



San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association

ADVANCEMENT THRU UNITY IN ADMINISTRATION

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

June 18th 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	
Foster City	Jim Comisky
Menlo Park	-
Menlo Park	
Millbrae Fire	Ron Lavezzo
North County Fire	Todd Johnson
Redwood City	Geoff Balton
Redwood City	Stan Maupin
Redwood City	Marta Barker
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	Bill O'Callahan
OES	Ed Barberini
PSC	
TO	Todd Johnson

EMS	Emil Picchi
EMS	John Kammeyer
AMR	Mike Marsh
AMR	Rick
AMR	Yolanda
AMR	Scott Engleman
FPO	John Mapes
SFFD	NA

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes motioned by Geoff Balton and seconded by Jim Comisky.
Approved

Fire Chiefs' Report

Report given by Chief Belville

- SUASI \$, emphasis this year will be for fire to increase heavy rescue equipment needed for USAR teams. Hopefully more \$ will go to fire this year.
- TO and EMS group presented to Chiefs at the last meeting.
- Chiefs recognize some concern over AMR going to level zero in recent weeks.
- SF terrorism group may be offering a presentation to OPS group for all San Mateo County Fire agencies.

OES Report

Report given by Bill O'Callahan

- Debrief on outbreak recently took place.
- City Plans need to be upgraded and sent to OES, care of Bill O'Callahan.
- Tsunami mapping completed which includes Bayside of County. Maps will be shared with all.
- Preparedness Train the Trainer courses coming from OES.

EMS Report

Report given by Emil Picchi and John Kammeyer.

- Introduced AMR field Supervisors.
- New equipment from new contract will be coming out to fire agencies by the end of the month.
- All paramedics must be trained on the equipment prior to 7/1/09 in order to be utilized as a paramedic.
- New ambulances are here and being outfitted.
- Field restock forms are to be coming out soon.
- There will be a special cabinet for restocking the fire apparatus.

- The desire is to better track equipment used on scene and charge patients appropriately.
- New ambulances will be utilizing Fire portable radios and reporting to IC's on TAC etc...

PSC Report

Report given by Stan Maupin for Don Maynard

- BC's to all violent calls looking to roll out prior to 7/1/09.
- AMR Sup's will also roll on all violent calls.
- Units that are cross staffed need to contact PSC and "break" cross staff when both units are staffed.

TO Report

Report given Todd Johnson and Stan Maupin

- Academy for Fall Semester is cancelled.
- Russian Ridge burn is still planned for 7/8/09.
- Cloverdale Burn is still planned for late July or August.
- TF or ST are needed for burn, but wishes are for Type 3 and 4's.
- Urban Shield event planned for October, this will include some form of shooting/hazmat with Terrorism Counter Assault Team.
- COCE- STL refresher is not just a class for STL but info for all officers. STL refresher class will be in March next year.
- Trying to put together county wide "FOG" Policies.
- Bruce Barron will be utilized as interim academy director along with present director Dan Abrams. Bruce is taking the position vacated by Keith Roberts.

FPO Report

Report given by John Mapes

- No FPO meeting so nothing new to report.

Old Business:

BART report by Joe Telles

- Moving to second Knox box at station locations.

USAR no report.

- Report Postponed until Drew is back.

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High Rise Policy report by Stan Maupin and Ron Lavezzo

- Stan has final Policy and motion was made By Geoff Balton and seconded by Dan Belville to vote on approval of policy. Vote approved by show of hands.

Alarm Standardization Policy report given by John Healy

- This will be a guideline for all jurisdictions.
- It will include a minimum standard and required standards.
- All Target hazards will be determined by agency.

Emergency Response Directory report given by Brennan Blue

- Brennan met with Geoff Balton and Bill O'Callahan.
- Bill is going to try sand secure grant \$ to put out county ERD.
- Time frame for grant \$ and ERD is September to start the process.

Overhaul Committee report given by Todd Johnson

- Discussion on draft that was sent out to OPS members. Draft sent back to committee for revisions.

Water Rescue Policy, report by Geoff Balton.

- Geoff to meet with Don Maynard to determine what PSC needs to move forward.

