



EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, December 11, 2019, 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 type="checkbox"/> Unit Chief Scott Lindgren, CAL FIRE ECC AEU, Vice Chair |
| <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, Treasurer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Mike Blankenheim, CAL FIRE | <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Steve McNamara, NTF Fire |
| <input 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Sherry Moranz, CAL FIRE CAM Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Paul Dutch, ECF Fire | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Lloyd Ogan, ECF Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Jed Gaines, CAL FIRE CAM Fire | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Bryan Ransdell, DSP Fire, Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Gary Gerren, FLL Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Clive Savacool, GRV Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Dustin Hall, EDH Fire | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief David Whitt, Tribal Fire |
| <input 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) | <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Corey Zander, Cal OES |

Pledge of Allegiance - Conducted

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

Others in Attendance:

- Jose Henriquez, LAFCO
- Sherrie Kelley, JPA
- Steve Willis, Fire Safe Council

2. **Public Comments** – No comments.

3. **Approval of Agenda** – Chief Mathews motioned to adopt agenda. Chief Johnson requested to add item 8.5 New Business Fire Insurance Adhoc Committee. Chief Mathews motioned to adopt agenda as amended; Chief Ogan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Chief Matthews reported the balance of account and activity. Dues have been paid, there is some confusion on who are members.

6. **Fire Advisory Board** – Nothing new to report.

7. **Old Business**

- 7.1 Vegetation Management Ordinance – Chief Ransdell received notice from Sue Hennike she will not be present at Chiefs meeting, but they will be having a meeting tomorrow with Cal Fire regarding vegetation management.
- 7.2 SCBA Regional Grant – No report
- 7.3 Commercial Cannabis – No report, will remove item from future agendas.
- 7.4 XED, Operational Area Resource Situation/Status Reporting – Chief Ransdell reported After Action Report received.

- 7.5 County HazMat Response – Chief Johnson believes it's a subject to continue to talk about even if they don't attend the meetings.

8. New Business

- 8.1 Election of Officers for the Fire Chiefs Association 2020 – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary positions are open for nominations. Chief Johnson nominated Chief Cordero for Chair. Chief Ogan nominated Chief Lilienthal for Chair. Chief Johnson rescinded his nomination for Chief Cordero, all in favor of Chief Lilienthal as Chair. Chief Johnson nominated Chief Cordero for Vice Chair, all in favor. Chief Lilienthal nominated Chief Matthews for Secretary, all in favor.
- 8.2 Joint Dispatch Meeting with Amador County Fire Chiefs Association – Chief Ransdell received a letter from Chief Moreno of Sutter Creek requesting a joint meeting on dispatch services. Chief Blankenheim requested to be present at the meeting. Chiefs all in favor of setting up a meeting.
- 8.3 FSC Defensible Space Assistance Program – Chief Ransdell signed letter of support for the Fire Safe Council Defensible Space Assistance Program. Steve Willis with the Fire Safe Council thanked Chiefs for support. Chief Johnson expressed importance of a Chief attending Fire Safe Council meetings, Chief Johnson will plan to attend in 2020.
- 8.4 Sprinkler Ordinance – Chief Earle gave background on requirement of sprinklers in manufactured homes and the push back with the County on this item. Looking at last board meeting in January to get approved for this code cycle. Chief Johnson appreciates their work on this matter and the white paper but requests this would come through the Chiefs Association first.
- 8.5 Fire Insurance Adhoc Committee – Chief Johnson discussed insurance issues in the state and impact locally of people not being able to sell their homes or buy homes. Would like to add an adhoc committee to assist FPO's with the issue. Chief Johnson would be willing to volunteer, Chief Earle and Chief Matthews would like to be involved as well.

9. Section Reports

- 9.1 Training Officers – No one present, meeting right now. Chief Ransdell listed a few trainings they are working on right now.
- 9.2 Fire Prevention Officers – Chief Earle reported there have been some fires with the Arson Task Force activated. Chief McKay will be working as head of arson task force. Chief Earle thanked Chief Lilienthal for his work on it. Chief Ransdell and Chief Earle have adjusted their meeting schedules so that Chief Earle may attend Fire Safe Council meetings.
- 9.3 Operations – Chief Ransdell reported they discussed AVL at operations meeting. Chief Newman reported they are still looking at first of year to release the app. Chief Ransdell reported they also discussed county USAR team and establishing leadership from the top and have Chief Officer relieve administration portion. Chief Ransdell will continue to head up AO. Chief Lilienthal added that they discussed the new public facilities building and you should do a walk through if you have not already. Chief Johnson asked about the After Action Report, it is in the Mobilization Plan.
- 9.4 CSA 3 – No report
- 9.5 USAR Task Force – Chief Ransdell already discussed in Operations report.

