

Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association – Monthly Meeting

Location: Josephine County Emergency Management

Date: June 21st, 2022

Time: 0900

Call to Order: 0900

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: McLaughlin motion to approve, Holmes 2nd **Passed**

Approval of Financial Report: Hammond Motion to approve, McLaughlin 2nd. **Passed**

Additions to the Agenda: None

Special Guests: None

Section Reports:

Operations (Fire/EMS):

- Evacuation Group- New topic from state fire marshal's triage system. A green sheet that references USAR style marking. It is a bright green sheet that can be posted at the house. Sarah will be getting the sheet out to us. We will be using this system and see how things go.
- Jackson county SAR has asked that we notify them early when we have any type of remote rescue.

Training (RITA):

- SOWS is this weekend. Not a lot planned this summer. Will be working with the e-board and the strategic plan. Looking at the Fall for a firefighter 2 DPSST. FO1 will be coming up in the winter next year. FF1 Academy next January.

Prevention (RVFPC, SOFCO):

- N. Webber Met in June and the biggest issue was talking about home assessments. Agencies want to be on the same page and have same form or process. They are working on figuring out what that will be.

Liaison Reports:

911 Centers (Harris/Guenther) – **No Report**

OSFM (Stacy/Lashley/Rubrecht) –

- T. Stacey- 4 new deputies through background. Map drops from ODF on July 1st. Defensible space conde is about 90% done and will be done by the end of the year. 3 toolkits, OSFM, Fire Dept., and one for the public. Bolstering training. Fire inspector 1 and 2 will be rolled out soon.

- Sarah Rubrecht- Engine program is being worked on. Application and information should come out by the end of this month. Engines will not likely be rolled out until June of next year. Hard copies of Mob Plan will be rolled out soon and is currently online only. Upstaffing grant that is available and if you need help ask Sarah. It is only for staffing.

ASA Agencies (Clough/Sartain/Hammond/Mathews) –

- Helicopter training has been going on over the last couple of months. If any districts need the training let Mercy know. If Helo is OOS ECSO will be notified right away so we know it is not available at the time of request. When needed make the request to launch the helicopter and call sign will be given enroute. Some districts want auto launch, and they are working with them to get them in place. ECSO dictates that the auto launch protocols are directed from the agencies. Continuing to work on CAD to CAD. It is going well, but not sure on when it will go live. QA agreement with D3 and Medford has been signed and working on the first pass of this new program. Lack of staffing is still a challenge and Mercy is working to see what they can do at the state level to get more paramedics trained.

Haz-Mat (Baumgartner) –

- No incidents to report. Continue monthly team training. Team attended state training. In works of midyear tasking to report to SOFM.

PIO (Weber) – **First** Wednesday in August for next meeting

Emergency Management (Powers/Ring) –

- Josephine County Emily- Continue to push on zone haven goals to get final drafts into citizen alert. May be able to try this summer but will be up to agencies. Will try and get a few folks trained on both EB and Citizen alert side. Will reach out to give options on how they go out. This is in background and otherwise we do as we have in the past. New education and outreach coordinator Jason. Corp crew did around 50 properties during their 4 weeks and have another 2 weeks in October. Will hire another Firewise person this summer.
- Jackson County Powers- Lost John so she is working with no backup. Position is posted and if you know of any good candidates then let them know. Also going through county wide zoning for evacuations. About $\frac{3}{4}$ done. Then will figure out how and when to roll out. County Emergency operations plan will be pushed out to this group for review and hope to adopt in the next few months.

CWPP (Vonn) –

- Request to have a one stop go to request an assessment. Trying to figure out what this will look like. Gathering options for rebate programs to encourage people to make defensible space program. Working towards a monthly meeting for CWPP. There is a fuels meeting

that is planned. So, if interested in being part of this group let her know. Big push is to offer those people in high and extreme risk, help to get fuels reduction done. Also, home hardening and its effects. Went to NFPA home ignition zone class. There was good discussion. It really focused on home hardening, and it opened people's eyes.

OFCA (Horton)– NO Report

SWOCG (McCarty/Edwards) –

- Tyler- All struggling with hiring. Still actively recruiting for those positions. All wildland agencies seem to be in the same spot. Air tanker agreement is getting finalized. Type 2 will come on July 1 or 2, week later the rest will come on. Risk map will be out July 1, but there is some struggles with county data. FI210 is next week.
- 4MM will be at airport until July 11th but will be available starting July 1 or 2. Swing shift engine starts at 1 and goes until 2200. 1 in SW GP and 1 in Rogue River. Both will roam.
- Mike- Forest Service is also having staffing issues. Aviation assets are in place. Fire Season schedule is in place. They are currently down staff as they are helping other areas, but upon return will not send them off.

