

**ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STAFF REPORT**

For the meeting of: September 10, 2014

To: Board of Directors  
From: Mark E. Mills, Fire Chief  
Subject: Chief's Update

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

For the Board's information

**FLEET**

All apparatus in service

**FACILITIES**

Station 18

Station 19

Station 20

Station 21

No significant changes or repairs are being made at this time.

**PERSONNEL**

**ACTIVITIES**

**FIRE PREVENTION**

Resale Inspections	19
Plan Reviews	39
Field Inspections	42

**AGENDA ITEM #** 2C  
**Date** 9/10/14

Battalion Chief Hanson attended:

Chief Mills attended:

July 17	Attended Marin County Fire Chief's Association
July 17	Met with Town Manager Garrett Toy
July 22	Attended San Anselmo Town Council meeting
July 23	Teleconference with FEMA Administrator on SCBA grant award
July 29	Met with Labor Representative Scott Porter
July 31	Met with Town Manger Braulik and architect at Station 18
August 2	Attended retirement luncheon for Chief Roger Meagor
August 3 – 15	Assigned to Lodge Lighting Complex
August 20	Meeting to discuss Auditor's needs
August 30 – Sept. 7	Vacation

On 8/3/2014, Chief Mills was assigned to the Lodge Lighting Complex located Mendocino County just above Laytonville, CA. While on the assignment Chief Mills served as a Division / Group Supervisor trainee under several Branch and Division chiefs who served as his trainers. Chief Mills supervised the construction of fire lines utilizing bulldozers, excavators, fallers, engine and crew strike teams. Additionally, Chief Mills was assigned as the Structure Defense Group supervisor where he mapped structures and developed and implemented strategies for their protection. The fire eventually encompassed close to 13,000 acres and was assigned over 2000 firefighters.

BC Mahoney attended:

July 3 preplans.	Meeting with David Coggeshall: IMac Server/Pre plan demo for
July 7 – 9	Attend Howard Cross leadership seminar
July 10	San Dominico meeting on fire road access concerns
July 22	Meeting with Rich Shortall and Todd Lando regarding Lando's fire prevention services for SHFPD
July 22	Meet contractor regarding 84 Pine Drive hazard
August 1- 16	Assigned as a Strike Team Leader in Siskiyou County
August 17	Registration for Dominican University "Making of Leaders" class
August 21	Met with Sergeant Cron from Fairfax concerning homeless encampments
August 26	Met with Todd Lando to discuss Fire Safe Marin grant funding
August 27	Attended Marin County Operations Meeting

On 8/1/2014 Battalion Chief Dan Mahoney was dispatched, as a strike team leader trainee, to Siskiyou County (Northern California) for multiple fires caused by dry lightning. He accompanied a strike team leader who acted as a mentor and assisted in his training for the position. In his 2 week assignment, he performed fire suppression activities on the Oregon Gulch, White, Little Deer, and the Beaver Fire (32,000 acres). His duties included coordinating a 5 engine strike team, assigned to numerous duties such as structure defense (protecting homes from the oncoming fire), constructing fire line (removing fuels down to bare soil), mopping up (cooling smoldering materials after the fire has passed), and firing operations (strategically burning fuels to remove them before the fire arrives). The strike team was relieved of its 2 week commitment and arrived home safe on 8/16/2014.

Battalion Chief Stasiwoski attended:

7-21	Battalion Chief's meeting Station 19
7-28	Marin County Training Officer's meeting Station 17
7-28	Meeting with MMWD for Fawn Drive FFIP
7-28	Meeting with resident 70 Fawn Drive
7-31	Training Captain's meeting Station 19
8-6	Meeting with Rich Shortall and PG&E Representative Jim Wickham
8-7	Meeting with resident 323 Fawn Drive
8-8	Meeting with Fairfax Police Sergeant David Cron
8-13	Transportation and Class with Pierce Training Manager Dan Bailey
8-13	Meeting with MMWD for Hawthorne Transmission Line FFIP
8-14	Transportation and Class with Pierce Training Manager Dan Bailey
8-19	Meeting with Battalion 17
8-19	Meeting with resident at 170 Camino de Herrera
8-25	Meeting with Kidde FT representative Porter

Below is a summary of the US&R Team's activities on Sunday following the Napa Earthquake written by Rick Addicks and Isaac Wilson.

The earthquake occurred at approximately 0315 Sunday morning. A US&R page for availability was sent at approximately 0415 Sunday morning. The US&R page was completed with personnel checking back with roster full at approximately 0815 Sunday morning; no request yet. A US&R page "immediate deployment" occurred at 0918 Sunday morning.

Although the Marin County US&R SWFR Team has been deployed in and out of county and out of state, and the general US&R Team has been deployed in county, this was the first non-drill out of county deployment for the general US&R Team. OES US&R Regional Task Force 1 - 28 team members and Task Force Leader (Marin County Fire Sen. Capt. Randy Engler; assisted by BC Jeremy Pierce) assembled at the Civic Center with gear and equipment for deployment to the City of Napa. From call out to driving north took approximately 1.5 hours.

The agencies represented were Ross Valley Fire (Wilson / Addicks), Marin County Fire, Southern Marin Fire, Mill Valley Fire, Tiburon Fire, Larkspur Fire, Novato Fire, Marin DPW, Marin Roads, Marin Municipal WD

The assets that deployed were 2 vans and several pickup trucks, "Tylenol" boom truck, "Compartment Truck" with cutting stations, shoring, breaching, etc. A logistics vehicle with search cameras, equipment and communications, Special Operations Truck with miscellaneous tools and supplies, and 1556 the Marin County Heavy Rescue along with 2 Canine search dogs, with handlers and spotters.

At approximately 1130, RTF-1 arrived in the City of Napa and staged in a parking lot near Fire Station 1, downtown. They then divided into search group, cutting station group, and two rescue squads. Napa had been divided into two branches, geographically north and south. The worst damage was in the southern/downtown area which was designated Branch 1. RTF-1 was assigned to Branch 1. Although there were several compromised buildings, mostly involving unreinforced masonry failures (collapsed and partially collapsed walls and chimneys) and broken exterior glass, as the day progressed it ultimately was determined that none of the hazardous occupancies required searching/shoring (i.e., no life hazard). At approximately 1630, RTF-1 was assigned to evaluate a large structure in Vallejo, but this assignment was cancelled quickly. At 1800, the City of Napa released all out of county resources (including strike teams of engines). RTF-1 returned to the Marin County Civic Center at approximately 1930 and disbanded.