



WESTERN PLACER COUNTY
FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE DELIVERY OF EXCEPTIONAL FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY SERVICES THROUGH COLLABORATION AND TEAMWORK

September 12, 2019 at 09:00A
Roseville Fire Department – Headquarters
316 Vernon St., Ste. 480, Roseville

Call to order / Flag Salute: 0900 – Meeting called to order
Agenda/Minutes approval: September Agenda; May Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve – Chief Walder; Second – Chief Estes, both approved
Treasurer’s Report: May Treasurer’s Report – current balance \$
Correspondence: None
Presentation: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS (brief reports)

1. EMS/Ambulance Committee: Chief Watkins/Chief Dolson
Chief Dolson – No report.
2. OAC: Chief Higgins
 - Deployments to Red Bank. After two days demobed and reassigned to Lime Fire. 4125 transferred to Lime – lodging was an issue. Reimbursements for hotels have been authorized with “S” numbers.
 - Rainbow Strike Team with Brush 9 and trainee to Swedes Incident. After 24 hours demobed.
 - Region IV, Chief Walder-16 type 3 strike teams with 20 overhead out of region IV. In the process of demobilization at all fires.
3. Operation/Training: Chief James; Arson Investigation: Chief Fowler
 - Ops Training Group met discussed PIA. Discussion regarding heat and fatigue well ness for training. Material coming out regarding proper hydration.
 - SOG’s for commercial structure fires has created working Committee with help from Auburn Fire. Google doc created and will give access to everyone.
 - Training Cadres for 3rd quarter hosted by Roseville late October. 4th quarter at South Placer. 1st quarter of 2020 at Auburn for Active shooter.
 - Discussion regarding CRA moving forward to a working committee to discuss central fire command center and creating a heat map of Placer County based on call volume. Goal is to have better move up and cover plan – still in beginning stage and will bring issue back later.
 - Chief James to step down after this year-rotate lead each year.
 - SCBA grant purchase received and in-service training group working on regional training.
 - Chief Bartee - Rescue Task Force SOG’s will be emailed to group, signed and placed on the website.
 - Arson Investigation; Chief Pote- Arson Task Force looking for instructors for fire investigations

- Many issues with transient fires and will be working with LE regarding issues with break-ins at structure fires.
 - End of year: new chairperson- start of January.
4. Fire Prevention: Chief Higgins
 - 2019 fire code adoptions out – agencies should order books now and start working to adopt and get new fire code ratified. Need to be into the County by February.
 - Chief Estes- Fire prevention event held at the demonstration building at the Gold County Fair at the Auburn Fairgrounds recently.
 5. Sierra College Advisory: Chief Palmer
 - Looking for a guest speaker for the Academy Graduation on Dec. 15th.
 - Fire Advisory Board meeting Oct. 2 from 9 to 12.
 - Firefighter I and II changes presented at NV County Chiefs are moving forward for approval; Fire Directors meet on the 18th to discuss college curriculum.
 - Starting 1/1/2020 Firefighter I hours reduces to 308 hours
 - CID process changes include CO officer degree and certificate of achievement available.
 6. IMT: Chief James, Chief Webb
 - Chief Walder– need to change role to IST and reevaluate the value. Need to schedule training hours to move forward.
 - Chief Estes - concern that same people on team committed to incident. Need for ancillary support. Trailer needs to be repurposed into incident support for logistics and planning- will bring back plan for additional information to upgrade the trailer.
 - Need to complete the roster and get interested employee's education and experience.
 7. Communications/CAD: Chief Diemer - CAD to CAD
 - Four Meetings held. Next meeting in October to discuss moving forward to active phase then back with recommendations to discuss.
 - CAD to CAD can reduce the workflow on dispatchers when used properly.
 8. Grants: Rod Rodriguez
 - Holly Powers – Homeland Security grant performance period up in May 2020. Need to expend \$25,000 remaining funds soon – prioritizing training or equipment. Funds may be spent on Emergency Management or Company Officer training as long as it's done as multi-agency.
 - FY 18 on track, FY 19 in applications with approval pending. FY 20 white papers due last month but flex period pre-application extends to January 2020.
 - Homeland Sec. Grants put into excel spreadsheet with each year allocated a tab for a quick glance to see grants and status.
 - Rod sent FEMA & FMA & Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant out now with NOI due Sept. 18th. Must have mitigation plan to apply.
 - Five-year update for Placer County Mitigation Plan in progress.
 9. Emergency Management Working Group– Holly Powers
 - Program Manager now in 2nd interviews with two candidates.
 - PSPS portal for PG&E avail- email portal to get access,
 - NDA for medical baseline done with PG&E directly – Placer County has no access
 - Non-Account Holder Alert by zip code available for non-owners
 - Possible grant funding for Multi-agency IMT/IST to leverage available funding.
 - 1st meeting for EM Group upcoming- primary function is EOP progress.
 - Rolled out “Ready Placer” a week ago with handout materials/flyers in progress.
 - Pre-Winter season meeting on Oct 30

