

Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: Medford Fire - Station #14

Date: 08/20/2024

Time: 0900

Call to Order: 0900

New Members / Special Guests:

Rob Hibner – Mercy Flights Assistant Vice President of Operations (541-858-2614)

Delaney Hudson – DEQ Open Burn Specialist (503-995-1546)

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Motion to approve: Hammond / 2nd Sartain, Motion Passed by all members.

Approval of Financial Report: Bank balance per Chair \$5,484.65 (Full financial report was not available this meeting, therefore was not voted on. Financial report will be given at next meeting.)

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- OSFM Deployments and recent activities
 - Thank you to the group for allowing your resources to deploy (from FDBC's)!
 - All State deployments require personnel that are certified to the Mob Plan requirements, regardless of type of mobilization (Pre-Position, Immediate Response, Conflagration).
 - Expectation is that deployment of resources occur within 90 minutes of approval of mob.
 - Rogue Valley 2024 Mobilizations (so far):
 - Microwave/Battle Mountain – Conflagration
 - Dixon (Tiller Trail) – Immediate Response
 - GroupMe app worked well for coordinating the response locally
 - Many agencies need burn/air ops requirements for their Engine Bosses – would like to get scheduled this fall.
 - Most billing packets have been sent out to agencies from OSFM. If agencies need assistance filling those out, reach out to OSFM or Sara and help will be made available.
- Delaney Hudson – DEQ – Introduced herself as new DEQ Open Burn Specialist. Handed out new fire department referral paperwork and explained enforcement process. Also sent out email to RVFCA list after the meeting (included her contact information).

Section Reports:

- Operations (Brown): No Report
- RITA (Dickerson/Howard): Skid truck will be at Expo Sept. 30 – Oct 3., info to be sent out. FF1 academy will have a new coordinator. Will be using IFSTA 8th edition – new textbooks. New DPSST DLO will be Ryan Dickerson for southern Oregon. RCC is sending out a survey to all training officers. Fire Officer 1 will be held Nov. 18-22 and Dec. 9-13. Will be hands on – drill grounds/classroom. Will teach leadership plans, HR, budgeting, labor law, IC critical thinking (Stan Cook), etc. \$625/pp through RITA (room for 20 students). Flyer will be sent out this week by RITA.
- RV Prevention Co-Op (Kassab): Co-Op continues to meet. Working with Chris on CWPP update for Jackson

County – using community analysis/demographics IT software at D3 to assist. Firebrand – Firewise hosting three HIZ classes (Justice Jones, Texas). More info will be sent out to the group through RITA. D3 has 1 mil grant for def space/home hardening in the Crowfoot area (ODF/Jackson Soil and Water) starting outreach in that area. Took delivery of chip truck, doing more def space work in tighter communities. Vehicle purchased with OSFM funds. D3 hired crew supervisor and will be hiring fuels crew after fire season. Hoping to hire ODF seasonal employees while they would otherwise be laid off for winter season. Crew will be mobile and available to work in other areas as well.

- FDBC (Hussey/Holmes): No Report

Advisory Reports:

- 911 Centers: (Harris) Radio Project, Radio Sites Development, Fire Agency Announcement, Reader Boards and Flex Alert (alternate to fire station alerting, for smaller depts). Fire station alerting project ongoing.
- ASA: (Mercy-Sheila) Apprenticeship Program: 70 applied and interviews happening, looking for additional grant funding to get more through program. 3 Apprentice 2 openings (medics), 10 Apprentice 1 openings (EMTs), hoping to add 5 more with additional funding. Mercy to gain 4 medics this fall and recruiting up to 8 EMTs in anticipation of working with D3 to expand quick response unit into their area – this will give 24hr coverage with Quick Response Unit. Shooting for NLT Jan. 1.
(Ashland – Sartain) Hope to have one of their ambulances back in service that has been out for two years. Waiting for T3 from OSFM. Ashland bought small ambulance van to try out and it doesn't work for their agency – will be looking to sell. Fully staffed and 2 ambulances on a day.
(Rogue River – Hammond) Remounting oldest ambulance – remove box, repaint and upgrade, add to new chassis (in Iowa) and will get back in April. This is through a 3rd party company (Arrow Ambulances, Iowa).
(AMR – Mathews) ASA Plans have been accepted by the State and now by the Josephine County Commissioners. Negotiations completed, will be finalized on 28th of the month. Entering into union negotiations now. Ongoing for next 2-3 months. Staffing is going well, protocols being updated, current protocols are found at jocoems.com. “Leave behind” program (I found online flyer and attached). ATAB (under EMS modernization) changing, more info to come.
- Hazmat Team 8: (Howard) Annual Haz Mat Awareness Refresher training Oct. 15, 17 & 18. Look for email from Captain Rich Martin – was sent out. Will be at Medford Fire Station 14. All welcome. Reach out to Martin or Howard if you have any questions. Got approval from OSFM to add two additional members to the team from Medford – will be going to HazMat academy at DPSST in October.
- Technology Group: (Rigaud) No Report
- OSFM: (Sara) Busy year. Provided daily stats to BC group, would be good to know if that was helpful. Feedback welcome. Great lessons learned across the state this year!
- SW Oregon Coordinating Group: (Fumasi/Winslow/Jake) 11 off district on fires as well as hand crew out of GP. Lowered fire danger. So far this year, 176 fires for 5400 acres. 10yr average is 214 fires for 8300 acres. Busy last two months. Good crew numbers and aircraft availability. Flounce camera is down at the moment, until probably sometime in September.
- EM/LEPC: (Chris)
Holly position still posted. Delaney doing a great job. Working hard to get EOC staffed/trained. County engaged well. Will continue to work through off fire season on more training for County EOC. Sheltering/Comms Plan exercise coming. CWPP Update completed soon, thank you to the agency staff who have contributed so far. Waiting for a few more to respond. Please reach out to Chris if you haven't already. A frames are in for the signs, please see him for your dept/district.
(Ott) Training classes scheduled – emailed out to this group. Working on position specific ICS classes now. What standards do we need to meet? What classes do we need? Need to identify so we get the best

