



San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association

ADVANCEMENT THRU UNITY IN ADMINISTRATION

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

August 20th 2009
Minutes
Operation's Group

Meeting called to order at 0900 hrs.

Member Attendance

Belmont/San Carlos	Mike Gaffney
Cal Fire	
Cal Fire	
Coastside Fire	
Central County Fire	
Foster City	Nick Weber
Menlo Park	Tim Campbell
Millbrae Fire	Ron Lavezzo
North County Fire	
Redwood City	Geoff Balton
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	Don Maynard
PSC	Jaime Young
TO	Nick Weber
EMS	Emil Picchi
AMR	Mike Marsh
AMR	Rick LaMark
FPO	John Mapes

Approval of Minutes

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

Fire Chiefs' Report

Report given by Chief Belville

- No Report as Chiefs didn't meet.

OES Report

Report given by Bill O'Callahan

- Flu Plan in the works.
- Sept. 12 Emergency preparedness day in SSF at High School. Brian Mulver was contact.
- Tsunami mapping for the bay cities is in the works, coast has been updated.

EMS Report

Report given by Emil Picchi.

- Committee put together to work on system status plan.
- July was a very busy month and committee will be looking at plan. There will be discussion on compliance and exceptions.
- New AMR rigs should be rolling out to the streets by the 1st of September.
- Any concerns with on scene supply exchange should go to EMS supervisor.
- Looking to change backboard straps to regular straps.
- Note from BC Balton, AMR supervisor will go code 3 to shooting and stabbings. Further, supervisor is dispatched to any 2 unit response.

PSC Report

Report given by Don Maynard

- PSC will be filling vacant shift supervisor position.
- FCF and Hayward Fire examining the use of Command 21 on bridge.
- PSC is working with SSF Fire and their participation in the JPA. Re-clustering north and central stations.
- In the move ups on the MST's, AOR will acknowledge the move up. Please have crews use this.

TO Report

Report given Nick Weber

- Keith Marshall presented to TO's on behalf of CSM. Student enrollment is at max for all 3 community colleges. Not available for fire service dollars, i.e. Palos Verdes.
- IEC reporting decline in SFM class enrollments.
- Discussion on Policies, where do they reside at this time?
- Oct. 23-26= Urban Shield training. More of a SWAT Team event with our participation.
- Initial reports for Ciucci golf tournament, is \$50K raised.
- Academy is not in fall schedule, some discussion on spring schedule.

FPO Report

Report given by John Mapes

- FPO group is looking at investigators wearing SCBA's during investigation as a result of the O Haul Policy.

Significant Calls!

We addressed significant calls as a group due to the number and size of recent events in the county.

SSF Fire

- SSF Fire was a 4 day event.
- Large fire with high dollar loss
- Significant job loss
- Long commitment time for crews
- Fire equipment loss due to crews vacating structure in emergency mode
- Used Command 51 out of policy
- Collapse zones were set up and maintained
- 5 alarms

Susan Gale Fire

- Post fire analysis was 9/2/09
- Large 3 unit 7500-9000 sq. ft structure
- Minor burns to 2 FF's
- No two in two out observed
- 5 alarms

San Mateo Hotel Fire

- 4 story hotel under construction
- Workers living illegally on premise
- Extinguishers utilized prior to fires arrival
- Used TAC as command frequency
- Burnt from 2nd floor thru roof
- Burnt for 3 hours, equaled significant fire damage to sprinklered building
- 5 alarms, could have easily gone to 6 or 7 alarms

Old Business:

BART report by Joe Telles
Trans tube drill, Joe will get date out.

USAR no report.

High Rise Policy report by Stan Maupin and Ron Lavezzo (forwarded to Chiefs)

Alarm Standardization Policy report by John Healy
Draft handed out, John to send Dan electronic copy and Dan to forward to Training and Prevention.

Emergency Response Directory no report, waiting for OES?

Overhaul Committee report by Mike Gaffney
Comments to Mike prior to September 5th and Policy will be forwarded to Training and Prevention

Water Rescue Policy, no report

Landing Zone Committee no report, System built. Demo in next couple months.

Radio Committee, radio Frequency Plan
Command 21 problems was issue with vehicle and antenna. Control 1E is now up and running.

Safety Vest (to be forwarded to Chiefs).

STL Policy no report

Pandemic Flu

New Business

PSC requesting 3 Fire Personnel to commit to a working group for a CAD replacement or enhancement. Submit interested parties through Chiefs.

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 Comiskeeee
 - 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

Roundtable

Bill O'Callahan

OES to host ICS 300 class. 2 day class.

John Healy, Dan Belville

Tunnel plan has been built by Mike Keefe. Could not get with CAL Fire to get their plan. Close call on full assignment updated to structure fire. Utilizing standpipe system, upon opening up lines, standpipe system failed.

Shooting with officer involved, included a second medical at call. PD requested LF and law accompanied patient in helicopter to hospital. AMR supported return of LF personnel to hospital. Wise to utilize quarterly training to involve TO's and Law personnel
Station 23 planning done and waiting for approval

Jaime Young

County is mandating department heads overseeing budget reductions go through exercises

Mike Keefe

Fair is on going

Gang activity is ongoing and expected to maintain after recent shooting

Requesting fire units parking at County General to pick up FF's keep quiet for neighbors

Mike Gaffney

Odor investigation and during call report of a structure fire down the street. Multiple complaints of electrical fire/smell. Transformer on street did not step down as it should have. Cause of fire.

Ron Lavezzo

ST deployment, structure protection and triage. Completed fire line on 2nd day.

Training class for Fire Ignition officer. 15-20 people.

Nick Weber

Biotech Company had experiment go bad, explosion and inhalation of hydrochloric acid. Came in as a Fire Alarm. 1 hour into event patient presented with respiratory distress. 2nd scenario with same conditions presented again 2 days later. OSHA to be notified.

Tim Campbell

Tim presented a safety support vehicle policy. It will be agendaized for September meeting. Heavy Rescue is close to being typed. USAR will be 1st up in September for deployment. Administration is moving to 170 Middlefield Rd. on or about October 31st.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 hours

Next Operations' meeting: **September 17th, 2009** @ Foster City Community Center at 0900 hours.