

**Contra Costa County Public Safety Support Services Association**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 13th, 2020 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 10:11 hours*

**Attendees:**

*Retired Contra Costa County F.P.D. Battalion Chief Jim Howard, San Ramon Valley F.P.D. Captain Chris Harder, AMR Dave Mullarky, ECCFPD Father Robert Rien, Contra Costa County Fire Battalion Chief Bob Atlas, Chaplain Nick Vleisides, Piedmont Fire Lieutenant Kevin Robinson*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

*Led by Captain Chris Harder*

**Introductions:**

*All attending members.*

**Guest Speakers**

*None*

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes were approved

**Communication:**

- SB 542 Has passed in effect Jan 1st 2020 Firefighter and Law Enforcement Stress bill, Chief Atlas says no current update to this bill
- SB 1116 Has passed in effect Jan 1st, 2020, Chief Atlas spoke to this bill and basically the framework is being developed, sub-committee started to go over all the details and how a clinician will get certified to act under this bill. Peer support is currently protected under this bill but training and type of training is still being worked out. IF the recommendation is to go with training that is not ICISF there is a strong possibility that we will get grandfathered in with our training.

**Officer Reports:**

**President**

- defer.

**Vice President**

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**Secretary/Treasurer**

- Balance in bank is \$1381.89

## Committee Reports:

### 1. Training

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- John Muir will allow us to use their lecture halls, we will need to fill out a vendor form, return it and then the books can be opened up for next year, this year's calendar is full. They have rooms in Walnut Creek and Concord
- Father Robert Rien has offered up his facility for classes if needed
- Nick Vleisides will connect with San Ramon Hosp and invite them to our next meeting, to share with us on what they do to diffuse and deal with critical stress
- Chief Atlas wants us to consider to defer all costs by charging for training if needed in the future. Board will look into this for future classes

### 2. Website

- Website was on godaddy, and we have been using the training chiefs account, but two months ago found out the service is now charging for emails, and we are looking for another web server. Still working with Michael Mardis as our web designer
- Important to keep website updated Crisis Response looked at our webpage and they suggested edits and will make a plan to make changes soon

### 3. Team Selection

- Utilizing current process to call agency representatives and fill response teams through them, no new updates
- Moraga Orinda has a fully staffed CISM team

### 4. Peer Review

- None

## Organizational Reports:

1. **California Fire Chaplains:** Not Present
2. **KLOVE (Crisis Response Care): Working on classes**
3. **CPSA:** Nick Arnett did not attend to give update
4. **10-33 Foundation:** Jim Wilson unable to attend.
5. **California Fire Service Task Force on Behavioral Health:**

## Old Business

- Need to get data from agencies to collect data to show data to Fire Chiefs board we need all data by March
- Cordico app is a possibility for use

## New Business

- Chief Atlas wants us to check with Chief Helmick about non-profit status.
- Chief Kouns is no longer with Pinole Fire, new Fire Chief Chris Wynkoop
- Looking into new classroom sites
- 2020 goals list reviewed, Year list and 5 year goals discussed
- We Remember Event, we will participate in Jeff Dill's event and if they are giving that event up we will develop our own plan to have ours

- Kaiser was on the state task force but seemed to have disappeared, would like them back, Kevin Robinson will get Chief Atlas contact information to possibly help reconnect them.

➤ **Agency Reports-Activities**

○ **Fire**

- **San Ramon Valley F.P.D.** (*Captain Chris Harder*)
  - CISM meeting happening today, Nick Vleisides spoke about resiliency course they want to have for the department, want to rewrite handbook on support for employees. Talked about a resource called 25 suggestions for survivors that could be a good resource
- **Contra Costa County F.P.D.** (*Captain Chris Hummel*)
  - Chief Howard spoke to that they have had some debriefings and activations all handled. Chris Hummel is injured and didn't attend local Con Fire meeting
- **Moraga-Orinda F.P.D.**
  - not in attendance
- **East Contra Costa F.P.D.** (*Fr. Robert Rien, Captain Lance Brashier*)
  - Had Quarterly training for CISM, future goals discussed, cordico app discussed
  - Had annual recognition dinner, well attended
  - Deffusings all handled in house, all handled well
- **Crockett F.P.D.** (*Lieutenant Earl Brown*)
  - not in attendance
- **El Cerrito Fire**
  - not in attendance
- **Rodeo Hercules F.P.D.** (*Capt. Jack Clapp*)
  - Not Present
- **Piedmont Fire** (*Lt. Kevin Robinson*)
  - Internal issue with employee that possibly might have some negative media impact on the department, currently monitoring the situation.
  - Short staffed, many employees on ambulance and haven't been in years
  - Staffing impact is having a toll on employees
- **Pinole Fire** (*no current representative*)
- **Alameda County F.P.D.** (*BC Michael Abele Captain Paul Mahar*)
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- **Cal Fire SCU** Not Present
- **Fremont Fire** (*Andy Swartzall Clinical Nurse Educator*)
  - Not Present
- **Richmond Fire** Not Present
- **Chevron Fire** (*BC Mario Ferrer*)
  - Not present
- **EBRPD Fire** Not Present
- **Federal Fire** Not Present
- **Albany Fire** (*Chief Lance Calkins*) Not Present

○ **Law**

- **CCCSO** (*John Rock*)
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- **CHP** (*Brandon Correia*) Not Present

○ **EMS**

- **AMR** (*Operations Manager Chad Newland / Supervisor Dave Mullarky*)
  - Thanks for help from Father Robert for responding to a pediatric code
  - Deffusings handled and data still being collected

- **MHP**
  - **Mental Health (Colleen Pennington, PsyD)** Not Present
  - **Mental health (Donn Bradley)**
  - **Mental Health DRAN (Nathan Schlitz)** Thanked the group for assistance with a hospital debriefing and candlelight ceremony in San Jose.
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- **Chaplain**
  - **San Ramon P.D. (Chaplain Nick Vleisides)**
    - fSee San Ramon Fire notes for update
  - **ECCFPD (Father Robert Rien)**
    - Continue to visit stations
    - Several engines coming to the department
  - **CCCSO (Chaplain Joe Pratchard)**
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- **Other**
  - **FBINAA (Janelle Cronk)**
    - Not present
  - **10-33 (Jim Wilson)**
    - Not present

**Action items:**

- *Chris Harder will check on non-profit status for the group through Chief Helmick*
- *Look at possibility for K-Love meetings*
- *Edits for CCCSO and Pinole Fire*
- *Continue research for Website*
- *Review Groupme and Email lists*
- *Review email for attending meetings*
- *Work on survey for MHP and Chaplains*

**Good of the order:**

- none

**Next Meeting:**

**Date/s: March 9th, 2020**

**Time: 1000-1200**

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

**Adjourn:**

**Meeting adjourned by President Chris Harder at 1210**