10. Standing Committee Reports

- 10.1 EMS Agency – No report
- 10.2 OES, State and Local – Chief Ransdell reported he and Chief Cordero attended the Disaster Council meeting yesterday. Chief Ransdell represented fire at the Homeland Security Grant meeting and requested money to finish outfitting arson trailer and flak jackets.
- 10.3 Fire Safe Council – Steve Willis reported the chipping program open and running. Senior, veteran, low-income defensible space closed. Have started outreach grant. Working to reorganize in January. Excepting new council in Diamond Springs in January. Update on current projects and grants.
- 10.4 LAFCO – Jose Henriquez asked all districts to submit questionnaire.
- 10.5 CSDA – No report
- 10.6 Red Cross – No report
- 10.7 Environmental Health – No report

11. District Reports

- 11.1 CAL FIRE ECC AEU – Chief Newman reported they went to winter mode in CAD. Chief Blankenhein reported on current staffing. As of now and immediate future will not have Amador Plan to staff an engine in El Dorado. El Dorado station open house going on all weekend.
- 11.2 CAL FIRE Cameron Park – Not present
- 11.3 City of South Lake Tahoe – Not present, no update on Fire Chief.
- 11.4 Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire - Chief Ransdell reported Type 3 in house and working on getting in service. Losing two employees to Metro Fire and will be hiring two firefighters in January. Chief Earle added testing for Captain soon.
- 11.5 El Dorado County Fire – Chief Ogan reported they received a request from the Sheriff regarding participation at first responder fundraiser at the fairgrounds on December 27. Received proposal from Garden Valley for potential collaboration. Currently in hiring process, looking to hire 3-4 firefighters. Today should be final board action before standing up a Law Enforcement Arson Investigator. Marshal Foundation owns training site on Pony Express and they have decided to sell it. Working on new training site at Station 23. Resolution to close up islands within the district to be adopted at board meeting today. Change of command ceremony at Red Hawk on December 2 at 4 pm.
- 11.6 El Dorado Hills - Chief Johnson reported EDH hired third party consultant for communications study. Truck 85 back in service. Residential sprinkler inspections going smooth. Training facility interior starting and hopes to complete in January. Talking about bringing Executive Chief Fire Officer course, will get together with TO's about other classes to bring to region. Thanked Chief Ogan for his time and service.
- 11.7 Garden Valley – Chief Bement reported they are talking to county about collaboration with County Fire. Have also established there are islands in district and will work on closing those up.
- 11.8 Georgetown Fire – Not present. Chief Bement reported they had their tree raising last weekend.
- 11.9 Lake Valley Fire – Not present
- 11.10 Mosquito Fire – Not present
- 11.11 North Tahoe/Meeks Bay – Not present
- 11.12 Pioneer Fire - Chief Matthews reported they have put together a combined Apprentice Program with Amador. Working on combined station in River Pines area, half staffed by Pioneer and half Amador.
- 11.13 Rescue Fire – Chief Lienthal reported for Rescue. Still discussions on shared services agreement with El Dorado Hills.
- 11.14 Tribal Fire/ROP – Chief Whitt reported Tribal Fire will be down staffed in about a week. ROP has thirty-four students, four seniors out in field, would like to get them more exposure at Cal Fire dispatch and maybe dozer. Have accepted Operations and Training Chief position with Forest Hill, not leaving, just in addition to. Step son is about to be sworn in as Probationary Firefighter Paramedic with the City of Folsom. Asked Cal Fire about location to store apparatus if they have down staffed station in El Dorado.
- 11.15 US Forest Service – Not present.
- 11.16 JPA – Sherrie going on vacation and JPA office will be closed for a couple weeks.

12. Good and Welfare

- 12.1 Chief Earle asked again for equipment donations.
- 12.2 Chief Ransdell thanked Chief Ogan and appreciation plaque will be coming.

13. Executive Session – None

- 14. Adjournment** – At 10:59 am, Chief Matthews motioned to adjourn; Chief Johnson 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 Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire District's office located at 501 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs, CA 95619.