

Consolidation Meeting Notes

October 26, 2006

Notes from Officers meeting October 25, 2006

Members present:

Mike Oakes	Dan Huff	Mike Hansen	Mike DeRousie
Ken Dubuc	Gary Velie	Rob Gunn	Terry Reid
Keith Bogues	Freda Tallmadge	Jamie Mason	Tom Mitchell
Joe McFarland	Nick Gear		

The meeting was called to order at Sergio's restaurant. Dinner was provided for those in attendance.

A number of items were discussed in this meeting. The meeting opened with a discussion about the priorities. It was stated that the number one priority is to respond to calls for service. The second priority is to be adequately trained to safely and effectively respond to those calls for service. Mandated training was discussed. It is clear that training mandates have increased over the years and it is becoming more of a time commitment to accomplish all of the required training.

It was brought up that CCFD#2 currently utilizes one drill per month for the maintenance of vehicles. It was suggested that there may be a need to reevaluate this practice and consider bringing personnel in at other times to accomplish these checks. It was suggested that perhaps Volunteer vehicle maintenance could be accomplished through the use of truck squads/split drills.

A basic outline of a proposed training organization was presented. Briefly, the proposal would centralize training scheduling and record keeping. A single training officer would develop quarterly training schedules that would then be passed to the volunteer station Captains. It would be the responsibility of the station Captains to arrange the instructors and/or materials needed to present the scheduled drills. The expectation will be that 100% of the assigned mandatory training will be accomplished.

It was mentioned that there would be times when there would be combined drills. Combined drills would be for hose evolutions etc., also, clearly, it would make sense to bring everyone together for lecture drills such as asbestos awareness, etc. The frequency of these drills would be set by the Training Officer with input from the station Captains.

It was agreed, after some discussion, that a proposal to possibly change drill nights would be presented at the 10.30.2006 meeting. Part of this proposal was in response to a bulk of Holidays falling on Mondays. Another part of the proposal was a response to the possibility of opening participation with the Clallam County Technical Rescue team – which currently meets on Mondays.

It was brought forward that all volunteers would be welcome to attend training evolutions with the career staff. These training evolutions could be used as make-up drills with career shift personnel.

It was agreed that the ERS/website would be discussed on 10.30.2006. The intent is to move all training records, messaging, etc., to ERS.

It was proposed that members consider the role of Volunteer Associations. There is significant history with both organizations and there should be consideration with respect to the continuation of these traditional organizations – one way or the other. It was agreed that all present would give this some thought and bring ideas to the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion about the PAFD Auxiliary. It was agreed to explore the possibility of opening the Auxiliary to the whole organization.

We adjourned by providing an overview of the items to be discussed at the next meeting on 10.30.2006.

Mike Oakes

Ken Dubuc