participation.

No LEPC report – anyone want to take leadership role?

- Rogue Community College: (RIIS) Sent survey out, please share as you see fit. RCC wants to make sure they are meeting needs. Do they need a second academy to fit regional needs? Value to hybrid paramedic program in valley? New regional paramedic degree for the region – now down to two years (removed biology/anatomy). Only program in state. First cohort next fall. More to come...Still have traditional programs. Currently have 16 paramedic students – Natl Registry this week. 13 paramedics coming to this fall's class. Partner with FD3 to bring ISFSI Live Fire Instructor Academy Feb 21-23 (tentative), open to locals first (25 students) \$725 per person (includes 1st year membership with ISFSI). Will offer Live Fire Instructor/In Charge (need instructor certs) certs.
Expanding noncredit courses (WFA, WFR, etc.)
Partnering with Mercy on high school class "college now" – very popular.
- OFCA: (Brown) Legislative work Sept. 5th Coos Bay
- PIO: No Report
- S. Oregon Public Safety Chaplains/SOCERT: (Fred) Individual Crisis Intervention Class Sept 18-20, there is still room (38 signed up so far). Please contact Fred to sign up.

Agency Brief Out:

- Rogue River (D1) - Applied for CRR grant funding and some additional private grant dollars. New OSFM Type 6 – completed training task book and should be operational shortly.
- D3 – Will Clelland – Tablet Command is live now. Any agencies dispatched through ECSO who don't have MDCs, and you would like to test out, let us know and we can lend you a live iPad to try out. Big thanks to Corey and Chad at ECSO!! Great job!
Daily briefing for BCs going well – huge thank you to Mike McBride!
BLS ambulance ready to kick off in City of Central Point.
- Reminder - October 18 (morning/afternoon) Smullin Center – Dr. David Griffin. Flyer has been sent out, contact D3 if you have questions.
- Williams – Nicco – Offer for Fire Chief was made, in background (start Oct. 1). OSFM Tender was received – will be in service soon..it's huge!
- OSFM – Sara – Air Requests (paid for by OSFM) permission needs to be requested PRIOR to launching aircraft. Process for approval is quick. PPL adding additional detection cameras in Rogue Valley through Pano 360.
- Applegate – Wolfard – Thank you for assistance on Upper Applegate Fire. Kudos to ODF for super aggressive attack. Need AAR. Great process, RV2/RV1 (same time as fire in Shady Cove), Immediate Response from OSFM, great response from Jackson EM/SO. Genasys Protect app is great tool to pick what zones need to be evacuated.
Youth Corp Crew was hosted last spring (ages 17-23). Taught chain saw use, fuel reduction. Pulled crew and sent to Douglas County. Sent us new crew for us to train. Asked to send us all four crews next year for Applegate to train and then they keep 1.
Fundraiser – Dinner/auction at Red Lily – sold out. Many more sponsors/grants to purchase Ashland T3 engine.
- Ashland – Rasor – received T6 end of July (donated Brush 2 to another agency). Donating reserve ambulance to Uganda Children's Hospital.
- Medford – Thompson – Moving forward with replacement of Fire Station 15, negotiation process for contractor. Phased project. New City Manager to start September 16th Rob Field from Riverside, CA. Four new Council seats. Will open Fire Marshal process this fall.

- D5 – Bustard – Hanley gone, Bustard interim. Thank you to all of you for your support, sorry for lack of communication – will try better. Budget issues – minimum staffing for apparatus added to labor contract. Talent/Phoenix priority. February Safer Grant ends – will reevaluate BC position. Operating on a line of credit until November when taxes come in. Ended all overtime. Reevaluating deployment models. Brown outs at station 4, changes to freeway response, public safety hazards, etc. Will be liquidating some of our equipment – will send out a list to chiefs group. Thank you to everyone for your support! If you have any questions, please call! Still covering Colestin, but on a delay. Hilt/CalFire can cover.
- RM – Prince – Sept. 11 Manor Climb/Patriot Day Memorial Walk coming up – flyer has been sent out.
- ODF – Crews good through August – things are looking like status quo

Meeting Adjourned 10:20 hrs

Next meeting – Sept. 17th Applegate Fire

Adjournment (Approx)10:45 AM

Next Meeting: **Applegate Fire – September 17, 2024**