

# CLACKAMAS DISTRICT FIRE DEFENSE BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held at C-Com

**June 2, 2005**

Chief Kunze called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members in attendance:

Gary Anderson	Colton	Dave Olson	Hoodland
Alan Hull	Estacada	Ed Wilson	LOFD
Ted Kunze	Canby	John Figini	Gladstone
Ed Kirchofer	CCFD	Richard Newton	Gladstone
Gary McQueen	Sandy	Paul Lesage	TVF&R
Ken Cushman	ODF	Erin Spens	ODF
Doug Branch	Boring		

Others in attendance:

Phil Moyer	AMR	Jim Paul	CCOM
Kurt Miller	CCOM	Gene Juve	CCEM
Larry MacDaniels	CCPH	Dan O'Dell	CCOM
Cindy Kolomechuk	CCEM	Patty McMillan	CCOM
		Mike Machado	CCSO

\* = Agenda item for next meeting

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the May meeting were approved as submitted (Wilson / Anderson)

**PRESENTATION:** None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Balance **\$1,189.04**  
Checks - None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

## COMMITTEE REPORT

1. EOC/EM: The May 11 earthquake exercise went very well. The focus on EOC operations was valuable. The drill was realistic and well played out. Mike Machado appreciated the teamwork and efforts made. Ed Kirchofer appreciated that we went into the second operational period, which we hadn't done before. He was pleased and impressed with our improvements. Gene stated that our HAM group is well organized. Their radio system has valuable capabilities and we need to learn how we can use that group better. We need to work with our Cities on disaster declaration. Regarding EOC staffing – It's nice when the Chiefs participate but it does no good if they aren't the ones who show up for the real thing. We need to look realistically at EOC staffing – training and skill levels of personnel are critical. We had 8 damage assessment teams out conducting surveys of buildings, roads, and bridges. Our Emergency Operations Plan needs work – Gene is on it.

2. Radio Committee: The contractor doing the work for VHF Simulcast is working on it now. A part is en-route from England. We also need to re-work the VHF template.
3. CFOG: We are working on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Also planning a table-top exercise after the July 7<sup>th</sup> FDB meeting in Boring. This will be a wildland exercise. Lunch will be served. Please come and participate. The next CFOG meeting is June 7<sup>th</sup> in Canby.
4. EMS: The next EMS Council meeting is June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 13:30. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, the BCC will have a study session on the ambulance RFP.
5. Water Rescue: A body was discovered in the upper Willamette this past weekend and Canby had a rescue which went well. Some agencies are pulling back on their automatic response areas and it seems to make sense. We're not initially over-committing resources. There will be no water rescue meetings this summer but training will occur. Having all agencies working on the same talk group works well.
6. Fire Prevention/CO-OP: Discussed the Co-Ops activity schedule and goals. Erin introduced the new Trimble GPS unit that will be available for individual departments to use for locating structures with GPS accuracy. He made a brief presentation of how it works and stated the fact that information needs to be entered consistently so that across the County it all makes sense. There is an operation book that goes along with it. A software application allows you to enter structural triage information which would then be available from the GIS system.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**OB-1** Please remember to bring a copy of your Board resolution and sign the new agreement.

**OB-2** Regional FDB Ops Committee – Paul Lesage discussed how this new group came to be. The goal is to have coordination between county fire defense boards with operational issues. There is currently no formal process to develop and operate under the same or similar SOG's. When this is formalized and recommendations are made by the committee, individual agencies would not be required to adopt these, but they would be available as resources to everyone. Our FDB has not yet selected anyone to sit on this committee. CCFD will provide one, Doug Branch will participate, LOFD and Gladstone will also provide one representative each.

**OB-3** CWPP – Cindy discussed the progress of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The final workshop has been held. The County has no expectation that each community or agency will adopt a huge plan. The County plan will be available as a resource to emulate. Please turn in your fuels reduction worksheets to Cindy. This will help with future mitigation projects and possibly grants.

Discussed fire code enforcement. There is still a need for county-wide consistency with minimum requirements. The Metro Code Committee document is excellent but did not address all of the rural area's needs. A lengthy discussion followed. Ted will coordinate a meeting of chiefs and fire marshals to work these issues out.

## **New Business**

**NB-1:** We discussed whether or not we should drop the “3” from Sandy, Canby, Molalla and some of CCFD’s radio designators. The reason we did it several years ago may not exist any more since there are fewer fire departments in the county now. The Radio committee will investigate this.

**NB-2** Metro Fire Defense Board – Kunze. The Inter-District mutual Aid Agreement is being discussed. CCFD #1 will sign on to this.

**NB-3** The DOJ conducted an audit of the radio systems in the region. Some inconsistencies in talk group identifiers was noted. Template standardization is needed. The perfect opportunity to do this is provided for in the next paragraph.

**NB-4** Nextel – Re-banding issue. Dan O’Dell discussed how this process will be done. Nextel is paying for this project. In exchange, they are getting new bandwidth. Motorola has been contracted to do the work. Each 800 MHz radio will need to be re-programmed twice. Each agency will need to designate a contact person for this. It is important to identify their responsibilities with this work and you should track their time in case it can be reimbursed.

**PSAP Report** – The Motorola website has a Power Point presentation about the re-banding process. The CAD to CAD interface switch contract should have been signed yesterday – 6/1/05.

**OFSM** – No report.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**GO-1** ODF – This is the wettest drought on record. In March, the 1000 hour fuel moisture was 22%. Now it is 43%, an all time high. The light flashy fuels will still burn but the larger fuels will not ignite as easy. This could all change with extended hot dry weather. The central part of the state is in fire season.

**GO-2** CCFD – Will provide an after-action report about the fire at the OC Hilltop station. Remember that the high pressure SCBA cylinders are still a hazard several days after the fire. Two had to be “de-fused” by the bomb squad. Just because they cool down does not mean that they are safe.

**GO-3** Colton FD – Won a judgment for proving an out of district response.

**GO-4** The regional SCBA issue is getting closer to being solved.

**GO-5** Watch for legislative issues. HB 2350 is the fees for service bill.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.**

**Next meeting date: July 7, 2005 @ Boring followed by lunch and a wild-fire table-top exercise.**