



EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 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"/> Asst. Chief Kit Bailey, Cal OES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Mark Matthews, PIO Fire, Treasurer – Zoom |
| <input 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"/> Deputy Chief Jon Michaelson, GRV Fire |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Tim Cordero, ECF Fire Vice Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. 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 type="checkbox"/> Chief Eddie Dwyer, MQT Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Dion Nugent, MQT Fire |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Ken Earle, DSP Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Bryan Ransdell, DSP Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Jed Gaines, CAL FIRE CAM Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Clive Savacool, SLT Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Gary Gerren, FLL Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Mike Schwartz, NTF Fire / MEK Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Dustin Hall, EDH Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Mike Stutts, PIO Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Todd Hern, MQT Fire | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Linda Szczepanik, GRV Fire |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Steve Leighton, NTF Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Corey Zander, Cal OES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Mike Lilienthal, EDH Fire (Rescue) Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Brad Zlendick, LAV Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unit Chief Scott Lindgren, CAL FIRE AEU | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Jack Rosevear, Mosquito Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Paul Lohan, ECF Fire | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Bob Bement, GRV Fire |

Pledge of Allegiance - Conducted

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** - Meeting called to order at 9:36 am.

Others in Attendance:

- Mike Webb, PG&E

2. **Public Comments** – Mike Webb Senior Public Safety Specialist PG&E addressed the Board in regards to PGE needing to be more available to First Responders. Mr. Webb will be the liaison between PGE and the Fire Agencies.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Chief Ransdell motioned to adopt agenda with the addition of item 10.6 standing section report, Firescope. Chief Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – *Chief Johnson motioned to approve the minutes with an adjustment to the minutes at Section 11.3: Fire Safe Council is “not wanting to form new councils” changed to “still working with communities that want to be a firesafe council however rather than forming their own council they would join an existing firesafe council”. Chief Szczepanik seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

Adjustment to the minutes: Still working with communities that want to be a firesafe council however rather than forming their own council they would join an existing firesafe council.

5. **Treasurer’s Report** – Chief Matthews reported the balance of account and activity.
6. **Fire Advisory Board** – Nothing new to report.

7. **Fire Insurance Adhoc Committee** – Chief Johnson stated they started having meetings however COVID-19 started so they will be looking to go to a zoom format to start those conversations again.

8. **Old Business**

8.1 COVID-19 Update – Chief Earle and Chief Johnson updated the Board on the latest in regards to COVID. There will be a mask mandate coming to our County soon. There will be a class coming to teach our people how to administer COVID testing.

9. **New Business**

9.1 Request from El Dorado County Fire to discuss a unified response to the Grand Jury report from all the Departments

Chief Cordero stated El Dorado County Fire's Board has inquired on if there is interest in producing a formalized response from all Districts in the County.

Chief Matthews stated he feels that the report should be retracted.

Chief Johnson suggested that all districts work on their individual response and then meet via zoom or in person to create a unified response. Chief Cordero agrees.

Chief Matthews made a motion to work on a unified response in addition to an individual response. Chief Johnson made an amendment to the motion stating that each individual agency is legally required to respond, the group response would be an additional response. Chief Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9.2 Review and approve the Commercial and Residential Response SOG's

Chief Ransdell gave a brief explanation of the Commercial and Residential Response SOG's and asked for feedback. There were no further comments or questions.

Chief Szczepanik made a motion to approve and adopt the Commercial and Residential Response SOG's. Chief Matthews seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9.3 EID Master Facility Plan (Earle)

Chief Earle gave an overview of the EID Master Facility Plan and suggested a unified response to EID.

10. **Section Reports**

10.1 Training Officers – Chief Earle stated they are working on the EMR program and getting the forms together to get it up and running. Chief Ransdell stated they will be changing leadership.

10.2 Fire Prevention Officers – Chief Earle stated departments need to be passing resolutions by their Boards for inspections if you have not completed yet. Chief Earle stated departments need to be following up on Fire Safe Plans and the Fire Prevention Officers are trying to come up with a solution for that. Chief Earle stated they have been receiving a lot of protection class information requests. MOU with the County Building Department is still being discussed. One issue they are running into is that the County is refusing to hold Zoom meetings at this time. Chief Johnson stated he would be willing to draft a letter to the County from the Chair to encourage zoom meetings to approve the MOU. Knox Key approver accountability needs to be established with each district. Chief Johnson recommends that comes directly to the Chiefs and it should be done on an annual basis. Chief Ransdell stated it is common to be responding in other areas and suggest one master key County wide. Chief Johnson agreed. Chief Cordero stated to move to the FPO's to make that happen.

