

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

March 9, 2021 1000-1200 Hours

Call to Order:

Captain Chris Harder called the meeting to order at 10:12 hours

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Captain Chris Harder

Guest Speaker *Message of thanks from Chris Harder for the past year of service and continued participation in this group*

Attendees:

- *Jim Howard Retired CCCFPD Battalion Chief , Chris Harder Captain San Ramon Valley F.P.D. Captain, Dave Mullarky AMR, Joe Pratchard EBRP Chaplain, Mario Ferrer Chevron Fire Battalion Chief ,, Nick Vleisides Chaplain San Ramon Police and Fire, Contra Costa Sheriff Office, Lance Brashiers Firefighter East Contra Costa F.P.D., Earl Brown Lieutenant Crockett Fire, Chris Hummel Captain Contra Costa County F.P.D., Nate Smith Engineer San Ramon Valley F.P.D.*

Introductions:

No Introductions

Guest Speakers

No Guest Speaker

Approval of Minutes:

- *Minutes approved as submitted*

Communication:

- *In regards to updating SB542 no changes, no further to report.*
- *AB1116 SB803 Peer Support Specialist Certification Program Act of 2020. Chris Harder has been looking at this but no updates since the last meeting, no update from Chief Atlas*

Officer Reports:

President

- *Data numbers from each agency were reported through Survey Monkey and will be given to Chief Helmick to bring to the Executive Chiefs meeting*
- *Letter will be drafted to be given to Executive Chiefs meeting in May*
- *New costs did occur, Zoom account / \$15 per month and new website fees at \$360 per year and email costs of \$2 per month and P.O. Box of \$150 per year*
- *Motion for operating budget to be submitted to Executive Chiefs of \$725 dollars which will leave us balance in account as in Treasurer report, motion passed*

Vice President

- In contact with Secretary of Contra Costa County Training Officers Association Joseph Grupalo of El Cerrito Fire, working with treasury stuff and we should receive monthly statements from him in the future.

Secretary/Treasurer

- As of December balance in account \$604.19

Committee Reports:

1. Training

- California Fire Chaplains class to be offered
- K-Love ICISF training Grin Class to be held on 13, 14 and 15 of April zoom meeting to be taught by Dr. Naomi Padget
- California Fire Chiefs Association, Chief Cook canceled class because of Covid but wants to come back possibly in June to put on a class

2. Website

- To be updated by board members, please start letting the board know what you want on the website

3. Team Selection

- Nothing to report

4. Peer Review

- None

Organizational Reports:

1. **California Fire Chaplains:** Not Present, no updates
2. **KLOVE (Crisis Response Care):** Online Classes have now been posted, www.crisisresponse.org for more information
3. **CPSA:** Not present, no updates
4. **10-33 Foundation:** Not present, no communication from them as of late
5. **California Fire Service Task Force on Behavioral Health:** Chief Atlas not present but reports continued progress with Task Force
6. **DRAN:** Not present, no updates

Old Business

- Data Collection Numbers for 2020
 - Peer Support Members 57
 - 20 Defusings
 - 5 Debriefings
 - 141 one on one's
 - 47 referrals
 - 14 outside support from our agencies
- We Remember Event through the Fire Fighter Behavior Alliance in May doesn't exist on their website, so a suggestion was made that if there is no event we create our own. Executive Board will discuss before next meeting

New Business

- Nothing to report, If you have any new business please let the executive board know so we can get it on the agenda

- **Agency Reports-Activities**
 - **Fire**
 - **San Ramon Valley F.P.D.** (Engineer Nate Smith)
 - *They did have their group meeting and brought on 2 new members, one team member still needs the GRIN training and then will need 2 more trained to get their team numbers up New Mental Health initiative that was started up and not sure how it will look but working on it currently*
 - **Contra Costa County F.P.D.** (Captain Chris Hummel)
 - *Diffusing for a large group of a shooting incident in Antioch for themselves, Antioch Police and AMR crews and dispatchers, incident happened at 10 pm but diffusing didn't end until after 2 am Two debriefings also did happen, Colleen Pennington was involved Three referrals happened since I last meeting. Budget was submitted which also included sending employees to treatment and we don't have word on if budget has been approved yet. Wellness Facility located next to E85 which was our old Fire Prevention East office and now will be a wellness center which will help employees with injury, rehab, clinicians for mental health, chiropractic services and more We also might be annexing East Con Fire and Rodeo Hercules which will add to our CISM peer members of 8 more people*
 - **Moraga-Orinda F.P.D.** (Captain John Bensley)
 - *no representative*
 - **East Contra Costa F.P.D.** (Firefighter Lance Brashier)
 - *Nothing new to report for this meeting, they have been doing one on one phone calls with Father Robert Rien with each member of the department with good results*
 - **Crockett F.P.D.** (Lieutenant Earl Brown)
 - *Lost two members to other agencies but nothing else 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** Will have two members attend the upcoming GRIN class and will be hiring soon

- **Chevron Fire** (BC Mario Ferrer)
 - Will have two members attend the upcoming GRIN class and will be hiring soon
 - **EBRPD Fire** no representative
 - **Federal Fire** no representative
 - **Albany Fire** (Chief Lance Calkins) Not Present
 - **Law**
 - **San Ramon PD** (Sergeant Rob Ransom) Report by Nick Vleisides
 - Expanding the team and added one more chaplain. Just had quarterly training.
 - **CCCSO** (John Rock) Not Present
 - **CHP** (Brandon Correia) Not Present
 - **EMS**
 - **AMR** (Dave Mullarky)
 - Will have our therapy dog by next meeting, Diffusing and Debriefing occurred for shooting incident in Antioch
 - **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)
 - 67:15
 - **ECCFPD** (Father Robert Rien)
 - See ECCFPD report
 - **East Bay Regional Parks**(Chaplain Joe Pratchard)
 - on tape
 - **Other**
 - **FBINAA** (Janelle Cronk) Not Present
 - **10-33** (Jim Wilson) Not Present

Action items:

- *Dave Mullarky will follow up on Firefighter Behavior Health Alliance “We Remember” event and get back to the board to decide if we are to participate.*
- *Chris will complete letter to executive board*
- *Jim will check in on GRIN class*
- *Suggestions for the website please let the executive board know*

Good of the order:

Next Meeting:

Date/s: May 11th, 2021

Time: 1000-1200

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

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by President Chris Harder at 11:25