



# EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING

## MINUTES

Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire, 501 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs, CA 95619

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Tim Alameda, LAV Fire  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit Chief Scott Lindgren, CAL FIRE AEU         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Kit Bailey, Cal OES  | <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Paul Lohan, ECF Fire                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Bob Bement, GRV Fire                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Mark Matthews, PIO Fire, <b>Treasurer</b> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Mike Blankenheim, CAL FIRE                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Steve McNamara, NTF Fire                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Glenn Brown, Georgetown Fire                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Jon Michaelson, GRV Fire                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Tim Cordero, ECF Fire, <b>Vice Chair</b>       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Sherry Moranz, CAL FIRE CAM Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Paul Dutch, ECF Fire                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Brian Newman, CAL FIRE ECC AEU             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Eddie Dwyer, MQT Fire                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Dion Nugent, MQT Fire                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Ken Earle, DSP Fire   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Jed Gaines, CAL FIRE CAM Fire                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Bryan Ransdell, DSP Fire,                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Gary Gerren, FLL Fire  | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Clive Savacool, GRV Fire                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Dustin Hall, EDH Fire                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Mike Schwartz, NTF Fire / MEK Fire        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Todd Hern, MQT Fire                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Mike Stutts, PIO Fire                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Maurice Johnson, EDH Fire                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Nickie Washington, USFS                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Jay Kurth, USFS  | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief David Whitt, Tribal Fire                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Steve Leighton, NTF Fire                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Dave Wood, CAL FIRE ECC AEU                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Mike Lilienthal, EDH Fire (Rescue), <b>Chair</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Corey Zander, Cal OES                          |

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Conducted

**1. Call to Order and Introductions** - Meeting called to order at 9:31AM

**Others in Attendance:**

- Jose Henriquez, LAFCO
- Sherrie Kelley, JPA
- Steve Willis, EDC Fire Safe Council
- Ron Phillips, Interim Fire Marshal, EDHFD
- Mike Keefe, PGE, Public Safety Service
- Teresa Riesenhuber, El Dorado National Forest
- Matt Conklin, El Dorado National Forest
- John Hutchings, US Bureau of Reclamation
- Sue Hennike, EDC CAO
- Roger Renkle ? County..??
- Michelle Patterson, ELDO EMS

**2. Public Comments** – No comments.

**3. Approval of Agenda** – Chief Johnson motioned to adopt agenda Chief Johnson, Chief Cordero seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes** – Chief Lindgren motioned to approve the minutes; Chief Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**5. Treasurer's Report** – Chief Matthews reported the balance of account and activity referring to the document in the Board packet.

**6. Fire Advisory Board** – Nothing new to report. Chief Johnson – There hasn't been any activity in 6 months or longer, do we want to keep this on the agenda? Chief Ransdell – yes, just for the purposes of an issue that we would all unite on.

7. **Fire Insurance Adhoc Committee** – Chief Johnson reported that the groups had a kick-off committee meeting. They identified the Stakeholders and they are evaluating future. Next meeting will be schedule for February 18<sup>th</sup>.

## 8. Old Business

- 8.1 Vegetation Management Ordinance – Chief Phillips is here on behalf of Ken Earle. Proposed Changes to the ordinance have been reviewed by the FPOs:
1. Removed some of the dates because there were concerns about being able to meet all the timelines. They have been replaced to give some flexibility to both the property owners to abate and the county to follow up with them.
  2. Enforcement and Investigative officials – originally everyone had the authority to enforce. We want consistent treatment so they decided to separate and clearly define the roles. Enforcement official is the county – so the abatement under the new ordinance would come from the county. We think this is a benefit to the districts because it alleviates some of the work-load. If the districts are unhappy with this, you do have the authority to adopt your own ordinance and come up with your own abatement process. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the Process, Enforcement Officials, Fire Department involvement and Emphasis Areas. There is a deadline of February 4, 2020 to get this item on the County Agenda.  
Chief Johnson made a motion to take the clean-up portion of the ordinance to the county, Lilly seconded, which carried unanimously???
- 8.2 SCBA Regional Grant – If you not following it, FEMA was supposed to release the protocols on the grant, but it has not been released yet.
- 8.3 XED, Operational Area Resource Situation/Status Reporting – Chief Ransdell reported. We are doing winter time clean up on the mobilization plan. Looking at What app v. Google docs. We are looking at ways to improve the system. County OPS meetings we are looking at new goals for the new year. Looking at improving County USAR. Looking at truck operations within the county. Homeland security grant – asked for 80,000 flight jackets for all the districts and 40,000 for the Arson Trailer.
- 8.4 County HazMat Response – No report
- 8.5 Joint Dispatch Meeting with Amador County Fire Chiefs Association – Chief Johnson is going to speak to Chief Dominic Moreno
- 8.6 Sprinkler Ordinance – Chief Philips reported – Update/discussion on the Fire code ordinance adoption process with the county.