10.3 Operations – Chief Ransdell stated they have been putting the USAR team back together. Chief Ransdell stated it has been getting busy and have sent out 3 strike teams in the last month. Chief Brown asked about the rotation list and clarification on the use of

WhatsApp. Chief Ransdell thinks the WhatsApp is working really well. Chief Ransdell stated they are still working on the mass evacuation list and the County HAZMAT response.

- 10.4 CSA 3 – No report.
- 10.5 USAR Task Force – Previously discussed.
- 10.6 Firescope – Chief Johnson was recently appointed to Fire District North Board of Director. Chief Johnson stated that this is a huge honor and it is very important to have that input. Chief Johnson has appointed Chief Lilienthal to the Task Force for Firescope and FF VanDalen to the EMS side of it. Chief Johnson gave an overview of Fire District North and what is currently happening.

11. Standing Committee Reports

- 11.1 EMS Agency – No one present.
- 11.2 OES, State and Local – Chief Ransdell stated strike team leaders will be getting thermometers to take crew temperatures. Chief Ransdell addressed a few current questions he has received.
- 11.3 Fire Safe Council – Steve Willis stated they Fire Safe Council does continue to meet remotely. They have started the new fiscal year and reviewed current positions on the Board for 2021. The board currently has 21 people on the board. All 25 councils renewed their association, 11 are now fire wise with three more in the works. The goal would be for all of the 25 councils be fire wise. Working with El Dorado County for new funding and grants. They are collaborating with FPO's on a legislative issue. Steve gave an update on the chipping program, senior/defensible space program and current projects.
- 11.4 LAFCO – No one present.
- 11.5 CSDA – No one present
- 11.6 Red Cross – No one present.
- 11.7 Environmental Health – No one present.

Chief Johnson suggested removing these groups from the agenda because they are not standing committees.

12. District Reports

- 12.1 CAL FIRE ECC AEU – No one present.
- 12.2 CAL FIRE Cameron Park – No one present.
- 12.3 City of South Lake Tahoe – No one present.
- 12.4 Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire – Chief Ransdell stated they just completed their Captains testing process. Travis Parsons was promoted. They are getting ready to start a Firefighter testing process.
- 12.5 El Dorado County Fire – Chief Cordero stated he has completed their Captains testing process. He also had 3 new Firefighter Paramedics start on Monday, they will be in a two-week academy. County Fire has a new Type 3 at Station 19 and just ordered a new Type 1 for Station 17.
- 12.6 El Dorado Hills – EDC is open for business. EMT class starts in September. They are getting ready to put together a cadaver lab. We are recruiting for an Ops Tech position right now. EDHFD is currently having some staffing issues due to sending out Strike Teams. In the process of hiring a Rescue Administrative Assistant Temp. Both Boards (EDHFD and Rescue) are pushing to move forward for annexation of Rescue, a Notice of Intent has been filed. A new Type 1 Engine has been ordered for EDHFD. Put together a rescue trailer.
- 12.7 Fallen Leaf Lake Fire – No one present.
- 12.8 Garden Valley – No one present.
- 12.9 Georgetown Fire – Chief Brown had a LARRO class scheduled however it was postponed for now. They are going to be running a Volunteer Academy in January with Mosquito, Garden Valley and possible Pioneer Fire. They have received a Type 1 and Type 3 and they are getting them ready to put in service.
- 12.10 Lake Valley Fire – No one present.
- 12.11 Mosquito Fire – Chief Rosevear stated he is looking forward to getting to know all the Chiefs. Reported on recent fire activity. Meeting this Friday with the local Fire Safe Council to discuss local evacuation. He is working on the understanding the SAFER

grant. Wanted to say thank you to Joel Warman at Rescue Fire and the work done for the monitor grant.

- 12.12 North Tahoe/Meeks Bay – No one present.
- 12.13 Pioneer Fire – Chief Matthews stated they just ordered a new Battalion Chief Vehicle and are hoping to receive their new Water Tender by December. They are currently working on their regional training and their evacuation sign program. Chief Matthews thanks all the Chiefs for cooperation and willingness to work together; makes everything very efficient.
- 12.14 Rescue Fire – Previously reported on.
- 12.15 Tribal Fire/ROP – No one present.
- 12.16 US Forest Service – No one present.
- 12.17 JPA - Chief Johnson stated they submitted just shy of \$1 million for the CARES Act. Deadline for requests is the 30th of this month. Power-load gurneys have been installed at Medic 85 and Medic 17, a request was made to have one of these gurneys present at the next JPA meeting to show the other districts how they work.

13. Good and Welfare

- 13.1 Chief Johnson stated he feels this group has come together the last couple of months.

14. Executive Session – None

15. Adjournment – *Chief Ransdell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Chief Cordero seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

Next meeting: 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2020

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