



Volunteer & Combination Officers Section of The International Association of Fire Chiefs

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VCOS Board Telecon Thursday, May 7, 2013

Minutes

Present: Chief Timothy Wall, Chief Fred Windisch, Chief Ted Lowden, Chief Mike Vaughn, Chief Dan Eggleston, Chief Jim Wilson

Guests from VCOS Vision Project: Chief Randy Parr, Chief Shawn Stokes, Chief Mike Mulligan, Chief Ken Richards, Chief Dave Bloom, Chief Scott Seifert

Absent: Chief Dave Fulmer, Director Shane Ray, Chief Fred Crosby, Chief Jim Seavey

Staff: Joelle Fishkin

Vision Project

Chief Randy Parr reports that the Drop box was made operational last week; all Vision lane leaders have been asked to put their materials in the Drop box. A number of lane leaders reported having difficulty finding the time to complete their tasks as well as having trouble obtaining materials from their lane members.

Chief Richards reported that all Lane1 information plus the 4 annexes which go with the project are completed and have been forwarded to Sari and Seifert. Richards will upload the materials to drop box as soon as he is able.

Scott Seifert reports no recent communication with Corinne from IAFC regarding the Vision website. He will communicate with her shortly.

Randy Parr made a presentation to PHMSA (Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) asking for their (financial) support.

Shawn Stokes spoke with Chief Wall last week regarding submission of a proposal to the SAFER program for a recruitment-retention grant. This is a new opportunity because grants have never been open to national organizations, only state and local organizations. There is a cap (25%) on the amount that can be granted to national organizations. And this 25% cap is contained within the 10% funding set aside for the volunteers. Mark Light approved submitting a grant with VCOS.

VCOS Board of Directors Call

Motion by Fred Windisch and seconded by Jim Wilson to offer financial support to Vision lane leaders to attend FRI for airfare, 2 hotel nights and 2 days food. Motion passed.

West Texas Explosion

There is not much new to report since last week. A message of condolence has been added to the Spring 2013 VCOS newsletter. Kevin Cooney, VCOS Rep to NFFF, Tim Wall, Larry Curl and Hunt Whitten (from Ponderosa) are working on finding out the actual needs of the departments affected. There is a menu of possible action items which will be presented at the board meeting in June.

Chief Windisch reported that a one aspect of the Active Shooter decision-making now under review is how to allow fire department personnel to safely enter the “hot zone.”

Chief Vaughn reported a very successful meeting with the Firefighter Cancer Support Network; the document should be ready for release by FRI. It needs to be reviewed by IAFC staff and VCOS board members prior to release as it has the VCOS logo on it. Chief Wall reports that this will be discussed at the June meeting.

Chief Wall reported that he will be attending the CFSI meeting as well as the NVFC award ceremony for John Buckman.

Chief Windisch states that he has comped a booth for NVFC at Symposium. He also reports that he is finalizing the document that has all the speakers and their titles for Symposium and the brochure should be ready to go to print by the end of May.