

Contra Costa County Public Safety Support Services Association
MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2022 1000-1200 Hours
Via Zoom Meeting

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 CCCFPD Battalion Chief (Retired), Chris Harder Captain San Ramon Valley Fire, Mario Ferrer BC Chevron Fire, Nick Vleisides Chaplain San Ramon Fire/PD, Brian Helmick CCCFPD Fire Chief, Father Robert ECCFPD, Jesse Ingram Training Captain CCCFPD, Joe Pratchard CCCSO*

Introductions:

Introduction was made by Jesse Ingram who is a Training Captain with CCCFPD. He has been with CISM for 6 years now, and has completed all of the core classes. He is involved with the peer support team with Con Fire, and has participated in a lot of defusing and debriefings. He is also available for county responses when needed. He has developed and implemented a lot of the CISM curriculum to the Con Fire Academies. His wife is a Marriage Family Therapist and mental health is very important to him and his family.

Captain Chris Harder part of CISM with San Ramon Fire for 10 years. Worked With Chief Helmick and Chief Howard to start county CISM. Served Vice president for 1 term and President of the last 2 terms. Currently off on DL, and transitioning into retirement. Works with Crises Response Care and it's been an honor to serve with county CISM. He is excited to facilitate the needs of other agencies and support them in any way. Been a blessing and honor to work with CISM

Chief Jim Howard retired BC with Con Fire. Helped start the CISM group. Worked with CISM for Con Fire before retiring. Proud of Con Fire progression. Vice President of the group and has worked as the Secretary of Treasure as well.

Mario Ferrer Secretary of Treasure and learning the process and the role. working with CISM for 2 years. Work as a BC for Chevron Fire and represent private industry.

Father Robert Pastor of St. Ignatius Of Antioch and Catheloc Parish of Antioch Former Chaplain of ECCCFPD. He has taken multiple classes several times and work with Peer Support and Chaplaincy

Nick Vleisides Chaplain with CCCSO and Coordinates Chaplain Program with San Ramon Fire and San Ramon Police. CISM for 25 years.

Joe Pratchard Been with county since 2002 and worked CSIM and Chaplaincy . Currency working with East Bay Park Police and Fire. Looking forward to formalizing working with Con Fire and Moraga Orinda for more events and formal Chaplaincy.

Chief Helmick Deputy Chief with Con fire. Working on transitioning from Brentwood City Hall to Con Fire. Working on implementation leadership and followership and creating a positive impact. Working with the Fire Chief to highlight the Honor and Dignity Committee, and honor retired personnel on an annual basis. Objective is to come alongside all the men and women of Con Fire as a catalyst and support for CISM.

Guest Speaker

None

Approval of Minutes:

- Father Robert and Joe Prachard were present at the last meeting, but were not recorded in the minutes.

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

- Captain Harder After completing the second term as President, and 2022 will be the end of his term. 2023-2025 will be the next term. Captain Harder will hold a formal nomination and set dates by September. Email will be sent from the association in search of a formal nomination process.

Vice President

- Chief Howard seconds Captain Harder thoughts in search of nominations. Next week will be the beginning of Chaplains Classes at Con Fire. Tuesday and Wednesday for beginning and Thursday Friday for Advanced. Enrollment numbers are low but the class will continue. Come by if anyone is available. Have not heard back from any classes from KLove for the year. Last GRIN class was good and the need for the classes is a big help. Worked with Chief Brooks to contact Mario for the CISM account.

Secretary/Treasurer

- Chief Ferrer communicated with Chief Brooks and reported the account balance of \$1309.36. Working a long schedule 12 nights in a row with 2 days off. Also, working on situating dad living with him, who has been discharged from a Care Home.

Committee Reports:

1. Training

- Jim discussed training in Vice President Report

2. Website

- No report

3. Team Selection

- No new team selections. Richmond Fire has been hit or miss and involved with starting their own CISM program

4. Peer Review

- *Nothing to report*

Organizational Reports:

1. **California Fire Chaplains:** No new reports
2. **KLOVE (Crisis Response Care):** *Still developing new classes to include refresher courses.*
3. **CPSA:** *Not present, no updates*
4. **10-33 Foundation:** *Not present, no updates*
5. **California Fire Service Task Force on Behavioral Health:** *No updates*
6. **DRAN:** *Not present, no updates*

Old Business

- Table discussion of bringing all agencies and all peers to one meeting once a year and what that would look like. Looking for more input and will revisit.

New Business

- Continued recruitment of the President position.
- Chief Helmick worked on legislation federally at the state level for all things. Looking for county wide priorities and will advocate for the needs for the district. Has leverage when coming to legislative priorities when it comes to the county, and recommending that we use it for CISM

• **Agency Reports-Activities**

• **Fire**

- **San Ramon Valley F.P.D. (Engineer Nate Smith)**
Captain Harder reported a retiree just passed away from cancer. Amazing person and San Ramon Fire Supports him and Family. Ceremony on July 23rd in Redding.
- **Contra Costa County F.P.D. (Captain Chris Hummel, Training Captain Jesse Ingram)**
 - New push for younger movement to get the core classes in Peer Support. Looking forward to infusing new people into the system
 - **Moraga-Orinda F.P.D. (Captain Jon Bensley)**
 - *not present*
- **East Contra Costa F.P.D. (Firefighter Lance Brashier)**

- *not present*
 - **Crockett F.P.D.** (*Lieutenant Earl Brown*)
 - *Not present*
 - **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, Dylan McComb*) *not present*
 - **Chevron Fire** (*BC Mario Ferrer*)
 - *Nothing new to report*
 - **EBRPD Fire** *no representative*
 - **Federal Fire** *no representative*
 - **Albany Fire** (*Chief Lance Calkins*) *not present*
- **Law**
 - **San Ramon PD** (*Sergeant Rob Ransom*)
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 - **CCCSO** (*John Rock*)
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 - **CHP** (*Brandon Correia*) *not present*
- **EMS**
 - **AMR** (*Chad Newland*) *no representative*
- **MHP**
 - **Mental Health** (*Colleen Pennington, PsyD*) *not present*
 - **Mental Health DRAN** (*Nathan Schlitz*) *not present*
- **Chaplain**
 - **San Ramon P.D.** (*Chaplain Nick Vleisides*)
 - Sheriff Office and PD in training at Concord PD. Lots of retirement and lots of new faces. Will work with PD and San Ramon for more CISM involvement.
 - **ECCFPD** (*Father Robert Rien*)

Peer Support for East Con is ready to incorporate with Con Fire. Defusing for AMTRAK Accident with 3 people that were killed at ORWOOD. Two firefighters out with broken neck. One will be back in August. The other will have surgery and go through physical Therapy. One Captain out with knee issue. Some Firefighters reiting, and others are working up as Captain.
 - **East Bay Regional Parks /CCCSO** (*Chaplain Joe Pratchard*)

Reestablishing Face to face contact with lifeguards at the swimming facilities.
- **Other**
 - **FBINAA** (*Janelle Cronk*) *not present*
 - **10-33** (*Jim Wilson*) *not present*

Action items:

- Captain Harder working on a formal letter for board positions.
- Communicate with Chief Howard for upcoming training
- Mario work with attaching to account
- Have shirts for active members. Will have to order more. See Chief Howard if you need one

Good of the order:

- Next meeting will be on ZOOM as well. Chief Howard will clear the scheduled room for CISM at Con Fire.
- Chief Howard thanks the crew for their service that responded to his resident for a medical emergency.

Next Meeting:

Date/s: September 8th, 2022

Time: 1000-1200

Location: Via Zoom.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by President Chris Harder at 1049