

**Sacramento County Fire Chiefs  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, August 20, 2015**

1. **Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.**

**Attendance**

**Present: Metzinger (Airports), King (Sac City), Phillips (Folsom), Rosiff (Presenter), Johnson (Sac Metro), Bartley (Sac Metro), Magnino (EMS Admin), Heilmann (West Sac), White (Sac City), Kaslin (Cal Fire), Wilson (Folsom), Mackey (Med Director), Taylor (Sac Metro), Wells (Sac Metro), Williams (Sac City), Bair (CCSD), Hansen (CCSD), Murray (SRFECC), Parker (SRFECC)**

2. **Chief Wells lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Chief White asked for a moment of silence to honor our fallen firefighters.**
3. **Chief Hansen made a motion and it was seconded by Chief Wells to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2015, meeting.**

**The minutes from the June 18, 2015 meeting were approved.**

4. **Chief Executive Director Murray gave the treasury report. The checking account contains \$1,509.36 and the savings account contains \$304.99 as of July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Chief Hansen asked about the progress of procuring a tax ID number from the IRS. Chief Executive Director Murray said that the paperwork has been submitted by Supervisor Thuesen and we are waiting for a response from the IRS.**

5. **Presentation by Eric Rosoff with Career Survival Group**

**The Career Survival Group will be offering a seminar on October 1, 2015, at City Fire Headquarters addressing suggested methods to mitigate inappropriate behavior in the fire service and avoid lawsuits. He disseminated a flyer outlining the content of the seminar, details for registration and cost of attending the seminar.**

6. **Reports**

- a. **Fire Service Medical Director (Dr. Mackey)**

**The EMS Officers have been working on a policy for the County for patient release and/or refusal at scene. A/C Williams said that City Fire has some changes to submit for inclusion in this policy.**

**Dr. Mackey wanted to discuss paradigm shift by looking at our “services” through the eyes of the patients. He talked about starting with cardiac arrest and how first responders affect the total outcome of the patient by focusing on key items and receiving information regarding outcome. Dr. Mackey will work with the EMS Officers to gather more feedback from the hospitals to facilitate changes in our protocols.**

**Dr. Mackey briefly talked about Pulse Point, a Smart Phone application. He said the initial implementation cost including the first year of “yearly maintenance” would be \$28,000. Specific areas of Pulse Point software will be selected and implemented. Decisions will be made regarding how the software will be incorporated, what information we wish to glean from this software and the various modules, such as tracking cardiac arrests, and how to interface Pulse Point with CAD. Mapping out and maintaining a current list of AEDs will be part of the County’s responsibility. The annual costs might be defrayed by seeking corporate sponsorships.**

**A motion was made by Chief Phillips and seconded by Chief Kaslin to direct the EMS Officers to bring a detailed report at the October meeting addressing costs, requirements for implementation, types of calls and agencies included for use of Pulse Point for review and approval by the Chiefs.**

**Motion passed.**

**Chief Deputy, Doug Lee, from Sacramento County Sheriffs and Sacramento District Attorney’s office are opening up a file to begin an investigation into the Sacramento County Fire Buffs.**

**b. LESMA (Mr. Magnino)**

**We are in the second week of on-line applications, and with only a few initial glitches, the process appears to be going well. Crew members no longer have to come in person to complete the process. Payment on-line has been seamless for the applicant. Our IT people have been great. We are issuing (printing) the state EMT cards in our office. We have closed the first phase of the application process and are moving forward with the second**

phase which will include billing of agencies, as well as the affiliation letter.

As of August 11, 2015, the Board of Supervisors has approved increased fees for EMS. They will become effective October 1.

The fee increases allow us to increase the fee we are able to give Dr. Garcon.

We have an interim front desk person, Vanessa Santos, who has tested for the permanent position due to Kai's promotion. Please send your correspondence to Vanessa.

The testing went well for the open QI Specialist position and we hope to be conducting interviews by the end of September and have the person in place by November 1.

As of June 30, we executed a new contract with a software vendor for data, The Inland County Emergency Medical Agency. It is also a LEMSA organization and uses ImageTrend so the transition should be seamless.

**c. SRFECC (CED Murray)**

All the financial terms have been negotiated for the CAD RFP and we anticipate completing the final draft today and have it go before the SRFECC Board at their August 25th Board Meeting. Once the CAD contract has been approved by our JPA Board, a resolution will be created and brought before the Sac City Council for their approval.

Our new communications van has been deployed for several weeks and is currently at the Fork Fire until August 30th. Chuck Schuler was able to set up repeaters and restore lost communications at the Fork Fire.

We have partnered with a company out of Milan, Italy and are beta testing their TAVOLO. It is open source infrastructure, wireless and would be of tremendous value in the EOC environment. Please come by and "play" with it.

Pictometry is being installed this week at the Center. Because of our close relationship with SACOG we have negotiated an extremely reduced fee of \$20,000 for the entire County.

The Metro E fiber installation is going very well at the Center.

