

Contra Costa County Public Safety Support Services Association
MEETING MINUTES
September 14th, 2021 1000-1200 Hours
CCCFPD Fire Training Facility 2925 Treat Blvd., Concord CA 94518

Call to Order:

Captain Chris Harder called the meeting to order at 1008 hours

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Captain Chris Harder

Attendees:

- *Jim Howard Retired CCCFPD Battalion Chief , Chris Harder Captain San Ramon Valley F.P.D., Dave Mullarky AMR, Joe Pratchard EBRP Chaplain, Earl Brown Lieutenant Crockett Fire, Father Robert Rein Chaplain East Contra Costa Fire, Mario Ferrer Chevron Fire Department, Nick Vleisides Chaplain San Ramon Police and Fire, Susan Bianchi Chaplain San Ramon Police*

Introductions:

New attendee, Susan Bianchi Chaplain

Guest Speaker

no speaker

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes approved as 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

- Deferred to later committee reports.

Vice President

- Deferred to later committee reports.
- Balance in account \$1831.26
- Nothing in mailbox

Secretary/Treasurer

- No report

Committee Reports:

1. Training

- Jim spoke with K-Love and for right now there is only online classes, no in person classes for now.
- Suggestion from Chris Harder to get a GRIN class through K-Love as soon as possible, with Covid we are looking to early Spring 2022
- Jim spoke to Jim Cook from Fire Chaplains and they are trying to get a class in Sacramento in the near future.
- Chief Helmick contacted the board and told us he had an opportunity to submit an article for the FDAC newsletter regarding what our group is doing, Jim Howard, Father Rein and Colleen Pennington all had input in the article that was published and Chris Harder's phone number is listed for anyone that wants to contact the group.
- K-Love has classes posted on their website www.crisisresponse.org New classes added just this week
- KC Peterson was mentioned in regards to his list of peer support members and that Chris was contacted and was able to help someone that needed assistance.

2. Website

- Chris Harder and Nick Vlesides continue to work on website Engage is being worked on and hopefully we will be using this to blast any information through the website rather than group me. Please look at the website and give feedback if you would like any changes.
- Website committee is always looking for new members. Please volunteer if you are interested.
- Meeting minutes and agendas are available on the website, and soon will be upcoming training and events.

3. Team Selection

- Mario did reach out to Richmond Fire again about helping them develop their team, we are still waiting for them to respond. They currently work with Richmond Police if they have any CISM issues but want their own team.

4. Peer Review

- Nothing to report

Organizational Reports:

1. **California Fire Chaplains:** Jim Howard; nothing further to report
2. **KLOVE (Crisis Response Care):** Not present, no updates
3. **CPSA:** Not present, no updates
4. **10-33 Foundation:**
5. **California Fire Service Task Force on Behavioral Health:** Chief Atlas not present , he was contacted by Chris Harder and had nothing to report.
6. **DRAN:** Not present, no updates

Old Business

- nothing to report

New Business

- Discussion about bringing all agencies and all peers to one meeting once a year and what that would look like.
 - Food
 - Inspirational
 - Speaker
 - Therapy Dogs
 - Possibly having Dr. Rochelle Zemlock develop a program to where we can all work together and grow together as a team
 - Self Care
 - Offer training / Group Support amongst teams and learn from each other
 - Encouragement, Relational
 - Maybe late next year 2022

- **Agency Reports-Activities**
 - Fire
 - **San Ramon Valley F.P.D.** (Engineer Nate Smith) not present, Chris Harder reported on behalf
 - No recent events for the department. Some one on one's but no defusings
 - **Contra Costa County F.P.D.** (Captain Chris Hummel)
 - Chris Hummel not in attendance
 - **Moraga-Orinda F.P.D.** (Captain John Bensley)
 - John Bensley no in attendance
 - **East Contra Costa F.P.D.** (Firefighter Lance Brashier) not present, Jim Howard and Father Robert Rein spoke
 - Couple of busy months, two serious defusings, one was train accident, other call was overturned water tender, employee went to the hospital but is going to be okay
 - October 19th Peer Group training
 - One employee injured on fire that was out of work for several weeks
 - **Crockett F.P.D.** (Lieutenant Earl Brown)
 - no defusings or debriefings, call volume is up
 - **El Cerrito Fire** no representative
 - **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) not present
 - **Chevron Fire** (BC Mario Ferrer)

- *Noting to add since last meeting*
 - **EBRPD Fire** no representative
 - **Federal Fire** no representative
 - **Albany Fire** (Chief Lance Calkins) not present
- **Law**
 - **San Ramon PD** (Sergeant Rob Ransom) not present
 - **CCCSO** (John Rock) not present
 - **CHP** (Brandon Correia) not present
- **EMS**
 - **AMR** (Dave Mullarky)
 - *Nothing to report.*
- **MHP**
 - **Mental Health** (Colleen Pennington, PsyD) not present
 - **Mental Health** (Donn Bradley) not present
 - **Mental Health DRAN** (Nathan Schlitz) not present
- **Chaplain**
 - **San Ramon P.D.** (Chaplain Nick Vleisides) *nothing to report as far as debriefings or defusings but they did bring on a couple new peer support members including Susan Bianchi*
 - **ECCFPD** (Father Robert Rien)
 - *nothing further to report that hasn't been told earlier in the meeting*
 - **East Bay Regional Parks** (Chaplain Joe Pratchard)
 - *Gave us a quick review of his self care and then had to leave the meeting early*
- **Other**
 - **FBINAA** (Janelle Cronk) not present
 - **10-33** (Jim Wilson) not present

Action items:

- *Will work on Peer Support group meeting for all agencies later next year as discussed in brainstorm section earlier in the meeting*

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Next Meeting:

Date/s: November 9th, 2021

Time: 1000-1200

Location: CCCFPD Fire Training facility, 2925 Treat Blvd., Concord, CA.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by President Chris Harder at 1157