

Contra Costa County Public Safety Support Services Association
MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2022 1000-1200 Hours
Via Zoom Meeting

Call to Order:

Captain Chris Harder called the meeting to order at 1010 hours

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Captain Chris Harder

Attendees:

- *Jim Howard CCCFPD Battalion Chief (Retired), Chris Harder Captain San Ramon Valley F.P.D, Jon Bensley Captain Moraga Orinda, Susan Bianchi Chaplain San Ramon Fire/PD, Marie Ferrer BC Chevron Fire, Earl Brown Lieutenant Crockett Fire, Nick Vleisides Chaplain San Ramon Fire/PD, Chris Hummel Captain Contra Costa County Fire.*

Introductions:

None

Guest Speaker

None

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

- *Review of webpage for access to training and meeting info.*
- *Dave Mullarky has withdrawn from the role of Secretary Treasure and CISM member at AMR.*
- *Requesting a team member to fulfill the role of Secretary Treasure and gave brief overview of position roles.*
- *BC Mario Ferrer volunteered to fulfill the role of Secretary Treasure.*
- *Possibility of President Position becoming vacant before end of term.*
- *Requesting active members to fill the role of President.*
- *The Annual Executive Chiefs letter was presented and well received.*
- *Review of the last 2 years of county agencies activations and assistance has noticeably increased.*

Vice President

- *Howard spoke with Stockton Fire Chaplain, and with additional contacts was able to send members from our team to support Stockton Fire following their LODD.*

Secretary/Treasurer

- *Balance in account:*
- *No request for funds made*

Committee Reports:

1. Training

- *GRIN class scheduled on April 26-28, current enrollment is a 17*
- *No Chaplain Course scheduled yet in Northern California.*

2. Website

- *Maintaining what we can with no other updates.*

3. Team Selection

- *No updates from Richmond Fire*

4. Peer Review

- *Nothing to report*

Organizational Reports:

1. **California Fire Chaplains:** *Still waiting to hear back from Chief Cook on this year's classes.*
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:** *Not present, 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.*
- *Dr Pennington expressed making it more of a casual fun atmosphere to help defuse teams stress along with purposeful connection.*

New Business

- *Continued recruitment of the President position.*
- **Agency Reports-Activities**
 - **Fire**
 - **CCCPSSS Team**
 - *Members assisted with informal one on one station visits following LODD. Worked alongside Tina Casola of First Alarm Wellness. Received well and members had a good cohesive experience. Awaiting and available to assist when and if needed.*
 - **San Ramon Valley F.P.D. (Engineer Nate Smith)**

- *Increase in defusing and one on ones originating from incidents as well as mandates. Members are exhausted. Nate and Susan assisted with Stockton LODD. Members are researching and seeking approval to get a service dog. Presenting Peer Support program to the new academy.*
 - **Contra Costa County F.P.D.** (Captain Chris Hummel)
 - *Chris Ochoa assisted with Stockton Fire LODD, Recruit academy received peer support class. Encouraging new members to take GRIN class*
 - **Moraga-Orinda F.P.D.** (Captain Jon Bensley)
 - *Jared Costanza assisted with Stockton LODD. Couple defusings early in year and well received. Increased number of one on ones. Possible 4 taking upcoming GRIN.*
 - **East Contra Costa F.P.D.** (Firefighter Lance Brashier) not present, Jim Howard
 - *Couple recent defusings.*
 - **Crockett F.P.D.** (Lieutenant Earl Brown)
 - *Nothing to report.*
 - **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. Running low on crews and major shutdowns.*
 - **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, Rob is retiring and still working with the Peer Support Team. Working with “Every 15 minutes”*
 - **CCCSO** (John Rock)
 - *Promoted to Sergeant and seeking replacement. Heather Transue could be the new representative.*
 - **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)
 - See San Ramon PD report
 - **ECCFPD** (Father Robert Rien) not present
 - **East Bay Regional Parks** (Chaplain Joe Pratchard) not present
- **Other**
 - **FBINAA** (Janelle Cronk) not present
 - **10-33** (Jim Wilson) not present

Action items:

- *Harder to meet offline with Marion to get him up to speed on the Secretary/Treasurer position.*
- *Continue to get word out on GRIN class*
- *Consider President position*

Good of the order:

- *Shared interest in future meetings via Zoom with possibility of 2 annual in person meetings.*

Next Meeting:

Date/s: July 14th, 2022

Time: 1000-1200

Location: Via Zoom.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by President Chris Harder at 1130