## 9. New Business

- 9.1 Report on how the County has decided how they are going to spend the \$399,000 they received from CALOES for the Public Safety Power Shutoff emergency declaration  
Chief Lilienthal referred to information included in the packet. Discussion on how the money was distributed.  
Chiefs would like to be included in these decisions in the future.
- 9.2 Establishing goals for 2020  
Chief Lilienthal requested input on goals for this year.  
Fire Insurance Ad Hoc committee has been put in place already.  
Should be a goal that we all get along and try to solidify unity, strength and collaboration within our Fire Association group.

## 10. Section Reports

- 10.1 Training Officers – Chief Ransdell listed some trainings coming up. Chief Hall mentioned some trainings that MacKenzie is putting out.  
Recommendation to separate out EMS from Fire  
Chief Johnson – we will have two classrooms available for use, he would like input on trainings that you would be interested in
- 10.2 Fire Prevention Officers –
- a. Fire Code Adoption Update
  - b. Bureau of Reclamation MOU – Chief Philips introduced John Hutchins from the Bureau of Reclamation. Questions about what this MOU means and the purpose of it.
- MOU – blanket land use authorization that allows the signatories the authority to go on federal property. What prompted this is phone calls received to clear defensible space when that space extends on to federal land. This will help with the ability to clear that land on the federal property. This is important because we have a lot of land to manage that is in the

defensible space zones that butts up to reclamation property. They do not receive appropriations for fire prevention, they are very strapped for funding and resources. Currently they have no plan in place so when the funds become available they often lose the opportunity to receive them. There is no financial commitment or commitment of resources in this agreement. This agreement gives us more flexibility with our equipment and resources.

Concern – read 7A on responsibilities – it does sound like it will become our responsibility

John – gave an example of how this is working in Auburn

Concern – a “may” rather than a “will” would be a better way to word that clause

Cordero – Clarification – this document would give us the vehicle to clear areas on your property?

John – yes without any obligation to do so

10.3 Operations – Chief Ransdell covered this earlier

10.4 CSA 3 – No update

10.5 USAR Task Force – Looking for Chief oversight, Chief Hall is going to help with this.

## 11. Standing Committee Reports

11.1 EMS Agency – Update from Georgetown – Ken and Mike Careen are involved in coordinating the AMR for the county. Ken organized a group to put together a standardization for the county

Pioneer – they addressed an issue that was out there, the county pulled away from the program, in a nutshell it will come down to the TO’s group to put together the curriculum and have it adopted, there will be one single program we will be using. Will still fall under ELDO County protocols. We would like a standardization that is followed. The County wants to regulate the training and oversee but wanted to put the rest on us.

Johnson – what TO group? A sub-group to this group? This is the first we have heard of this. It should be directed from this group and that we have approved this group.

Pioneer – there is a confusion in this. Ken Earle and Careen have always been involved in this. That group has been directed by the county to do this, we need to follow up with them to see if we are involved in this.

Lilienthal – will follow up with Ken if he is operating under his own business.

Johnson - wants it be very clear that we are not involved in this

11.2 OES, State and Local – CFAA – Forest service representative Edward has an extension signed into April, working with OES to draft and finalize the 5 year plan moving forward. We are confident they will hit that deadline.

11.3 Fire Safe Council – Steve - Chippy program is open and running. We have completing 531 chippy jobs and have gone through \_\_\_\_\_ funds Averaging 50- 60 requests per month. We are doing an analysis for the program. Senior Veteran low income is closed to new applications. We completed 2019 metrics – we did 172. This program is growing as well, we will be seeking more funds for this. Lorie – runs the defensible space for us, he won a national award, one of three. Congratulations to Ernie. Welcome out new additions to the Council – brings us to 24 community councils under our umbrella. We also are involved in Silfar meetings – RCRC has put out some efforts – they announced that there is a drive to bring the pellet program in the state of California. Going to be private funding and hope to have it in place this year. Tuolumne and Lassen would be the first of the facilities. 20-25 facilities across California. Destination for the pellets is Japan. Request out of Amador County for the chipping program software. We have offered it this at no charge. Meeting tonight at .... We did check on the ELDO county tree mortality plan. They completed the 4<sup>th</sup> phase last year and do not plan on doing more. Fire wise USA. Vegetation Management projects currently running. Community Council Meetings will begin this quarter. Funding through the RCD for planning projects to get the environmental all in place, they are currently funding 6 community councils.

Forest service – we submitted 4 project, two were selected for \$430,000. Need to have it done by April.