Landing Zone Committee report by Dan Ghiorso

- No other agencies have reported any landing zones, so Dan will meet with Mike Towns to put out product.

Radio Committee report given by Joe Telles and Stan Maupin.

- Command 51 is currently being used by North County.
- Stan proposed updates to plan and will add in identifiers discussed at meeting. When plan is updated, TO's will have another roll out to train users.
- ***Reminder on any radio problems – need to be sent to Joe Telles as radio chair.***

Safety Vest report by Joe Telles

- Report with minor revisions to draft. Geoff Balton motioned to send policy pout to vote and was seconded by Joe Telles.
- Dan to send out Policy and take electronic vote via email prior to next meeting.

New Business

Pan Flu report by John Healy

- H1N1 debrief.
- Each agency was previously asked to provide their city/jurisdictions plan.
- County requested JPA plan.
- *All agencies please provide Bill O'Callahan with your plan.*
- *Bill has model if needed to assist with plan.*
- Chief Belville requested that final plan be put into IAP form to be user friendly to our ICS abilities.
- Previous members involved with plan included, Don Maynard, Jaime Young, Armando Muela and John Healy.

Rendezvous Points, overhead discussion

- Have PSC contact STL and determine RP and code of response with time frame prior to dispatch.

July Meeting

- Geoff Balton proposed cancelling the July meeting, Jim Comisky seconded the motion. Vote taken and July meeting cancelled.
- Joe Telles expressed concern that all projects, business needs to be ongoing even with no meeting in July. All recognized Joe's concerns.

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 Ghorso
 - Brennan Blue
 - Jim Comiskee
 - Bob Ballard
 - Bill O'Callahan, contact
- Water Rescue Plan
 - Chair, Geoff Balton
 - Dave Quasney
 - Jim Comisky
 - Frank Fraone
- O'Haul Policy
 - Chair, Mike Gaffney
 - Todd Johnson
 - Jim Scott
- STL Policy
 - Chair, Jim Comisky
 - Ron Lavezzo

Significant Calls & Roundtable Stopped here!

Belmont/San Carlos:

Cal Fire: Brennan Blue and Scott Jalbert.

- Fire Season in full swing.
- Recent wind event caused high tension wires to arch and pose Veg fires.
- Cal Fire has teams assigned to Health organization to build plan for pandemic flu, this could be an available resource here.
- CICC has approved numerous trainees at last meeting.

Central County Fire:

Coastside Fire:

Foster City: Jim Comisky

- Breathing Support 17 used for same life Safety call SMF was on. Worked extremely well.

- FCF working with Hayward Fire on the use of Command 21 for incidents on the Hayward Bridge. Works very well and notes it may be the plan to use for MNF and Fremont.
- Jim Comisky has offered to head up a committee on STL Policy for OOC crews. Ron Lavezzo also volunteered.

Millbrae/San Bruno: Ron Lavezzo/Joe Telles

- Millbrae Fire assessment is mail in ballot due by July 14th.
- Station 51 is getting remodeled starting middle of July.
- Applying for FEMA grant for station building.
- San Bruno and Millbrae has received approval to change to a zone concept for coverage.
- Significant call included a SF that went immediately defensive upon the 1st arriving company's actions. Multiple jurisdictions involved.

North County:

San Mateo: Dan Belville and John Healy

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- Power Pole/Veg. Fire with life safety call.
- CSM has multiple changes and new buildings in place.
- Annual Memorial Service is planned for September 6th at the College of Notre Dame de Namur in Belmont.

Menlo Park Fire:

Redwood City Fire: Stan Maupin

- Solar Voltaic training ongoing.
- Different options for staffing by Redwood is being considered in order to keep units in service.
- New Engine in service.

SSFFD:

Woodside Fire: Dan Ghiorso

- Woodside looking at developing a Policy on treatment of incidents involving solar voltaic.
- 2 new engines in district and presently being outfitted.
- Zanafel, poison oak treatment samples are available at meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 hours

Next Operations' meeting: **August 20th, 2009** @ Foster City Community Center at 0900 hours.