

Contra Costa County Public Safety Support Services Association
MEETING MINUTES
July 13th, 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 1007 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, Chris Hummel Captain Contra Costa County F.P.D., Father Robert Rein Chaplain East Contra Costa Fire, John Bensley Captain Moraga-Orinda F.P.D., Mario Ferrer Chevron Fire Department*

Introductions:

New attendee, Dr. Rachelle Zemlock

Guest Speaker

Dr. Rachelle Zemlock, overview of her practice and how she can help our team

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, Chris is continuing to research for further meetings

Officer Reports:

President

- Deferred to later committee reports.

Vice President

- Money in the bank account includes a transfer from executive chiefs
- Joseph Grouplao who was treasurer for the training officers association and executive chiefs is leaving the fire service so that position will need to be filled

Secretary/Treasurer

- As of April 29th balance in account \$2037.24, which included a transfer of \$1500 transfer that happened last week.

Committee Reports:

1. Training

- K-Love, Online Grin Class went okay with 18 attendees but all that attended would have rather have it in person rather than zoom
- If K-Love posts classes we will let everyone know
- Fire Chaplains Essentials class / Chaplains advanced class, over 4 days, attendance was about 10 attendees, there was a wide variety of people, most attendees from southern California, very well received by all.
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2. Website

- Chris Harder and Nick Vlesides continue to work on website to streamline. This website is to be a hub of communication for all our agencies to show training, events, links to resources and any other information to get out to everyone
- Chris Harder advised that meeting minutes and agendas are available on the website, and soon will be upcoming training and events.

3. Team Selection

- Interest from Richmond Fire Battalion Chief Brownwell will more than likely lead to their new team development. We have reached out to Justin Caesar who was at our last meeting and offered up any help to build their 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:** Continued SAMM training to SRVFPD
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

- Chief Helmick did present info to County Executive Chiefs and we got our deposit of \$1500.00
- Training opportunities continued to be presented on Groupme until the website training section developed.
- We Remember Event on May 21st. Chris Harder wanted to thank everyone for their participation in this event, please start thinking about next year and promoting it.

New Business

- Streamline that we do our website through has an additional service called engage that can send out reminders for meetings, training which might be more

effective for what we are doing. Board members and Website committee members can send out those notifications. Additionally, the cost will be \$10 per month for this service. We also can use an additional service, the website portal for an additional charge. Motion by Mullarky to purchase the Engage service through streamline for one year, motion passes

- Agency team members list was requested and most submitted. We will archive this list for the future.
- **Agency Reports-Activities**
 - **Fire**
 - **San Ramon Valley F.P.D.** (Engineer Nate Smith) not present, Chris Harder reported on behalf
 - Two new members, one has completed the classes and one has not. No defusings or debriefings.
 - **Contra Costa County F.P.D.** (Captain Chris Hummel)
 - Two members will be added to the team when they complete the GRIN class.
 - Two one on ones and one defusing a few other events
 - Two referrals for spouses
 - The Wellness Center is moving forward and has doctors, acupuncturists, physical therapists and others involved.
 - **Moraga-Orinda F.P.D.** (Captain John Bensley)
 - 5 guys that have been completely trained, 3 new members on the team for the last two years still trying to get all their training ,reached out to 2 retirees that live locally and they took the online GRIN class and have been coming to trainings
 - **East Contra Costa F.P.D.** (Firefighter Lance Brashier) not present, Father Robert Rein spoke
 - Teenage jumper of Sand Creek defusing
 - Baby Birth right when the crew arrived on scene, breech presentation
 - 7 year old drowning
 - 9 year old multiple medical issues that didn't survive defusing did happen
 - 16 year old head on collision that died on scene, defusing happened
 - **Crockett F.P.D.** (Lieutenant Earl Brown)
 - no defusings or debriefings
 - **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)
 - Firefighter with significant injury, eye injury and LOC, almost activated the team but held back after assessment of employees. The firefighter will be out for a year.
 - **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)
 - two defusings
 - Therapy dog is coming
- **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) not present
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 - **ECCFPD** (Father Robert Rien)
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 - **East Bay Regional Parks** (Chaplain Joe Pratchard)
 - Soliciting more involvement of chaplains. Relatively quiet and have been checking in on everybody, fire fighters, lifeguards, rangers.
- **Other**
 - **FBINAA** (Janelle Cronk) not present
 - **10-33** (Jim Wilson) not present

Action items:

- Board will work on getting Engage added to the website
- Chris and website committee will continue to work on the website
- Link will be sent out from Dr. Rachelle Zemlock

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: September 14th, 2021

Time: 1000-1200

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

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by President Chris Harder at 1206