

Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association



Meeting Agenda

September 27, 2025 0900-1200

Quincy Fire Department

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Update contact information Called to order at 9:05
See attachment - attendance
2. Approval of Agenda: David Schmid motion, Jim Stockdale 2nd, All vote aye. Motion passes.
3. Review and approval of minutes June 28, 2025 Jim Stockdale moves to approve, 2nd Frank Carey. All vote aye- Motion passes.
4. Treasurers Report: 990N filed, no change in bank account, ending balance \$7,015.06. Dues will be sent out in January: \$100 for the two years 2026/2027.
5. PSCO-Fire Control Discussion with Chandler Peay. Need for an update on our Dispatch Fire Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Emergency Service Number (ESN) maps that were last updated in 2008 with a partial update in 2015. Plumas County OES has system oversight so they will be working closely on this as well. SOPs include radio and paging standards. Jack Rosevear will work on updating the SOP with Dale Ready assisting and looking for feedback from all departments. Tentatively due October 14th.

ESN maps: Individual departments will need to work with county GIS coordinator, Becky Osborne, to get individual maps of your response areas and update any needed changes. Changes last made in 2015. The main cost there will be county GIS time which is \$75 an hour. The ESN update process also comes with a cost. Once Chandler Peay knows how much editing is needed he can provide a quote that can be broken out amongst the departments. Email Chandler if you need copies of your individual map. Per mou, fire districts are responsible for costs tied to ESN Changes.

Chandler is attending the RIMS annual conference, RIMS is the cad system of PCSO. He will ask what other fire departments are using to interface with RIMS, so that we can receive first hand information straight out of the rim system as soon as a dispatch goes out; address, initial notes, etc.

6. Fire Safe Council- Recognition of new position for PCFCA- Dale Ready. See attachment: Goals and Objectives

7. Changes to Treasurer and Secretary positions in light of Agenda Item #6. Suggested to Switch Position as Dale's position lends itself to the duties of secretary. Temporarily, Jack will take over Treasurer and Dale will take over secretary- all vote aye - motion passes

8. Red Cross Presentation: Mara Rouse- Smoke Alarm Program & Disaster Action Team - Not able to make it in person. Sound the Alarm Program. Free alarms, bed shakers. If a department is interested, Red Cross will canvas neighborhoods and go door-to-door with the department to find people interested. Phone#916-993-7070 to request an alarm mara.rouse@redcross.org. After structure fires, she can also get a local team going to assist the resident.

9. Order of Business • **Operational Area** - Jack Rosevear: 7 prepositions for a total of 14 days staffed, a little smoother working with OES now with more defined criteria: colored chart North Ops, Red or Orange in zone 6,7, or 8 will likely be awarded prepo. Attached are rules and regulations for prepositioning. **CICCS** -Rich Sonsteng: fairly active with new additions. 2 strike team leader trainees, 1 safety officer trainee, 1ireline medic out for review, 1 strike team leader trainee, 1 task force leader trainee. Committee make up - Chris Baker left. Jennifer Armstrong recommended to fill the vacancy. Single resource goes through Chester or Peninsula, copied to Rob Buckout. Apparatus goes through Nancy Picker. If you do have availability use Whats App for Preposition. **Firesafe Council report** - see attachment, also CWPP is started and will need input from PCFCA in 2026 • **USFS** update Mitchel Wilson. Draw down for engines starting now, get started with prescribed fire in a week or two. Current resources: 17 engines, 1 dozer, 2 water tenders. • **CALFIRE** update - Joe Walton - historic lightning this summer, but blessed with staffing in the right position. Exclusive use helicopters, type 1 night drop - contract extended past October, type 2 at grasshopper - bucket drop only. Still fully staffed, 9 month fire season with peak staffing. Go down to 4 engines in winter, back to 8 engines in March. Waiting on weather to start permitting LE-5 & LE-7 at Calfireburnpermit.org. Air Curtain Burner - site visit - Beckwourth Peak. Cal fire transition to Tablet Command with Star Link. • **Web site Communications** update - Fire Chiefs Association website - Jim Stockdale updating and replacing outdated links - make sure those links are appropriate. Dale Ready will be assisting with the website. We need to update the calendar as well as update contact list. Communication - Letters of Support can be signed with approval of President - if controversial then will need to be sent to members for approval. • **Training Coordination / upcoming trainings:** Hazmat FRO, Hazmat Decontamination. Interested departments - 5 people - Beckwourth, 5 Indian Valley, 5 Graeagle, 5 Quincy Fire. • **Additional Business / Surplus Equipment / Equipment needs.** Association is interested in creating a Resource list for mechanics and Suppliers

10. **Chief's Association Goal Setting**- Facilitated by Chief Forrest Craig, Novato FPD (Ret) - Look at attachment. Work group will continue to put together goals and objectives for the January meeting. Looking for approval of the 4 categories and allow the group to continue to develop goals, objectives and critical tasks. Frank Carey - motion. All vote aye - motion passes

11. **Agency Reports - Beckwourth Peak** - agreement with PNFS, CFAA - down to 4 hour mutual aid agreement. Contact Martin Senter to work on a CFAA with your department. Awarded OTS grant for extrication gear, air bags. AFG grant - diesel exhaust removal system. Waiting on the Fire Safety Trailer grant for -\$250k trailer that could be used across the county. Training - County Wide Peer Support training. **Indian Valley** - break ground soon on new fire hall in Greenville. Waiting for LAFCO and crescent mills approval. PCFCA will draft a LAFCO Letter of Support. Joe Walton: with a working structure fire in Indian Valley the suggestion is to request mutual aid from SIFC. **Meadow Valley** - thank you Graeagle fire for the new rescue squad, acquired in early July. Needs: scba, eventual fire engine replacement, Rob Wade is the internal grant guy. PG&E grant awarded for new wildland gear. 12 volunteers. Looking for recommendations for resources for inspection and repairs: Bucks valley needs the suggestions too. List of equipment repair. **Bucks Lake Fire** - transition to winter, late October, early November. Happy to report - 2 new volunteers. Retention is the biggest problem. Awarded a \$15k grant for wildland gear. Typical engine problems, no dedicated maintenance. Long term plans Station 1 - reconstruct, add water, add septic, or move it with PG&E help. **Graeagle** - Jim Stockdale. A few new volunteers just joined that are younger. **Quincy**- 40 on roster including support team. Good core of 25-40 year olds. Replacing station 2, plans drawn up now. Same location, bigger footprint. Academy in the spring. Looking for more help from departments: sending instructors. **Peninsula** - Rich Sonsteng - station 3 in Chester is delayed because of lack of tax funding. 2 new ambulances in service, 2 week boat operator class, thank Chief Turner from West Shore, boat deployment. **Careflight** : When ordering helicopters make sure to know Patient weight, 100x100ft lz per aircraft, patient airway status. Share the lz map with Careflight. **West Almanor** - Awaiting AFG \$680k for new type 3, \$200k KBK grant for radios, active shooter drill coming up, thank joe waltman for 2 batallion chiefs recommendations, interested in tying in with CAL FIRE tablet command, 2 new volunteers - older, type 6 out of service.

12. Next Meeting: January 31th 9am Quincy FD **11:20 meeting adjourned**

Chief Frank Carey/PCFCA Vice President - Notes about meetings: Face to Face is the best. We can move the meeting if it is more convenient. At least send a designee. Suggestion of increasing to every other month. Weekdays? Evenings?