**Contra Costa County Public Safety Support Services Association**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 20, 2023 1000-1200 Hours**

**Via Zoom Meeting**

**Call to Order:**

*Captain John Bensley called the meeting to order*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

*Led by Captain Jon Bensley*

**Attendees:**

* *Jon Bensley Captain Moraga Orinda FPD*
* *Jim Howard CCCFPD Battalion Chief (Retired)*
* *Mario Ferrer Battalion Chief Chevron Fire*
* *Chris Hummel Captain CCCFPD*
* *Andy Kalenian Moraga Orinda Fire*
* *Brian Helmick Deputy Fire Chief CCCFPD*
* **Introductions:**

General introductions were made to introduce everyone

**Guest Speaker**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

* Minutes were approved and ready to be submitted

**Communication:**

* SB542 No changes, no further to report.
* AB1116 No changes, no further to report.
* SB803 Peer Support Specialist Certification Program Act of 2020 no changes, no further to report

**Officer Reports:**

**President**

* Captain Bensley - California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) process for getting a Red Card for the state. There is a moratorium at the 200 level where each agency can approve their members for Red Cards based on their own requirements. That will be in effect indefinitely and will eventually be based on the classes CISM requires and options for the IAFF Classes. This will give you the ability to go out of the county and provide PEER Support in base camps through the CFA agreement. This will provide reimbursement for your district . Also allows you to work in base camp with the management team. There is an option to have the status of PEER Support in the Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC). Contact Captain Bensley if you need help going through the process. Chief Howard asked how one would be compensated if you weren't covered under IROC. Captain Bensley replied that you would have to be under a letter of agreement through CFA and the Fire Chief. People not under the letter of agreement can go on a volunteer basis. The letter of agreement is the way for agencies to status their teams and show availability. Someone that is a retiree can speak with their department to be utilized as a single resource. The state will pay the department while you are out, and the department should reimburse the single resource. Currently smaller departments are utilizing single resources.

**Vice President**

* Chief Howard - Crisis Response Care Training at the end of the month. GRIN and advanced class coming up in Vacaville. Invite personnel to participate and go to the classes. Howard encouraged everyone to send out the flier and help fill the classes. Howard will attend and help fill the class as well.
* We Remember event on the 19th.. Pushing out information help support the event and departments should sent pics to the website
* Waiting for Chief Cook to finish the flier for the Fire Champlain Class, July 25, 26, 27, 28th at Con Fire Training Room. He will reach out to Chief Cook for the flier. Howard will assist Cook with any needs.
* Chief Helmick discussed the importance of having membership attend the meetings. Each organization should have a liaison or alternate to help with attendance.

**Secretary/Treasurer**

* Chief Ferrer will follow through with Jim Brooks for the Debit Cards.
* **Committee Reports:**

1. **Training**
   * + Included in Vice President notes
2. **Team Selection**
3. **Peer Review**

* *Nothing to report*

**Organizational Reports:**

1. **California Fire Chaplains*:*** *No new reports*
2. **KLOVE (Crisis Response Care):** *No updates*
3. **CPSA:***Not present, no updates*
4. **10-33 Foundation:** *Not present, no updates*
5. **California Fire Service Task Force on Behavioral Health:** *No updates*
6. **DRAN:** *Not present, no updates*

**Old Business**

Nothin new

**New Business**

* **Agency Reports-Activities**
* **Fire**
  + - ***San Ramon Valley F.P.D****. (Demian Bannister)*

***Contra Costa County F.P.D****. (Chief Helmick and Captain Chris Hummel)*.

Helmick is working with Assembly Member Grayson and is proactive with Assembly Bill 1116 for support and training for peer support and services. He is also working on Assembly Bill 1020 for presentive laws regarding medical for standardization. He is a chaplain and the initiatives for peer groups. He is working on additional revenue to “all things peer support” for fire districts. He is working with CPF to share with the legislator and asking for 2.5 million dollars for Con Fire to be a pilot program for the state for peer support. This will assist with hiring people and build a program. CISM will be the northern program and Los Angeles will be the southern program. If the money doesn't materialize, in 2023-24 seed money of 750 thousand will go to Contra Costa County. There would be a push to still get the capital over the next few years. July 1st implementation would be the goal, and that would change the forecast of what is done at Contra Costa County. He would like the opportunity to thank peer support for efforts made. The money would go to Con Fire, but CISM would be the mechanism for the funds. Monday the 22nd at 1 pm at the Capitol, he would like to recognize and highlight what has been done. He would like representatives to attend with Class A attire and show a presence. Helmick recommended a group text be sent out to see who can attend. Bensely will manage. Jim will be the point of contact.

Hummel conducted some one-on-one support for a triple fatality in Antioch last night. Also recruiting for the upcoming classes. They had a child fatality defusing last month as well. Working on getting handlers for peer support dogs.

As of June 30th , MHN will not support peer support. Magellan would be the insurance to cover.

***Moraga-Orinda F.P.D.****(*Andy Kalenian)

* + - ***Crockett F.P.D****.* (*Lieutenant Earl Brown)*
    - ***El Cerrito Fire*** *(Engineer David Hood)*
    - ***Rodeo Hercules F.P.D.*** *(Capt. Jack Clapp) not present*
    - ***Piedmont Fire****(Lt. Kevin Robinson) not present*
    - ***Pinole Fire****no representative*
    - ***Alameda County F.P.D*** *(BC Michael Abele Captain Paul Mahar)*
    - ***Cal Fire SCU*** *no representative*
    - ***Fremont Fire****(Andy Swartzall Clinical Nurse Educator)**not present*
    - ***Richmond Fire*** *(Justin Cesar, Dylan McComb) not present*
    - ***Chevron Fire*** *(BC Mario Ferrer)*  Fire Brigade member on his way home and woke up in the hospital and recovering.
    - ***EBRPD Fire*** *no representative*
    - ***Federal Fire*** *no representative*
    - ***Albany Fire*** *(Chief Lance Calkins****)*** *not present*
  + **Law**
    - ***San Ramon PD*** *(Nick Vlesides)*
    - ***CCCSO*** *(Nick Vlesides)*
    - ***CHP*** *(Brandon Correia) not present*
  + **EMS**
    - ***AMR****(Chad Newland) no representative*
  + **MHP**
    - ***Mental Health*** *(Colleen Pennington, PsyD) not present*
    - ***Mental Health DRAN*** *(Nathan Schlitz) not present*
  + **Chaplain**
    - ***San Ramon P.D.****(Chaplain Nick Vleisides)*
    - ***ECCFPD****(Father Robert Rien)*
    - ***East Bay Regional Parks /CCCSO*** *(Father Robert Rien)* ***FBINAA****(Janelle Cronk) not present*
    - ***10-33*** *(Jim Wilson) not present*

**Action items:**

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**Good of the order:**

* Next meeting will be on ZOOM as well ( 3rd Tuesdays ).
* **Next Meeting:**

**Date/s: July 18th, 2023**

**Time: 1000-1200**

**Location: Via Zoom.**

**Adjourn:**

***Meeting adjourned by President Jon Bensley***