

**Motherlode Interagency Training Officers Association  
Minutes  
May 16, 2012**

Meeting was called to order at 0903 by President Bill Fullerton. In attendance were:

Bill Fullerton, Pat Murphy, Chat Soule, Tom Starks, Jeff Stone, Jim Toy and Don Young.

**Approval of Minutes from March** – Minutes from the March 21, 2012 meeting was approved with no corrections – Don Young motioned, Jeff Stone seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance: \$5,644.86 Bill Fullerton stated that they need a treasurer by next month.

**Correspondence:** None

**Section Reports:**

- A. EMS:** Pat Murphy reported that there are only two classes left for the EMT Class. He solicited help for the skills testing at San Andreas Fire for Thursday night at 1800 hrs. He stated the next class would be in Fall. Pat reported that an MCI exercise is being planned in Copper in Fall. Don Young stated that he would like to see the exercise more central, possibly Toyon, and he could get a school bus for the exercise. Pat reported that Amador County has started their own Training Officers Association and they meet the third Thursday of each month at 1900 hrs. at Sutter Creek Fire. Pat stated that Mountain-Valley is sponsoring an awards picnic at the Downey Park in Modesto this Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to kick off National EMS Week. He stated the theme this year is "Not a job, a calling".
- B. Fire Chiefs Association:** Don Young reported that payments have not been made for repairs to the Water Tenders from the County.
- C. Hazmat/ Terrorism:** No report.
- D. Fire Training:** Bill Fullerton reported that the academy is almost finished. He encouraged that fire chiefs and board members to attend the graduation being held on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1800 hrs. at Bret Harte High School auditorium. Don Young reported that the academy has gone well, but there had been a few heat exhaustion issues. Bill Fullerton reported that S-290 is finished for 20 students. He stated that they had 35 sign up. He stated that no more classes are scheduled until Fall. Bill discussed issues with class fees and that dues-paying members should get a discount. Tom Starks stated that he could get an instructor for S-270 class for Calaveras County. Group discussed issues with the canceled Clements burn. Bill reported a LARRO Class being held in Arnold in July that Matt O'Donnell is teaching. The class offers college units and costs only \$139.

**Old Business:**

**A. Discussion: Fee Schedule Committee** – Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

- A. Discussion/Action: Training Classes for 2012/2013:** Bill Fullerton asked for training needs for the agencies as they are putting together the schedule for this fiscal year. He anticipates not as many Level 1 classes, but more S classes. Jim Toy asked for the I-200 class be put back into the academy.
- B. Discussion/Action: Columbia College Support Letter:** Bill Fullerton stated that Columbia College was looking to get the Fire Academy accredited and they need a support letter from the Fire Chiefs and the Training Officers. Open discussion ensued with the agreement that the Training Officers are an extension of the Fire Chiefs and should not do a letter until they approve. It was agreed that a combined letter with the fire chiefs would be sufficient. Don Young made a motion to advise the Fire Chief's that the Training Officers are in favor of the support letter and are willing to co-sign with the fire chief's association a support letter for Columbia College. Jeff Stone seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

**Round Table/ Good of the Order:**

**Murphys:** Jim Toy reported on the state mandated Instructor Update that must be completed within two years for Level 1 classes. He stated that the State's goal is to have the instructors write their own lesson plans, power points and tests. Jim Toy expressed his concern that the older experienced instructors will not want to complete this and leave the system. He stated that this will leave inexperienced instructors as the main teachers of Level 1 classes. Pat Murphy added that Murphys Fire is hosting their annual Memorial Day large yard sale and tri tip in the barrel starting May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**San Andreas:** Nothing to report.

**Mokelumne Hill:** Chat Soule expressed his desire to see a dry hydrant installed at the new parking lot at Mokelumne River for fire use. The group felt that the number of approvals and hurdles will prove overwhelming. It was suggested to use a porta pump into a porta tank.

**Angels Camp:** Tom Starks stated that there will be a parade tomorrow that will close down Main Street in Angels from 1000 to 1130 to celebrate the opening of the county fair.

**Central:** Nothing to report.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:01**

**Next meeting is June 20, 2012 at 09:00 hrs at San Andreas Fire**

Respectfully Submitted, Pat Murphy