

Mother Lode Inter-Agency Training Officers Association
Minutes
October 16, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 1104 by President Bill Fullerton. In attendance were:

Bill Fullerton, Bill Wennhold, Dave Spitzer, Jim Toy, Steve Kovacs, Mike Blankenheim, Don Young, Jeff Stone, and Pat Murphy.

STRIVE Conference Call – After technical call issues corrected, Bill F. was connected with a representative from the Redman Group. Discussion on the STRIVE Education FEMA grant and how it would apply here. Grant will pay for 2 more years of firefighter education for college courses, academies, or other organized fire training. Grant reimburses either a department or individual firefighter (whichever paid) upon successful class completion. Currently taking about (2) weeks to reimburse approved expenses. Firefighters must enter the program by 9/1 or 3/1 each year to be eligible for spring/fall programs. Cannot be paid firefighters working more than 30 hours per week. Funds will pay for course materials, tuitions, and required class equipment including non-supplied PPE. Bill F. will include informational link on volunteer academy flyers, it is the student's responsibility to sign up.

The minutes of September 18, 2013 were approved with corrections on IFSTA 5 & 6 and dates of S-230/231.

Correspondence – None

Treasurers Report – Reported balance of \$3,490.83. M/S/C to accept the report.

Section Reports -

EMS- Pat Murphy reported a full EMT class has started, next semester sign ups will be through Columbia College. County EMS continues to have problems with getting a quorum for EMSOC meetings

Fire Chiefs – Discussions on using tuitions to pay for department trainings including the academy. Overall, chiefs had no complaints about training courses

Hazmat – Hazmat IC planned for Nov 9-10 at Copperopolis, taking rsvps now

Fire Training – Bill F had sent out notices for an Operator Academy, notices out soon for the 2014 academy, checking to see about interest and instructors for low angle rescue class.

Academy Committee- Met earlier this morning, discussed schedule and instructor commitments; Mike B. was asked about CAL Fire instructor for Firefighter Safety and Survival Class, he will let Scott Frem know of request. **M/S/C - To set the tuition for 2014 Academy at \$500 per student (\$300 for basics and structure portion, \$200 for wildland components).** Applicants will be encouraged to apply for the above STRIVE program to absorb their costs. This academy is still far less expensive than other regional trainings with chief's agreeing they cannot cover the same material as quickly and efficiently with their internal trainings.

SFM Instructor Cadre – Committee has not met.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Good of the Order/ Agency Roundtable –

Mokelumne Hill – Dave offered Skip to help with classes if needed as back-up

West Point – Recent CPR saves, (10) members signing up for STRIVE

Murphys- Coordinating ROP classes at Bret Harte

Central – Doing ICS 200/300 at Mt Ranch School/Resource Center Nov. 12-14; pursuing advanced EMT with MVEMS

MVEMS – Working on advanced EMT program outline, Pat leaving shortly for vacation

MTMC – Supporting advanced EMT class, planning for ICS and decon training for 2014

CAL Fire – May be able to give partial credit from academy for CAL Fire basic academy, Mike will invite new Tuol. Training Capt. Crista to TO's meetings. Scott Frem is now the unit training BC.

San Andreas – Completed ISO survey, could us help for truck company operations training

Copperopolis – Props at station for ventilation and forcible entry

The meeting was adjourned at 1230.

Academy Instructors meeting at San Andreas on 12/2, no TO's meeting in November due to the holiday and statewide training officers workshop in Fresno.