



SOLANO COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Meeting

Date: January 7, 2021
10:04 a.m.

Meeting Called By: Chief Chris Concepcion, President

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Chief Kris Concepcion (Vacaville),
Chief Tony Velasquez (Fairfield),
Chief Daryl Arbuthnott (Vallejo),
Chief McNeal (Dixon),
Chief Josh Chadwick (Benicia),
Ted Selby, Solano County EMS,
Don Ryan, OES
Chief Howard Wood (District),
Chief Alfred Abruzzini (Suisun District),
Division Chief Greg Grenucci (Suisun City)

Call to Order:

Time: 10:04 hours

Introductions:

Chief Concepcion opens meeting for the first time as President.

Presentations:

- None

Approval of Minutes: November 2020 – No minutes for the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Concepcion): Motion to approve treasurer's report by Chief Chadwick seconded by Chief McNeal. All in favor. Treasurer's report Approved.

COVID Vaccine Update: Ted Selby, Solano County EMS

Any PPE needs please reach out to the County.

Discussed Phase/Tier system the state has in place for administering the vaccine. Currently starting Tier 2 which includes 1st Responders. There will be two ways it will be done.

- Go through your own medical provider.
- Going in groups, by department, to either Kaiser or North Bay. (yet to be determined)

By next week everyone should have their vaccine or have an appt. date and location.

Old Business:

- Gang of Five – Chief Velasquez discussed the purchase of ATVs that could be used for rescue teams that may want to take them when they go out of county or major events in downtown areas.

New Business:

- Out of County SOGs were voted on by email and approved.

Brief Updates:

- Chief Abruzzini reports working on a regional grant to replace outdated equipment. Chief McNeal expressed interest in joining in with the district on the grant.
- Don Ryan OES discussed ICU availability at hospitals. In regard to the LNU Fire clean up phase 1 of the household hazardous materials had been completed. About 50% through phase 2 debris removal.
- Chief Chadwick discussed the crews that are deployed to Southern California to help out with the Pandemic. Chief Velasquez discussed the conditions they are dealing with. Chief McNeal has some crew deployed to that area as well.

Roundtable:

Agency – Chief Name

- **Suisun District, Chief Abruzzini** – Rio Vista was in need of cold water gear and since Suisun District no longer needed theirs, it was donated to Rio Vista.
- **Suisun City, DC Grenucci** – sent 2 including Chief Vincent to Southern California. DC Grenucci filling in while Chief is gone. Officially switched over to 800 side of radio 1/6/21.
- **Benicia, Chief Chadwick**- 3 new firefighter medics started orientation 1/4/21.
- **Dixon, Chief McNeal** – 2 new firefighters in backgrounds. New fill station dropped to handle the 5500 packs.

- **Don Ryan, OES**- Hearing that 35% of new recruits to military are testing positive for the COVID antibody. They are not forcing the recruits to take the vaccine and a lot of them are opting out.
- **Vallejo, Chief Arbuthnott** -December 10th graduated 15 apprentice and promoted 2 Chiefs. Received new medical response unit in mid-December. It will not do transport. Chief Arbuthnott had questions regarding sound stages and sprinkler codes, wondering if any other cities had a sound stage.
- **Fairfield, Chief Velasquez**- Focus on Public Private Partnership. Hoping to get it out to all by end of day.
- **Vacaville, Chief Conception**- Have a vacancy in our city council. COVID outbreak at CMF and CSP has been keeping out ambulances extremely busy and are transporting triple the amount in the last couple of weeks. New Amazon Distribution center going in on Midway on the edge of City and County jurisdiction. Chief has been filling in as PIO since May and now a new PIO has been hired to start Feb. 1st.

Next Meeting: February 2, 2021 City Fire Chiefs only, next all hands meeting in May.