



SOLANO COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Meeting

Date: September 5, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Meeting Called By: Chief Tony Velasquez, President

Location: Vacaville Fire Department

Attendees:

Chief Tony Velasquez (Fairfield),
Chief Kris Concepcion (Vacaville),
Chief Jeff Armstrong (Rio Vista),
Deputy Chief Kyle Long (Vallejo),
Chief Howard Wood (Vacaville District),
Chief Jim Nolan (Cordelia Fire District),
Chief John Speakman (Travis AFB),
Chief Justin Vincent (Suisun City),
Chief Josh Chadwick (Benicia)

Call to Order:

Time: 1010 hours

Introductions:

- Chief Velasquez had everyone introduce themselves.

Presentations:

- None

Approval of Minutes: August 1, 2019 – Motion to approve minutes by Chief Chadwick seconded by Chief Armstrong. All in favor. Minutes Approved.

Treasurer's Report (Concepcion): Chief Concepcion went over balance of accounts. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Chief Armstrong seconded by Chief Chadwick. All in favor. Treasurer's report Approved.

Additions to Agenda:

- None

Old Business:

- Chief Velasquez discussed Solano County Supervisor Race coming up in March.

- Chief Velasquez discussed creating the teams from each department as far as how many persons per team. The group agreed to a limit of 3. The group would start in February of 2020.

New Business:

- Chief Concepcion brought up the need to create a separate City Chief Sub Section within SCFA. Motion that City Chief and District Chief Sections are created by Chief Armstrong seconded by Chief Concepcion.
- Chief Velasquez discussed the business meeting schedules. Will discuss at next meeting to make definite changes.

Brief Updates:

- None

Roundtable:

Benicia – Chief Chadwick

- Needs proctors for upcoming promotional testing October 15th.

Travis AFB – Chief Speakman

- Received Type 3, will make sure it gets on the Matrix.

Suisun City – Chief Vincent

- Council approved pay scale and job classifications for Division Chief, Captain and Engineer.
- Thanks for the help with the Residential Structure fire on Monday.

Vacaville – Chief Concepcion

- Academy of 9 starting on the 16th. Graduating in January.

Rio Vista – Chief Armstrong

- New BC started. Will be bringing a second unit on line. Discussed some turmoil that has been going on with the City.

Vallejo – Deputy Chief Long

- New radio system should be up and running soon. Thanks for the mutual aid they have received from the other Departments. Reserve truck had a ladder failure so right now they are a truck short.

Vacaville District – Chief Wood

- Brought up some issues with Cal Fire. Expressed some concern due to minimal communication. Might be helpful if they were involved in SCFC meetings.

Cordelia District – Chief Nolan

- Chief stated that he has directed dispatch that any fire occurring in the Cordelia Fire District, with the exception of the swamp area off of 680, Cal Fire will be notified and send a full response.
- Chief was asked by Chief Velasquez to submit this in writing so there is a full understanding of how they will handle this.
- Discussed the fact there are 4 Matrix for his area and would like to stream line them.
- Expressed his displeasure with Solano County Dispatch and the system that is being used.
- Has Type 2 engine that is unsafe to drive and will be taking off of the Matrix.
- Expressed concern with a call he received from the Board of Directors and was told that a Chief Officer was asking questions about operational needs of Cordelia. Feels this was inappropriate.

Next Meeting: October 3, 2019 – Fairfield Fire Department