf Tourney

## **FPO Report**

### Report given by Chief Belville

- FPO's working on "Fire Safe Building"?
- Use of Fire crews for in county "Fire Safe Program".

## **Old Business:**

### BART report by Joe Telles

- Equipment now all set, batteries have all been delivered. Dual Knox boxes are to be installed at stations.

### USAR report by Drew Flinders

- Confined Space Tech Class- 36 people in class, (3 from Genentech and 33 fire personnel).
- Another class scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Menlo Fire hopefully responding as USAR by end of summer.
- Training equipment available thru CCF- ask Drew for details.
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### High Rise Policy

- High Rise Policy - was called procedure, will be changed to "Policy".
- Discussion made from questions on last month's minutes.
- Stan requesting we beta test policy on drills when possible.
- Discussion on assignments and each incident being different it was recommended that the IC be left with the ability to assign needs.
- Need standard as to what High Rise is.

- Need feedback on the trucks, do we need them sooner.

[Alarm Standardization Policy](#) report given by John Healy

- Identifying Target hazards.

[Emergency Response Directory](#) report given by Bill O'Callahan

- OES looking to allocate some grant money
- There is a directory for resources in county.
- There is a directory for what we already have.

[Overhaul Committee](#) report given by Mike Gaffney

- Committee is looking on how to set up group on incident.
- Looking at rehab ability.
- Looking at who would be part of group, i.e. investigators?

[Water Rescue Policy](#), report by Geoff Balton.

- No report.

[Landing Zone Committee](#) report by Dan Ghiorso

- Dan to talk to FCF and see if we can put out a preliminary data base.

[Radio Committee](#) report given by Joe Telles

- Will meet June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Going to re-affirm radio plan.
- Concerns from Central about Command 21.
- *Reminder on any radio problems – need to be sent to Joe Telles as radio chair.*

## **New Business**

Apparatus Identifiers

- Handout by PSC on apparatus identifiers.
- Dan to forward handout.

WMD Buckets

How do we procure new equipment?

## **Committees and Members**

- Radio Committee

- Chair, Joe Telles
- 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

- FF Test upcoming for FFP lateral and Entry level FF.
- Submitted numerous grants.
- Pole down across from station ended up being a TA with pole down and wires down on vehicle with occupant trapped. Waited for PG&E to shut down power.
- After incident electrical current found to still be feeding service.

Cal Fire:

Central County Fire:

Coastside Fire:

Foster City:

Millbrae/San Bruno: Ron Lavezzo/Joe Telles

- Grants submitted for include, radios, SCBA's and High Rise eq.
- SF, was in attic which was enclosed on bottom side with metal. Came in as smoke showing from structure. Had to attack fire from top down.
- San Bruno changing from Cluster to zone complex in station ordering.
- Grants include radios and rescue gear

North County:

San Mateo: Dan Belville and John Healy

- Chiefs approved plan to inspect radio sites using cadets.
- OPS being given credit for work being done.
- State OPS group sponsoring Darrel Jones digital radio seminar. CAL Chiefs on board. June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Haz mat investigation turned out to be a Haz Mat when party removed items from dumpster and brought to home.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm fire in city turned out to be city employee.
- Grants applied for are Radio, Hose and Hose wagon.

Menlo Park Fire:

Redwood City Fire: Geoff Balton

- Wires down on car very similar to BSC. Occupant had already removed herself from vehicle.

SSFFD:

Woodside Fire:

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 hours

Next Operations' meeting: **June 18th, 2009** @ Foster City Community Center at 0900 hours.