

Central Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
October 22, 2009 – 1:30 PM
SunRiver Fire Station

In attendance:

Doug Koellermeier, Bend Fire

Pete Green-Americor

Dan Dougherty, La Pine Fire

Matt Smith, Crook County Fire

Art Hatch, SunRiver Fire

Larry Langley, Crooked River Ranch Fire

Tim Moor, Redmond Fire

Jay Olson-Jefferson County Fire

Bobby Bourne, Red Cross

Paula Simone, COCC

Becky McDonald, DC 911

Tom Wright, Bend Fire

Karen Curtiss, COFMS

Tom Fay, DCRFPD #2

Thad Olsen, Cloverdale Fire

Meeting called to order at 1330 hours by Chief Moor. Motion by Dougherty to approve previous meeting minutes. Seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

In savings COFCA has \$2,849.89 in savings and in checking there is \$925.95 for a total of \$3,775.84.

Association Reports

County Fire Chiefs: No report from Jefferson County. Chief Hatch said that Deschutes County had one deployment to Ashland, no problems. No report for Crook County.

COFOG: Chief Koellermeier said that a run card for the flu pandemic situation had been established in Deschutes County.

911: Becky McDonald said foundations for the new building had been poured. Staff has been working on setting up parameters for the flu pandemic run card. They have begun the process to fill four vacant positions.

COCC Public Safety Advisory Committee: Paula Simone said that the next meeting will be December 3 at 10:00 A.M.

COFIA: No Report.

ECEMS: Tom Wright said that the Heartone program is getting positive national attention. Bob Leopold, state EMS director is touring the state in a series of town meetings to gather data for possible changes in Oregon EMS requirements.

CO Fire Prevention Co-op: No Report.

IAAI: No Report.

OSFM: No Report.

OSFM Overhead Teams: Chief Koellermeier reported that there were two deployments, one to Ashland and one to Mosier. There will be a joint conference between the OSFM and ODF at the end of April or first of May.

OR-ARNG: No report.

FS & BLM National Fire Info: Karen Curtiss reported that it was a quiet fire season. The recruitment process is beginning to fill positions on type I and II teams.

ODF: No Report

Project Wildfire: Tim Moor mentioned that Joe Stutler was not able to come to the meeting, but did want the association to know that \$5,000 had been donated by Project Wildfire through the COFCA for the Central Oregon COOP. Project Wildfire has also listed the accomplishments over the last five years for fuels treatment. Joe had sent a memo outlining those accomplishments and Tom Fay highlighted the main points. Joe and Katie will present more on this topic at the next meeting.

Red Cross: Bobby Bourne reported that a new emergency trailer is being stationed in Harney County.

Old Business

Website Discussion: No action

Jay Olson mentioned that he thought the recent Task Force Deployment worked well.

New Business

Lifting the seasonal burn ban-Chief Moor described the process used to determine lifting the ban and asked if there were any issues. It was mentioned that although Crook and Jefferson County's try to coincide with Deschutes they could be on a different schedule because of different fuels. It was reaffirmed that any agency should feel free to discuss the issue if there are any questions or concerns.

Pandemic Flu Issues: Tom Wright discussed pandemic flu issues. Chief Moor praised the flu response in Deschutes County. Chief Wright said that the new Clausen flu card is available, but there was still a question on who should determine the point at which the card will be used. It would logically fall to the county chief who would work with all the agencies for determinations. Use of the card could delay regular calls, so it should only be used when flu calls increase. Vaccines have been delayed and cases have decreased for now, so the card is not in use. There has also been some misinformation on masks. It is possible that emergency responders could receive workers comp coverage if it was determined that the onset of the flu was job related.

Good of the Order - Roundtable

Dan Dougherty-Selection process for a new chief has started. La Pine is planning on hiring six new positions in January.

Larry Langley –The new ambulance will arrive soon. Crooked River Ranch may keep the old ambulance for a period of time.

Thad Olsen –Cloverdale has replaced three tenders and will fill the chief and deputy chief positions next month. Cloverdale is also in the process of upgrading their PPE.

Jay Olsen-Jefferson County Fire recently took possession of new command vehicles obtained through surplus.

Meeting adjourned at 14:48 on October 22 , 2009.

Next meeting: December 17, 2009 at Deschutes County Public Works