

**Contra Costa County Public Safety Support Services Association  
MEETING MINUTES**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 1000-1200 Hours**

**CCCFPD East 2329 Loveridge Road Pittsburg, CA 94565**

**Call to Order:**

*Captain Chris Harder called meeting to order at 1010 hours*

**Attendees:**

*East Contra Costa F.P.D. Chief Brian Helmick, Retired Contra Costa County F.P.D. Battalion Chief Jim Howard, San Ramon Valley F.P.D. Captain Chris Harder, Antioch PD/ECCFPD Father Robert Rien, AMR Dave Mullarky, JFKU Donn Bradley, Chevron Fire Mario Ferrer, Piedmont Fire Dept. Lt. Kevin Robinson, Crockett Fire Earl Brown, Joe Pratchard CCCSO, DRAN Nathan Schlitz, RHFD Jack Clapp, East Contra Costa F.P.D., Lance Brashier, Chaplain Nick Vleisides, Bay Area CISM Nick Arnett*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

*Led by Captain Chris Harder*

**Introductions:**

*All attending members.*

**Guest Speakers**

*None*

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Meeting minutes approved unanimously

**Communication:**

- Debra Roesler unable to make the meeting today and will reschedule her speaker topic
- Two new proposals regarding the assembly bills at the state level. Two handouts given to each member of the meeting and asked to review outside the meeting.
- AB 2333 , statement read by Chris Harder. Statement reviewed the decision of veto by Governor Jerry Brown. The statement referenced the state prison guards and confidentiality within the prison system. The AB now will be divided into two separate documents and reintroduced as a senate bill and assembly bill which will divide us from the law enforcement branch as they need different language associated with their prison clients.
- The second bill will allow PTSD injuries as a presumptive and will allow to get treatment for our own employees

**Officer Reports:**

**President**

- Most captured in new business.

- Chris was approached by Benicia Fire employee and he met with him and the Solano County Fire Chiefs and sat down with them and presented to them what we are doing in this county and they appointed someone to chair the project and will coming to us for guidance in the future.

#### **Vice President**

- Bank Account is \$181.71
- Still waiting for approximate statistics in order to build a report to give to Chief Helmick so he can present to Executive Chiefs
- Jim went out to introduce himself and this program to Crockett Fire Chief and staff. Chief and staff was receptive to introduction.
- Jim was asked to become a member of the East Contra Costa Fire team and help them with CISM issues.

#### **Secretary/Treasurer**

- Dave still in the process of getting account information
- Asking for stipend from AMR to add to the fund for this group

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **1. Training**

- Registration has opened up for classes to be held in Concord in May. [www.crisisresponse.org](http://www.crisisresponse.org) code CA2019
- April 6th Stress Awareness, Management and Mitigation for Spouses, Significant Others and First Responders. This will be held on April 6th, 2019 in Concord and this class is designed for couples. Food will be provided.
- We will share any other training opportunities through the email chain as we are notified of them.

##### **2. Website**

- CCCFTSOA Website [www.fire-training.org](http://www.fire-training.org)
- CCCPSSS.com Still looking for data collection through the website and who will utilize it.
- Target Solutions being utilized by Con Fire and East Con Fire to help with data collection. Chief Howard is reviewing both agencies and how to verify data
- No recent website changes

##### **3. Team Selection**

- Utilizing current process to call agency representatives and fill response teams through them.

##### **4. Peer Review**

- None

#### **Organizational Reports:**

1. **California Fire Chaplains:** Not Present
2. **KLOVE (Crisis Response Care):** Not Present
3. **CPSA:** Nick to ask at a future meeting of CPSA if they are going to do a future training conference.
4. **10-33 Foundation:** Jim Wilson unable to attend. Communicated via text that he is excited about upcoming training with 10-33 and CCCPSSS. Chief Helmick stated that they are a very busy organization across the country and fully supports this group.
5. **California Fire Service Task Force on Behavioral Health:** California State Fire Training they are going through a rewrite of the FF-1 curriculum and they will be adding a behavior health

component as part of the sign off process and similar component to Fire Officer, Chief Officer and Executive Officer Curriculum. Chief Atlas hopefully will speak at our next meeting to give further details about the progress of this group.