11.4 LAFCO – Jose – message from last night, tonight’s meeting – recommendation to table the discussion for 6 months. If you were planning to attend but there is no need for this matter. Lost two members from staff over the holidays – only Eric and him – we are going to be running a little slower that’s usual until we backfill these positions. Please submit the questionnaire MSR within the next month.

11.5 CSDA –

11.6 Red Cross –

11.7 Environmental Health –

## 12. District Reports

- 12.1 CAL FIRE ECC AEU – Chief Blakenheim – fully engaged in our fuel reduction work.
- 12.2 CAL FIRE Cameron Park – Smith retired on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – we are hiring for this position. Updating weed abatement ordinance, plan to clear and burn in feb.
- 12.3 City of South Lake Tahoe –
- 12.4 Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire – Ransdell – retirements coming up, need to establish another list – type three looking for bugs
- 12.5 El Dorado County Fire – Cordero – OES engine is almost in service at station 19 will be running in conjunction with the Type .... Division Chief testing first week of Feb. Fire Marshal completed all the peace officer portion
- 12.6 El Dorado Hills – Johnson – classroom up and rolling by early March. FF announcement that is open right now (Entry and Lateral). Recruitment plan for the year, Engineer and Captain and possible BC. Still looking for a Fire certified mechanic, very interested in doing something jointly with other agencies. Rescue – still going through process, preliminary maps from surveyors hopefully in the next 30 days.
- 12.7 Garden Valley – status quo – no changes county wise
- 12.8 Georgetown Fire – medic resigned last week, we are creating an EMT and Medic list, hosting an apparatus operator 1A and 1B class in April/May, spots are filling in quickly. Hosted our first community town hall meeting – homeowners insurance issue discussed – planning to do this bi monthly. We had over 100 people attend, next meeting is March 21<sup>st</sup>. PGE will be in attendance.
- 12.9 Lake Valley Fire – No report
- 12.10 Mosquito Fire – We are doing a complete operational side reorganization. Staffing model will go to a part time staffing model. We will be moving away from benefitted personnel. Looking for retirees that still want to be involved in the fire service. Three paramedics in class, looking for agencies to place them for their 10-call. Trying to move forward and find funding mechanisms to keep us afloat.
- 12.11 North Tahoe/Meeks Bay – avalanche call – carbon monoxide poisonings – retirements of Simone and ?? Hire Chief Laytons. Have increased daily staffing , have a lateral position open right now. Ended year with 2546 calls, 347 in ELDO county. Medical call increased significantly. All 6 of our ambulances, added a new narc box system. Lake Tahoe regional fire chiefs association – new lead. Cal chiefs power point available 201 and 233 rights. Fire fighter behavior and mental health – the northern Nevada peer support group has been built, this will include Northern California. Fire Insurance – will be working on this over the next month or two. You are welcome to join in that presentation. More details to follow. Ransdell – just adopted a policy in the county for the Peer Support group in our area.
- 12.12 Pioneer Fire – Grizzly Flat emergency ?? Station 36, new station, leonine meadows in the summertime. One of the largest hotels in el dorado county. We have recognized this as one of our extremes target hazards. Amador Fire – open a fiddletown station and staff it with one Amador a county and one pioneer firefighter. Crab feed coming up on Saturday, one of our largest fundraisers. May – public safety day out in Pioneer. D’agostitini Ranch – you will all be invited to come to this to showcase all your skills. Highlight – bomb squad comes and blow things up! One year ago we brought in an individual who has been released from the system, we had him on as a volunteer, there was news a video brought on about him, the community does not agree with and ex-convict to be in this position. There may be some grumbling about this that you may hear. This person is a seasonal with Cal Fire as well, this individual meets the high standards of Pioneer Fire and Chief >>> believes in second chances. If you have an issue with this, you can go directly to him.
- 12.13 Rescue Fire – Chief Lilienthal – just working on the shared services agreement/annexation
- 12.14 Tribal Fire/ROP – no report
- 12.15 US Forest Service – Lawrence crabtree retired – new person ? Don’t have a plan moving forward on a permanent fill. So expect to be fully staffed for the 2020 fire season. Thank you for the assistance in that. CFAA - we are well aware that we have some expired local agreements, we are working on the best way to move forward with this.
- 12.16 JPA –

## 13. Good and Welfare – Jose – Casa Eldorad box lunch fund raiser – April 2<sup>nd</sup> – can get it delivered. Saturday at 1:00 – sac state game, 46<sup>th</sup>

**14. Executive Session** – None

**15. Adjournment** – At 12:03 Johnson motioned to adjourn; Ransdell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Next meeting: 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2019

All Fire Chiefs Association meetings are recorded. The agenda packet may be reviewed at the El Dorado Hills Fire Department's office located at 1050 Wilson Blvd., El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.