Chaplains (Saada) – No Report

IMT (Turnbull) – No Report

SOFRC (Chambers) – No Report

LEPC (Bates/Powers) – No Report

FDDB- Reminder to make sure we put availability in for the state. Monday morning before 0900. Agencies that participate in out of area task force program, will need to mark your availability.

Old Business:

- Open Burn Task Group – Chief Hanley No Report
- Association Strategic Plan Survey- Please fill out the survey. Due date by the end of this week. 6/21 week. Fill out per person, not per agency. As much feedback as possible.
- RVFCA logo update- Waiting for her to process everything.
- Wildfire Cameras – Wildland Detection Camera Interoperability Committee a group is being formed to establish this program. Group is working to make sure they are being coordinated together and not have different systems, programs etc. Nobody in this group seems to know anything about this supposed group. A user group would be helpful to get together so we have someone involved with boots on the ground knowledge.

New Business / Issues for Consideration:

- Fireworks Board Policy Recommendation – (Horton) Has asked our group to create a policy. Legal fireworks that are sold in approved stands are not our problem. Bates will get with Delonge to get information on what we have done.
- Agency Weekly Availability form (Smart Sheets) – (Bates)- Already discussed
- Senate Bill 762 Map and Grant Funding- Already discussed

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- Rogue Girls Fire Camp – Bates- This just finished up and was a huge success.

Jim OSFM- Meeting with OSU to make sure messaging is the same. Trying to get a lot of information out on hardening your structure. Mitigation grant is closing at the end of the month for schools and hospitals. Looking at making tools for insurance companies to look at maps. Fear is they might charge more based on risk. 60% of the high and extreme might be in Southern Oregon.

Team Rubicon- How could we hook them up with ODF. They have the saw knowledge but need training on defensible space knowledge and fuels reduction.

Austin RMFD- Wolf Creek is still there. We were recently updated that they are nowhere near capable of response to anything. Will be ODF and RM response to anything out there. Glendale can help but they are not in a great place to assist. Anticipate through this fire season wolf creek will not have anyone. Station was also condemned. They did get the \$35,00 state grant. Would like to get some folks from other agencies to help provide staffing using the grant dollars.

Darren Hewey Mercy Flights- operations manager for Mercy flights- They are there to support us and help take care of our team.

Davidson Evans Valley- Awarded upstaffing grant- Will have staffing on through this summer with this grant. Nights covered with apparatus response from volunteer.

Powers OHA- Has a clean air grant. Facility must be open to the public. 5 million dollars across the state. Survey monkey 3 and how we can make it open to the public. Josephine County side Jason has been heading this up.

Webber ODF- SOWS will have media there on Saturday. Will also be putting out a FB post.

McCarty ODF- CFPA had a 20-acre fire going. Slash unit with some wind.

Forest Service Rogue River- 3 temporary employees hired for the summer. 1 quit already for full time employment.

Vetter Williams Fire- Thank Holly and Emily. Met with greater Applegate on a roundtable. When people buy property getting with realtors to share WUI information Natalie- ODF- 6pm will have a community gathering in Williams. Talk about fire season Got the grant for upstaffing.

Lawless Grants Pass Fire- Meet and Greet for Chief candidates on the 27th at Parkway station at 6pm.

Hussey JCFD3- Recent retirements and doing an in-house process for BC. One of their Captains accepted a job elsewhere, and an internal promotion of a Captain and engineer is in process. Summer staffing, they will have a Type 3 based out of Gold Hill Station. 2 admin BC positions open right now. 1 for training and 1 for special operations.

Karl ODF- Shelly is retiring this summer on August 1st, then temporary hired for the rest of the year. BCC symposium on wildland fire showed the lack of complacency by the lack of public participation.

Winslow ODF- Looking forward to the end of meeting season. Then fire season and then hunting season. Thank you to district 3 and mercy on firefighter health assessments.

McLaughlin Applegate Fire- 3 new captains effective July 1. Captain Swanson has resigned due to personal reasons. CAD to CAD should help. Wolfard is out of country until July 2. New type 6 will be in service late July beginning of august. 4 new life jacket stations in the Applegate area. 2 Cantrell Buckley and 2 Provolt Store area. 2 more slated for next year.

Holmes IVFD-Awarded the upstaffing grant. Starting Monday, we will be 1000-2000 hours. Doing a testing process for eligibility. Demoted and took a contract for next 8 years with the district.

Jason- Give neighbor watch groups his information to help educate.

Matt ODF- ODF staff Forester- Will be filling in for Tyler and Karl as they are busy, also a Type 3 PSC.

Next Meeting: 0900 July 19th at Grants Pass Fire – Parkway Station.

Adjournment: