



SOLANO COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Meeting

Date: May 6, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Meeting Called By: Chief Kris Concepcion, President

Location: Vacaville Fire Department

Attendees:

Chief Kris Concepcion (Vacaville),
Chief Justin Vincent (Suisun City)
Chief Scott Goodwin (Rio Vista)
Chief Mike Parks (CAL Fire)
Chief Tony Velasquez (Fairfield),
Don Ryan, OES
Chief Alfred Abruzzini (Suisun District),
Chief Michael O'Connor (Montezuma)
Chief Todd McNeal (Dixon),

Call to Order:

Time: 10:00 hours

Introductions:

Chief Concepcion opens meeting.

Presentations: Fire Wise Presentation by Rochelle Sherlock by Zoom

Rochelle is asking for an endorsement from the SCFCA in the form of a letter of support. Chief Concepcion stated the SCFCA would vote on it but does not anticipate any problems getting a letter of support. Chief asked Rochelle to draft a letter for the group to look at and sign in order to speed up the process as time is of the essence.

Chief Concepcion will send draft out to all Chiefs as soon as he receives it from Rochelle and then have a vote by email.

Approval of Minutes: January 7, 2021 – Motion to approve minutes by Don Ryan, Second by Chief Abruzzini. All in favor. Rio Vista Chief Goodwin abstains. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report this month. Still working on replacing Chief Arbuthnott, hopefully can get that done by next meeting.

City Fire Chiefs Report:

- Rio Vista doing recruitment. 10 candidates going through first level of process now. Process has 3 levels. Oral presentation and interview, interview with Chiefs then top candidates will be submitted to city manager for selection.
- Vallejo still in process of replacing Chief Arbuthnott.
- Fairfield almost to point of contract with AP Triton.

County Fire District Report:

- Suisun District has district wide grant going for radios.
- Per Don Ryan, Dave Carpenter is still chief for Cordelia but does not respond to incidents. Not sure who will be taking over that role.

Allied Agency Report:

Mike Parks – Deputy Chief of Operations CAL Fire

- Governor is closing Susanville Prison and releasing large amounts of inmates so fire crews will be significantly smaller. State has added other agencies to make up for that. Will see more fire fighter crews, CCC crews and National Guard crews. 8 inmate camps have been closed and turned into firefighter camps.
- Will be hiring more dozers to make up for lost crews. Most likely will see private dozers paired up with agency dozers.
- Will be training on Blackhawk helicopter at McClellan in June.
- Discussed that if CAL Fire is involved with a fire in Solano County, the sooner they can get a liaison from the county to pair up with CAL Fires BC the better.
- Chief Velasquez inquiries about when CAL Fire will go to peak staffing. DC Parks states he imagines it will happen soon but did not have a definite date.

Don Ryan- OES

- CAL Fire Prevention Grant was discussed as well as software that will help with evacuations if needed.
- Dispatchers had training for fire season. Concerns regarding communications. Just got approval for 250 licenses from EBRCSA.
- 4 people working on fire reimbursements. All mutual aid agency work has been done.
- Markley Fire has national attention. OES ask that no comments be made, still an ongoing case.

- Hazmat dues did not go out automatically due to change in admin. Staff.
- COVID testing has dropped, case numbers stay the same.
- Dispatcher training has been completed. We have twice the dispatchers as last year.
- New Costal Region Director Ed Westfall started two weeks ago.
- Discussion regarding letters of commitment for the CWPP Grant. Chief Velasquez states this is a priority for him and is willing to support in any way. Don Ryan agreed with CAL Fire on having an area coordinator sit with CAL Fire and be able to call dispatch to get assets that are needed.

Roundtable:

- **Suisun City, Chief Vincent** – Division Chief Maio retired, will be filling spot when get next year's budget. Hoping to get a new Fire Marshal and Inspector. City is expanding and call volume has increased. Apologizes for not being able to give mutual aide. Hoping for more funding for Department. Thanks all the other Cities for their help.
- **Rio Vista, Chief Goodwin** – Have four open positions. Fire Chief, Battalion Chief, Engineer and FF Paramedic. Looking for intern Firefighters. City is also expanding and call volume increasing.
- **Suisun District Chief Abruzzini**- 3-4 Volunteers starting soon.
- **Montezuma, Chief O'Connor**- Working on training every weekend.
- **Dixon, Chief McNeal** – Hoping to get new engine soon. Still discussing second fire station.
- **Don Ryan, OES**- Connex boxes being put out at Rio Vista and Montezuma full of flood flight materials for use in Emergencies.
- **Fairfield, Chief Velasquez**- 8 lateral starting in June.
- **Vacaville, Chief Concepcion**- Results of special election for District 2. Interim Police Chief starting Monday, Joe Allio. Will be starting recruitment and an academy for 5 Firefighter Paramedics and 2 Firefighter EMTs. Looking to reclassify Jill Childers to Fire Marshal. In FY23, looking to expand the section. Under Jill will be a Fire Prevention Supervisor and a Code Enforcement Supervisor.

Next Meeting: September 2, 2021