**The City of Rancho noticed Ms. Murray about a public hearing where a request was to be made by Verizon to erect a 105 ft. communication tower approximately 100 feet from our tower. This will compromise our communication and we are working with our attorneys to prohibit this installation. Bob Kingsley will be reaching out to the fire chiefs for affidavits supporting our contention that communication, especially mobile communication, will be adversely affected.**

**Chief Executive Director Murray shared that Operations Manager Luis has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will be pursuing a course of treatment that may from time to time have her absent from the Center.**

**d. Fire Marshals Section - (Chief Phillips)**

**The Fire Marshals have not met.**

**e. Cal OES – (A/C Humphrey)**

**Chief Humphrey was not in attendance due to the large number of fires and deployments. Strike teams are switching out. Region Five (V) has received five of OES type 3 engines for the Fresno area. Out of state resources have been deployed to our area to assist with these fires.**

**f. Cal Fire (Chief Kaslin)**

**Cal Fire has also been extremely busy and all personnel are “being held on duty”. Part of our augmentation has been the addition of six copters at CWN with staffing (four type IIs and two type I’s) and an air tanker up and activated at McClellan. We have surpassed any previous records by having delivered over 1.7 million gallons and over 423 reloads and have been opened for 28 days. There are eight firefighters and a type II at NEU and they are also contributing eight firefighters. We have activated the Air National Guard.**

**Remind your crews to stay alert and remain aware of the hazards involved in fighting these fast moving fires.**

**g. South County Chiefs (Chief Hansen)**

The South County Chiefs met on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, however, attendance was light. Chief Humphrey gave a Wragg Fire update at the meeting.

SFRECC provided ROSS training at the Conference and Training Center for the Wragg Fire. The trainees were able to put into practice what had been presented a week later for the Lowell Fire when they assumed Region IV responsibility.

The group briefly discussed the repeated incidents with the type III (3) rigs and the bent rods. As replacement becomes necessary, the rods will be replaced with a stronger material to mitigate this issue.

Assistant Chief Dave Stone has been hired from LA County.

Chief Humphrey asked that the agencies update their fire scope information and reminded them this should be done annually.

Wilton is going to implement a 12hr/day intern program to expand their coverage.

Wilton will be selling some surplus equipment to Herald Fire. The Herald Fire Chief has retired and no permanent replacement has been named as yet.

Brett Shurr from Cosumnes will be helping Herald out as a B/C there. As the representative of Herarld, B/C Shurr shared an air quality report at the South County Chiefs Meeting. The next South County Chiefs meeting is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**h. Cal Chiefs (Chief Hansen for A/C King))**

Legislature is back in session as of the 17<sup>th</sup>. They are currently concentrating on the impact of drone use and how it effects the fire service.

We continue to participate in the Chapter 13 Task Force, but not much progress has been made.

**i. Operations/EMS/Training Sections (Deputy Chief Taylor for D/C Lloyd Ogan)**

OPS Chiefs met this month. They discussed the SCBAs and Taylor asked that we remain regional partners with respect to this issue. Change in the cylinder size would require that everyone

**embrace the change simultaneously and would require a large financial investment. The purchase of these cylinders could not occur gradually because the equipment would no longer be interchangeable.**

**Chief White said the tanks are reaching end of life at the same time because they had been purchased through grant funding, so it is doubtful that full replacement could be phased in. There is a working group being assembled to help explore purchasing options. Presently the money available through a grant does not seem sufficient to replace all of the units at one time.**

**Chief Hansen asked if the procurement process would mimic the previous time where product samples had been sent by interested vendors and tested by SME's from each of the agencies. Feedback was provided and a regional decision was made. Chief Hansen would like to put some formality to this procurement process, review potential vendors and investigate grant funding.**

**Chief Phillips asked about the makeup of the SME group and wanted to be sure the leader is aware of the scope of the process. It was decided to have the committee membership brought back before this group for approval.**

**OPS Chiefs met to discuss County fire house numbering issues. There were several suggestions as to how to implement these changes. Some projections will be required from the Fire Chiefs to determine how the numbering changes should be done. There will be some costs associated with this action and we need to determine how these costs will be divided.**

**Law enforcement and Fire Department Organizations conducted a joint meeting, which was very successful and well attended. The dialogue mainly centered around staging for calls. Law enforcement would like to be invited to our next "all county" operations meeting.**

**The group saw the video about the Sacramento Fire Buffs Club that aired on You Tube. Sacramento Sheriff Deputy Doug Lee has been in contact with the DA's office to open an investigation into the Fire Buffs code III driving. Their response is for rehab and consequently it is not necessary for their vehicles to travel using code III. The "Buffs" represent themselves as being a part of the fire service.**

**The SOG team did not meet this month.**

The regional strike teams have been doing well this summer, with only a few glitches. One of the complaints has to do with the spending restrictions that Calcard has imposed, which in some cases has made vehicle fueling problematic.

**7. New Business**

**a. Career Survival Training (White)**

This presentation was done at the beginning of the meeting.

**b. Sacramento Fire Service Agencies 2014 Annual CQI Report (Phillips)**

Chief Phillips said last year we worked with LEMSA to create the annual report. This year the report has already been submitted, but Chief Phillips had concerns about some of the information that was contained in the report and would like an opportunity to review it.

A submittal extension will be made to provide the Chiefs with an opportunity to review the report and make any adjustments they deem necessary.

**8. Old Business:**

**a. Fireworks After Action Plan**

The after action discussion report should take a pro-active approach. A process needs to be put in place for dealing with the confiscation of illegal fireworks and turning them over to the state for destruction.

**9. Announcements and Good of the Order**

Roseville Fire Chief Hoyle, will start on November 2, 2015. Advertising and recruitment for the Assistant Chief will begin prior to November 2.

**10. Closed session was convened at 12:00 noon and open session was reconvened at 12:45 p.m.**

**11. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: October 15, 2015, at 3121 Gold Canal Dr.; at 9:00 a.m.**