

Contra Costa County Public Safety Support Services Association
MEETING MINUTES
March 9th, 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 10:09 hours

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Captain Chris Harder

Attendees:

- *Jim Howard Retired CCCFPD Battalion Chief , Chris Harder San Ramon Valley F.P.D. Captain, Dave Mullarky AMR, Earl Brown Lieutenant Crockett Fire , Jeremy Kschevatsky MOFD, Mario Ferrer Chevron Fire , Katie Himsl MOFD, Jacob Airola MOFD, Bob Atlas Battalion Chief CCCFPD, Nick Vleisides Chaplain , on phone Jon Bensley Captain MOFD, Lance Brashier Captain ECCFPD*

Introductions:

All attending members.

Guest Speakers

None

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes were approved

Communication:

- In regards to updating SB542 and SB 1116, Chief Atlas speaks, during the last task force meeting, we approved the final California Firefighter Peer Support Crisis Referral Services approval form that will be for clinicians to get approved and to have a standard for those involved in Peer Support. This will allow us to have consistency across the board. This will give a framework, set of requirements and recommendations for coursework and experience level so clinicians will be at a set level when dealing with issues regarding CISM.

Officer Reports:

President

- Thank you to everybody in helping with Porterville Fire Peer Support Response, more to discuss later on in the meeting

Vice President

- defer

Secretary/Treasurer

- Balance in bank is \$1381.89

Committee Reports:

1. Training

- Working with K-Love, Chris Harder has sent out training schedule, Classes are in Vacaville in March and Concord AMR in April, refer to training schedule for classes and times
- In April, Firefighter Chaplain classes are set to be held at ConFire training center, both the beginning essentials and advanced class will be held.
- In September, four new classes that we haven't offered yet will be coming, check crisisresponse.org for information and details.

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
- Michael Mardis will be looking into getting us a quote to keep him as our web master and will look into web hosting options for us.

3. Team Selection

- Utilizing current process to call agency representatives and fill response teams through them, no new updates

4. Peer Review

- None

Organizational Reports:

1. **California Fire Chaplains:** Not Present
2. **KLOVE (Crisis Response Care):** Classes in September check crisisresponse.org, they also have started care 911 and have been interviewing individuals that have gone through crisis, currently they have 5 podcasts available
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:** Chief Atlas wanted to add that Blue Shield was to come to give a presentation and will be participating, but had to reschedule Fire Scope put together a white paper in which the task force approved the final draft, this is in regards to behavioral health introduction, ICS, who is to respond, etc. New communications director Farah and she is doing a great job.

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
- Data Collection, Thank you to those that responded to the survey monkey and gave us your numbers to show what we do out there and the survey revealed we have 62 peer group members for the county. We are also trying to get some numbers to submit from the chaplain side. When the data is complete we will submit to Chief Helmick.
- Still looking to standardize data collection
- We have made contact for future venues for classes, John Muir is a possibility in both Concord and Walnut Creek

New Business

- Nick Vleisides looking into hospitals and how we can support them
- Cordico app, East Contra Costa County Fire has the program and it will be fully up and running this week after all their submissions are in place. Nick Vleisides is also using it and basically in the same place ECCFPD is that they are almost done with submissions and will be up and running soon. Chief Atlas wants us to make sure that Cordico is the application to work with rather than picking it because it is the only application out there.
- Chief Kouns retired from Pinole Fire and brought up mutual aid ideas during a CISM incident, Chief Atlas will talk to Chief Helmick to see if he wants to bring up the idea of mutual aid at his next County Chiefs meeting.
- Captain Bensley brought up the idea of credentialed CISM peers going out of county and how to establish standards for these types of peers, state red card or other. It was also brought up to become an ICISF team, Captain Bensley will look into this.
- We Remember Event, we will participate in Jeff Dill's event which is May 15th, and possibility to develop our own event. May is international mental health awareness month, the board will develop a letter to participate and get it out to all agencies.

➤ Agency Reports-Activities

○ Fire

- **San Ramon Valley F.P.D.** (*Captain Chris Harder*)
 - No local activations and had quarterly meeting, Porterville fire incident had its challenges but it was a positive response and word coming back was that it was a positive response and now Porterville wants to start their own team.
- **Contra Costa County F.P.D.** (*Captain Chris Hummel*)
 - Chief Atlas spoke, Chris is still recovering from injury and he is doing much better and spirits are good. Couple defusings have occurred. Chief Atlas and Chief Helmick were able to help with efforts for the Porterville Fire incident while they were on a retreat.
- **Moraga-Orinda F.P.D.**
 - John has gone around and presented CISM to all stations and crew members. They have created CISM 40 minute presentation for all employees and recently purchased Cordico
- **East Contra Costa F.P.D.** (*Fr. Robert Rien, Captain Lance Brashier*)
 - Porterville Fire incident, went well, hard to get a real feel when you are on the phone, positive learning experience. They had one debriefing incident, fatal fire, was well attended, Father Rien took the lead and Jim Howard was also in attendance
- **Crockett F.P.D.** (*Lieutenant Earl Brown*)
 - Helped with the Porterville incident, Had fire at the C&H plant that went well
- **El Cerrito Fire**
 - not in attendance

- **Rodeo Hercules F.P.D.** (Capt. Jack Clapp) Not Present
- **Piedmont Fire** (Lt. Kevin Robinson) Not Present
- **Pinole Fire** (no current representative) Not Present
- **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)
 - **CHP** (Brandon Correia) Not Present
- **EMS**
 - **AMR** (Operations Manager Chad Newland / Dave Mullarky)
 - We have people in Oakland dealing with the Corona Virus evacuation of the ship
- **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)
 - **ECCFPD** (Father Robert Rien) Not Present
 - **CCCSO** (Chaplain Joe Pratchard) Not Present
- **Other**
 - **FBINAA** (Janelle Cronk) Not Present
 - **10-33** (Jim Wilson) Not Present

Action items:

- Board will develop letter and outline participation for WE Remember Event on May 15, 2020

Good of the order:

- none

Next Meeting:

Date/s: May 11, 2020

Time: 1000-1200

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

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by President Chris Harder at 1219