

Contra Costa County Public Safety Support Services Association
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2021 1000-1200 Hours

Call to Order:

Captain Chris Harder called the meeting to order at 1003 hours

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Captain Chris Harder

Guest Speaker

Attendees:

- *Jim Howard Retired CCCFPD Battalion Chief , Chris Harder Captain San Ramon Valley F.P.D., Joe Pratchard EBRP Chaplain, Nick Vleisides Chaplain San Ramon Police and Fire, Contra Costa Sheriff Office, Earl Brown Lieutenant Crockett Fire, Chris Hummel Captain Contra Costa County F.P.D., Justin Caesar Firefighter Richmond Fire, Father Robert Rein Chaplain East Contra Costa Fire*

Introductions:

New attendee, Justin Caesar Richmond Fire

Guest Speakers

No Guest 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

- Submitted a letter on behalf of CCCPSSS to County Executive Chiefs to share data over the last year and to ask for funds.
- Shared data collected for the last year. See the 2021 Exec Chiefs Letter for more details on data and fund requests.

Vice President

- Deferred to later committee reports.

Secretary/Treasurer

- As of April 29th balance in account \$567.22.

- Beginning balance March 2020 of \$1288.46 and ending balance March 2021 of \$624.89.

Committee Reports:

1. Training

- April's virtual GRIN class had 18 students and went well. Feedback via evaluations were good and emphasized the value for in person training over virtual.
- Chaplain class coming up on June 22-25 at Con Fire. Nick Vlesides is presenting in class. Jim Howard is assisting.
- Crisis Response has added additional virtual classes during COVID.

2. Website

- Chris Harder and Nick Vlesides continue to work on website to streamline.
- Chris Harder advised that meeting minutes and agendas are available on the website, and soon will be upcoming training and events.
- "We Remember" details on website
- Chris Harder presented to group Streamlines additional services. Engage and Portal would allow communication similar to the use of Mailchimp and portal access that could allow data collection embedded within the website. Placed on the July meeting agenda for further discussion.

3. Team Selection

- Interest from Richmond Fire

4. Peer Review

- None

Organizational Reports:

1. **California Fire Chaplains:** Upcoming Chaplain classes.
2. **KLOVE (Crisis Response Care):** Not present, no updates
3. **CPSA:** Not present, no updates
4. **10-33 Foundation:** Continued SAMM training to SRVFPD
5. **California Fire Service Task Force on Behavioral Health:** Chief Atlas not present but facilitated a meeting with the County Ops Chief with Dr Pennington, Chris Harder and Chris Hummel and was well received.
6. **DRAN:** Not present, no updates

Old Business

- Chief Helmick to present info to County Executive Chiefs today May 11th
- Training opportunities continued to be presented on Groupme until the website training section developed.
- We Remember Event on May 21st. Start discussing and planning the 2022 We Remember in November 2021.

New Business

- Nothing to report, Running status quo
- **Agency Reports-Activities**
 - **Fire**
 - **San Ramon Valley F.P.D.** (Engineer Nate Smith) not present, Chris Harder reported on behalf
 - No activations since last meeting. SAMM training for June academy. Two new members in process of pre screening
 - Contract now requires members to speak with a clinician every 2 years.
 - **Contra Costa County F.P.D.** (Captain Chris Hummel)
 - Couple defusings since last meeting. Still moving forward with the Wellness Center.
 - **Moraga-Orinda F.P.D.** (Captain John Bensley) not present, Chris Harder reported on behalf
 - Adding 2 retired members to their team.
 - **East Contra Costa F.P.D.** (Firefighter Lance Brashier) not present, Jim Howard presented on behalf
 - Cordico subscription renewed for the upcoming year. We Remember event set up with crews. Consolidation process with CCCFPD occurring.
 - **Crockett F.P.D.** (Lieutenant Earl Brown)
 - Still trying to influence members to join the team. Possibly one member is interested and taking classes.
 - **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)
 - Five members possibly interested in starting a team. Gathering info from CCCPSSS to assist with moving forward.
 - **Chevron Fire** (BC Mario Ferrer) not present
 - **EBRPD Fire** no representative
 - **Federal Fire** no representative
 - **Albany Fire** (Chief Lance Calkins) not present
 - **Law**
 - **San Ramon PD** (Sergeant Rob Ransom) not present, Nick Vleisides presented on behalf
 - Scheduled debriefing.
 - **CCCSO** (John Rock) not present
 - **CHP** (Brandon Correia) not present

- **EMS**
 - **AMR** (Dave Mullarky) not present
- **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)
 - Female chaplain participating and available to assist
 - **ECCFPD** (Father Robert Rien)
 - Back on the Engines and visiting stations. Providing memorial service for the deaths of Firefighters. Established a 3 level response for services provided for deaths. Assisting with upcoming Chaplain classes
 - **East Bay Regional Parks** (Chaplain Joe Pratchard)
 - Soliciting more involvement of chaplains.
- **Other**
 - **FBINAA** (Janelle Cronk) not present
 - **10-33** (Jim Wilson) not present

Action items:

- Schedule Dr Zemlok to provide an in-person presentation at a future meeting.
- Requesting agency reps to submit an updated list of members that are qualified and willing to participate on CCCPSSS call outs.
- Make available contact info of agency members on the website for peer-to-peer.
- Continued work on website
- We Remember event participation

Good of the order:

- Father Robert expressed concern over light attendance and how important it is to the group the connections that are made at meetings.

Next Meeting:

Date/s: July 13th, 2021

Time: 1000-1200

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

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by President Chris Harder at 1158