

Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: District 3

Date: January 16, 2024

Time: 0900

Call to Order: 0900 and thanks given by Eric Thompson to the crews at D3 for the breakfast provided.

New Members / Special Guests: None

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Motion made by Deputy Chief Goodnough, 2nd by Chief Vetter.
Motion Approved.

Approval of Financial Report: Motion made by Chief Wolford. 2nd by Captain Kassab.
Motion Approved.

Additions to the Agenda: None

New Business:

- Letter of Support: 2019 Capital Construction Request – ECSO (Chief Thompson). A letter of support was granted by the Association (1st Vetter / 2nd Wolfard / All in Favor).
- Model of Policies (Chief Hussey): The Ops Sub Committee is working on sections for all departments/districts to be on the same page for Best Practices.
- Strategic Plan (Chief Thompson): Started this last year, and working on revising and rejuvenating the plan before fire season. There will be a survey being sent out to all, please answer, as this will guide the Strategic Plan Committee in the right direction.

Section Reports:

Operations (Fire/EMS): (Razor) Ops Group met and worked on MOB Policies/Fire Standard Order review with the Type III deployment to agencies and completing in-service training

Training (RITA): Razor

- RITA is also working on dates and curriculum for the SOWS 2024 needs for departments/districts with Taskbook sign-offs needed.
- There will be a SOW Survey coming out in a few weeks.
- Forms training at D3 Feb 5th through DPSST. Fire Officer 3 and 4 will be moving through the next few weeks.

RV Prevention CO-OP: Ian Kassab

- Outreach with other smaller departments/districts to assist with the Tech Group.
- Green Waste Disposal Day (Holly), with the Date to be determined (last week of April – 2nd week of May).
- Team Teaching is looking at working with the schools this year, and with smaller departments/districts, and could use the assistance of the personnel to make this a success. Check your email for further information being sent out.

Fire Defense Board (Holmes/Thompson):

- (Chief Hussey): Mob Plan Committee meeting with recommendations is happening at the OSFM level (Volunteer Reimbursement Rates being looked at).
- April 29th in Bend (Riverhouse on the Deschutes) is the State Fire Defense Board Training Day.

- (Chief Holmes): Congratulations to the FDBC Alternates picked for the 2024 season. Training is being discussed and we will set a date for those personnel to be ready for the fire season.

Incident Management Team/Pool (Hussey): No report

Advisory Membership Reports:

911- ECSO-(Harris) (JoCo 911 Dispatch)

The last trainees will be released by the end of the month, and working solo. They still have 11 positions to fill.

OSFM (Lashley, Rubrecht, Vonn)

(Vonn) OSFM Banners are available and might be handed out at the next meeting.

Jackson County Library presentation request for March/April for Prevention and Home Hardening.

ASA-

Mercy Air – New CAD System being worked on (more information to come). Older ambulances are available to departments/districts. Contact the Lead Mechanic for further information.

JCFD#1 (Hammond) -

Ashland Fire (Sartain) - 2023 = 500 calls above previous years.

HazMat –No significant incidents. The new HazMat vehicle is currently delayed. Outreach training is available to all departments/districts.

Technology Group: Nothing to Report

PIO – Quarterly meeting being held on Jan 31. S203 class is being held on Feb 20-23, 2024.

EM – (Ott, Sellers?, Powers)

Medford EM (Ott) – Nothing to Report

Josephine County (Sellers) - N/A

Jackson County (Powers) -

Zone-Haven (Genesis) project is close to being completed. Using homeland security money for it so appropriate bidding can be done to finish contracting.

Project Program: IN the planning/hiring stage and will adopt items in a few weeks.

Medford Water – OSFM money received for the Water Spill Plan and Training being currently worked on.

Citizen Alert separation.

Grants Pass (DeLonge/Hyatt)-

Keith Larkin MCI drill tomorrow morning. School district is hosting, and it is an overturned bus with 20-30 patients.

RCC- (Riis) - No Report

OFCA – (Brown/Hussey)

- **(Brown)** Sponsorship/Scholarship for OFCA Conference in May (see Devin)
- **(Hussey)** Round Tables are being held next week in Eugene. The Mental Health Initiative is alive and currently being reviewed. Legislative Bills are being looked at and will report at each meeting.

SWOCG –

ODF:

(Kerns) – No report

(Winslow) -

DF Recruitment in the works (March-April)

Fuel mitigation and reduction happening

RRS (Quinones) -

Burning is allowed. Commissioners Resolution discussed and hiring throughout with upcoming retirements.

IMT Teams have no numbers associated – All one team. Regional changes are in the works and reported when they are available.

BLM (Miranda) -

Hiring as well.

Chaplains- Working on a JoCo Chapter (SOCERT), checking attendance with teams, and still looking for peers for the fire departments/districts

SO Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative- No Report

Local Emergency Planning Commission – (Powers) LEPC met and working with OSFM. More to come when the next meeting takes place next year.

Old Business: Nothing to Report

New Business / Issues for Consideration: Nothing to Report

Agency Brief Out:

- **Wolf Creek (Eddy)**
 - Station 1 will be emptied, and all equipment and such to Station 2. Construction to take place at Station 1, unknown timeline. 121 calls were toned in 2023, with 74 of those toned, were responded to.
- **BLM**
 - Rewriting abandoned vehicles issues on BLM land. EVAC roads discussed and will be working with agencies that will have an effect.
- **Grants Pass (Hyatt)**
 - The city is moving forward with a Fire Chief candidate and an interview is scheduled.

- **Applegate**
 - Goodnough: Working on a Frequency update and will be emailing out to the agencies for anything new
 - Wolfard: First Due ICON Standardization being worked on. Hiring of three (3) EMS Apprentices (night staffing) and volunteer Water Tender Operators is being looked at.
- **ODF (Winslow)**
 - Open recruitment for a Dispatch Supervisor.
 - A DIVS class is April 22-24 Limited seating available.
- **Ashland Fire:**
 - Global Wildfire Study, with the community resilience and universities.
- **Medford Fire (Howard) -**
 - Chief Thompson: February 26 is the next Recruit Academy. Advertising for a Deputy Fire Marshal position. Squad 14 is being launched. Currently hiring for Single-Role EMT and Paramedic. Selling a Type 1 engine on GovtDeals.com in a few months.
- **Evans Valley FD: (Davidson) –**
 - Board of Directors increased. Working on completing items needed for the Levy for the ballots. And also working on Capital Infrastructure Grants.
- **Rural Metro Fire (Prince)**
 - Thanks to the agencies that were able to provide mutual aid the past few days.
- **ODF (Weber)**
 - Recruitment for seasonal employees is being advertised. Peacock signs need to make sure that the arrows are in the low position.
- **Rogue River Fire District (Hammond)**
 - Hiring an Administrative Assistant
- **Williams Fire (Vetter)**
 - Wind event that went through the district, made it very busy for the team.
 - Next week there is a Coffee with the Chief and will have BLM talking about abandoned vehicles and road closures
- **District #3 (Hussey)**
 - NW Leadership Conference March 6-8, 2024 in Portland, sign up is still available. This might be the last conference that Gordon Graham will speak at.
 - There was a recent retirement for an EMS person within the ranks of the department
 - The department is hiring a Logistics Technician
- **District #4 (Crume)**
 - The Firefighter Applicants Assessment Center is in the works at the moment
 - Boat Operations – New Training for Certified Rescue Boat Operators is in the works.
 - New Aluminum boat coming soon to the district
 - Looking at drones for river mapping

Next Meeting: March 19, 2024, at Illinois Valley Fire District, 681 Caves Hwy, Cave Junction

Adjournment 10:35 am