- IPOD Testing
- Everbridge test – great shake out on Oct. 15th.
- Placer County Public Health app moving to implementation phase
- FIREWISE/FIRESAFE alliance offering defined space advisory training to implement NV Fire Safe Council

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

INFORMATION ITEMS (Items for information that may need further action or discussion)

1. Closed Session for Chief Officers

WORKING ISSUES (Items for discussion, action, and implementation, or to “park” for now) Open forum to discuss issues, solutions, and list future issues for work sessions

- Lt. Wright - Ipod messages are being sent out by dispatch with pros/cons. See him if interested
- Chief Pote - Need to update the Arson Task Force Roster
- Vicky Pinette- Offices moving next week to 535 Menlo Park in Rocklin with no email or phones for three days

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Chief Walder – Four positions out on medical leave and five Firefighter Paramedic vacancies. One group in background hoping to have all positions filled within the next month.
- Chief Hack – Four positions out on medical leave and two vacancies. Two new engines and remodeling two stations by end of year. Seeking SCBA Grant to upgrade compressor. Annual fire inspections the goal for every business in Rocklin over three-year period.
- Chief Higgins – No report.
- Holly Powers - Thanks to the group for having her for 13 months.
- Chief Dolson - Thanks to all for assistance at Engineer testing. Next six months testing for all ranks.
- Chief Estes – Thanks to all for help and support with ABH while many personnel out on overhead. Fuel Break Project - 50% clearing expected to be finished by Dec.31 towards the City of Auburn. Standards of cover finished but not published yet. Chief Webb and Chief Spencer working on EIR response to Hidden Falls and SRA.

- Chief Webb - Thanks to the group. Placer County hand crews moved operation to Greenwood. Working on BOR would welcome all agency discussion. Cal Star Helicopter five-year contract in process for Station 10 in Auburn,
- Chief Hudson – New Chief officer position in the department for mental health offered to BC Jon Woody. His Battalion Chief position is being replaced by BC Karen Gouge effective Monday.
- Chief Kushen – In escrow on Admin. Building then to remodel Station 84. Purchased new engine and assigned Type 1 to Newcastle. Push in and pancake breakfast held on the Sept 21st. Bid on new Station 41 project. Foresthill type 1 from grant ready to go in service at Station 90. Testing for Firefighter and Engineer. Business fire inspections in place with new permit and fee schedules. ISO re-evaluation in October. Seeking SCBA Regional grant for mobile units and fixed units in stations.
- Chief Spencer - Moving forward with American River Canyon fuel break – broken down into phases. Fire mapping to create a standard to get accurate outputs. Thanks to all for attending Station re-opening ceremony.
- Chief Bartee – Cal Chiefs wants to offer mental health services – all agencies encouraged to participate.

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Next meeting scheduled on November 14th, 2019
Roseville Fire – 316 Vernon Street, Ste. 480, Roseville