

Contra Costa County Public Safety Support Services Association
MEETING MINUTES
November 9th, 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 1008 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, Father Robert Rein Chaplain East Contra Costa Fire, Mario Ferrer Chevron Fire Department, Nick Vleisides Chaplain San Ramon Police and Fire, Jon Bensley Moraga Orinda Fire Department, Chris Hummel Contra Costa County Fire Department, Justin Ceasar Richmond Fire Department*

Introductions:

none

Guest Speaker

no 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

- Deferred to later committee reports.

Vice President

- Deferred to later committee reports.
- Balance in account about \$ 1500.00
- Nothing in mailbox

Secretary/Treasurer

- No report

Committee Reports:

1. Training

- GRIN class has been secured through K-Love February 15, 16, and 17th Discussion about securing slots for CCCPSSS agencies before actual roll out on the website. Jim Howard needs numbers from all agencies by the end of November
- Fire Chaplains no classes scheduled in the upcoming future

2. Website

- Chris Harder and Nick Vlesides continue to work on website Chris mentioned that there are some checks and balances through the website to have agendas and meeting minutes
- Website committee is always looking for new members. Please volunteer if you are interested.
- Meeting minutes and agendas are available on the website, and soon will be upcoming training and events.

3. Team Selection

- Richmond Fire Department has not made any real progress on team selection but they are looking at SOP's in order to start the program

4. Peer Review

- Nothing to report

Organizational Reports:

1. **California Fire Chaplains:** nothing further to report
2. **KLOVE (Crisis Response Care):** Not present, no updates
3. **CPSA:** Not present, no updates
4. **10-33 Foundation:**
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

- no old business discussion

New Business

- Continued talk about a Team Peer group meeting that was discussed at the last meeting
- Chris Hummel talked about their wellness center in East County
- Nick suggested a post covid meeting
- Chris suggested Morning Session meet and greet and then move into break out sections, one of the break outs could be spiritual section, debriefing section

- Board will work on basic template for meeting and possibly present at next group general meeting
- (notes that follow are from last meeting) *Discussion about bringing all agencies and all peers to one meeting once a year and what that would look like.*
 - *Food*
 - *Inspirational*
 - *Speaker*
 - *Therapy Dogs*
 - *Possibly having Dr. Rochelle Zemlock develop a program to where we can all work together and grow together as a team*
 - *Self Care*
 - *Offer training / Group Support amongst teams and learn from each other*
 - *Encouragement, Relational*
 - *Maybe late next year 2022*
- **Agency Reports-Activities**
 - **Fire**
 - **San Ramon Valley F.P.D.** (Engineer Nate Smith) not present, Chris Harder reported on behalf
 - *No recent events for the department. Some one on one's but no defusings*
 - **Contra Costa County F.P.D.** (Captain Chris Hummel)
 - *Lot of referrals, lot of 1 on 1's*
 - *One employee came down with several types of cancer, Engine house dealing with a lot of stress, clinician involved*
 - **Moraga-Orinda F.P.D.** (Captain Jon Bensley)
 - *lot of 1 on 1's , no defusings or debriefings, Concern EAP is being used a lot*
 - **East Contra Costa F.P.D.** (Firefighter Lance Brashier) not present, Jim Howard and Father Robert Rein spoke
 - *Jim didn't get anything from Lance Brashier to report*
 - *Train accident and roll over of water tender, Jim was involved in both defusings*
 - *One major Fire and another incident double homicide*
 - *Lots of 1 one 1's*
 - *Following up on workmans comp employees*
 - *Merger and consolidation is adding to stress of employees and management*
 - **Crockett F.P.D.** (Lieutenant Earl Brown)
 - *no defusings or debriefings, call volume is up*
 - *Lot of young employees running the calls*
 - *Earl will be taking a back seat with the department and will be possibly doing maintenance*
 - **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)
 - Nothing further to report
- **Chevron Fire** (BC Mario Ferrer)
 - One employee out medical with cancer but will be back in January and checking in on him
 - Another employee was injured while pulling out fire boat
 - Employee with eye injury is still out
- **EBRPD Fire** no representative
- **Federal Fire** no representative
- **Albany Fire** (Chief Lance Calkins) not present
- **Law**
 - **San Ramon PD** (Sergeant Rob Ransom)
 - Nick Vleisides spoke, peer team is doing good, they held quarterly training
 - **CCCSO** (John Rock) not present
 - **CHP** (Brandon Correia) not present
- **EMS**
 - **AMR** (Dave Mullarky)
 - Staffing is an issue, call volume up and staff is being held over daily
- **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)
 - 8 chaplains,, average call out is once a week
 - **ECCFPD** (Father Robert Rien)
 - nothing further to report that hasn't been told earlier in the meeting
 - **East Bay Regional Parks** (Chaplain Joe Pratchard)
 - Been quiet, did some 1 on 1's, San Ramon Valley H.S. trying to revive Every 15 minute program
- **Other**
 - **FBINAA** (Janelle Cronk) not present
 - **10-33** (Jim Wilson) not present

Action items:

- Board will develop template for Team Peer Group Meeting
- Get GRIN interest to Jim Howard by November 19th
- Chris Harder will be in contact with therapy dog program

Good of the order:

no comments

Next Meeting:

Date/s: January 11th, 2021

Time: 1000-1200

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

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by President Chris Harder at 1131