### **Old Business**

- Polo Shirts are in. See Captain Harder after meeting if you don't have a shirt.
- ID Cards and Lanyards are tabled at this point
- Data collection on website is a work in progress
- We need to development committee of Policy 12: Emotional and Spiritual Care, on goals and objectives for 2019. Janelle Cronk would like to volunteer for this committee. Committee Chris Harder to chair the committee Janelle Cronk (volunteer from previous meeting), Father Robert Rien, Donn Bradley, Lance Brashier
- Legal Counsel objectives to be reviewed by board, tabled until next meeting.
- 2019 Objectives list was reviewed (continued from last meeting)
  - Talk with assemblyman Grayson
    1. The group needs to decide how we should meet and what we will discuss with the Assemblyman. We also want to have our opinions blessed by the Executive Chiefs before going to the Assemblyman. Chief Helmick offered to be the liaison between the Executive Chiefs and Assemblyman Grayson.
    2. Exploring training from MHP's If you have any MHP's that would like to help with training please contact Dave Mullarky with contact information
    3. Develop Contra Costa County Funeral Guidelines, reviewing all documents from other agencies to see where we stand where we can develop a guideline / reference to benefit all. This will be addressed in future meetings.
    4. County wide participation in the We Remember Event and working with Jeff Dill who started this event.
    5. Develop resources through this group for those that have retired and families of first responders

### **New Business**

- 2019 Objectives: Chris Harder presented printed Goals / Objectives list and not all items discussed. Members to review items on this list and get back to the board if you have any questions
- *Representatives and their available members, Chris Harder will need a list of all members from all agencies. Please email Chris directly.*
- *Spousal Support Class is set and flyers are available. Email will also be sent with class information*
- *Mental Health Classes, still looking for MHP that would like to present to the group or offer a select class*

#### **1. Agency Reports-Activities**

##### **1. Fire**

- **San Ramon Valley F.P.D.** (Captain Chris Harder)

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- **Contra Costa County F.P.D.** (Captain Chris Hummel)
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- **Moraga-Orinda F.P.D.** Not Present
- **East Contra Costa F.P.D.** (Fr. Robert Rien, Captain Lance Brashier)
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- **Crockett F.P.D.** (Lieutenant Earl Brown)
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- **El Cerrito Fire** Not Present
- **Rodeo Hercules F.P.D.** (Capt. Jack Clapp) Not Present
- **Piedmont Fire** (Lt. Kevin Robinson)
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- **Pinole Fire** (Chief Scott Koons)
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- **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
- 2. **Law**
  - **CCCSO** (John Rock)
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  - **CHP** (Brandon Correia) Not Present
- 3. **EMS**
  - **AMR** (Operations Manager Chad Newland / Supervisor Dave Mullarky)
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- 4. **MHP**
  - **Mental Health (Colleen Pennington, PsyD)** Not Present
  - **Mental Health DRAN**
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- 5. **Chaplain**
  - **San Ramon P.D.** (Chaplain Nick Vleisides)
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  - **ECCFPD** (Father Robert Rien)
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  - **CCCSO** (Chaplain Joe Pratchard) Not Present
- 6. **Other**
  - **FBINAA** (Janelle Cronk)
  - **10-33** (Jim Wilson) Not Present

**Action items:**

- *Board to review operations manual and bring edit recommendations to next meeting*
- *Get announcement out for new spousal class when it comes available*
- *See if Debra Roesler is able to speak on EMDR at May meeting*
- *Chief Helmick to request additional funds for CCCPSSS at the Executive Chiefs meeting.*
- *Board will discuss and or add training to CCCFTSOA webpage*
- *Link for spousal class on website and change dates and information on flyer*

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**Next Meeting:**

**Date/s: May 13th, 2019**

**Time: 1000-1200**

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

**Adjourn:**

***Meeting adjourned by President Chris Harder at 1208***