

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
Feb 3, 2011– 8:30 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The following agency representatives were present:

CalFire SCU	Chief Barrett
City of Ceres	Chief Nicholes
Denair Fire	Chief Doerksen
Keyes Fire	Chief Watt
City of Modesto	Chief Kraus
City of Oakdale	Chief Botto
Oakdale Rural Fire	Chief Winton
City of Patterson	Chief Hall
Salida Fire	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Hinshaw
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball

Also Present: Eric Holly, Mike Lillie, Ceres Fire; Hugo Patino, Mike Payton, Alicia Hinshaw, Modesto Fire; Ray Jackson, Mimi DeSimoni, Ken Slamon, Fire Warden's Office; Chad Homme, Stuart Dutter, Tom Dick, Salida Fire; Marilyn Smith, MVEMSA; Paul Speer, CalFire TCU; Lucian Thomas, Darren Eudy, Dan Doty, Russ Overstreet, SR-911; Bret Presson, Westport Fire; Robert Adkison, Ceres Fire District; Mark Jacobs, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire.

Guests- None

3. Public Comment:

- None.

4. Approval of Minutes: Chief Mayotte made motion to approve the minutes of 1/6/11 meeting, Director Kimball seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

5. Staff / Committee Reports

- 5.1** Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi discussed the financial aspect of the regional fire RMS project and the MDC program. She requested that all representatives and their alternates turn in their Form 700.
- 5.2** Fire Investigations- Reports were distributed. There was a fire fatality in Salida last month. The civilian victim from mobile home fire in Modesto was released from hospital this week.

- 5.3 Fire Prevention- Report was sent out with agenda. Chief Slamon noted that the fire code was adopted by the County and the district's codes that were submitted were ratified by the Board as well.
- 5.4 Fire Communications- Chad went over items in his report including narrow-banding and APCO. There were questions regarding the date for fire RMS and new CAD. Chief Botto questioned when the simulcast will be up and going, Lucian Thomas said that he hopes to have it up and running by June. The east side and the west side both have problems, but it will require a large investment. All funding options are being considered. Chief Hinshaw noted that all Homeland Security money for fire has been put into communications. There is no general fund support and grant money may dry up. He questioned what is the fire service plan for the future? Chief Botto recommended a study to provide an operational roadmap for the future. Chief Hinshaw agreed and suggested an ad hoc committee with policy makers included. Chief Skiles recommended that this be placed on the agenda for next month. He requested that Chad do some research on other counties that have addressed similar issues.
- 5.5 Fire Training- Stuart reported on classes that were offered in West Stanislaus including a wildland fire class. An S-430 class will be offered for free, the intent is to develop an incident management team within the County.
- 5.6 EMS – Alicia reported on the exposure training classes that are on-going. All but 3 fire agencies signed up as well as many non-fire agencies.

6. Agenda Items

- 6.1 **Operational Area Coordinator-** Chief Jackson reported on some of the current Operational Area issues. Annual updates are due: dispatch matrix and CFRIS may be e-mailed in; IQS personnel rosters and position assignment survey forms will be coming out in the mail. Please send all your information in as soon as possible. With new CAD coming, all agencies need to send copies of their aid agreements to SR-911 and the Operational Area Coordinator. XST refresher / requalification is scheduled for May, information will be mailed. Chief Hinshaw stressed the importance of NIMS compliance for all agencies if they expect to continue to benefit from grants.
- 6.2 **CFAA Workshop overview**—Mimi provided an overview on the workshop that several agencies attended regarding the CFAA reimbursement rates. There have been some changes specifically to the administrative rate and how it's calculated, and to personnel costs. The information is available on the Fire Warden's web-site and the CalEMA web-site.
- 6.3 **Stanislaus County CICC Committee-** Chief Jackson provided the background on CICC committee. It used to be an independent committee without ties to the Op Area Coordinator. Once documentation in ROSS and red-cards were required, the Op Area Coordinator once again became the Chair of the Committee until processes could be established. Captain Holly- Chair, Chief Hall-Vice-Chair, and Engineer Dick-Secretary were elected as officers of the committee. Captain Holly presented information on the organization, and its responsibilities. They are basing everything they do as a peer-review committee on state

standards. He discussed the peer-review process. Engineer Dick reviewed the documentation the committee requires to review an individual's application.

- 6.4 Fire Dispatch / MACS identifiers-** Chief Skiles provided a background on the Stanislaus County Fire Communications Policy. It was adopted by the Chiefs in 2007 and has been maintained by the Communications Advisory Committee and SR-911. Recently SR-911 did training on the new CAD based on the Westley Fire. They identified some issues that need to be resolved regarding agency and apparatus identifiers. The policy states that the MACS identifier will be used in the new CAD. He identified the problems with multiple identifiers for one resource. Chad has researched FIRESCOPE policy and there are some discrepancies on what we call equipment (i.e. pumper, brush). Chief Skiles said that since the policy SR-911 uses was adopted by the Chiefs, the policy should be followed until the group can agree on changes. Chief Winton wants to review the policy to determine if it needs to be changed to support what is going on in the field. Chief Hinshaw requested that any changes be consistent with what is required by the Region; he also requested that any agreements between agencies be documented and submitted to SR-911. Chief Hall suggested that the policy will need to be dynamic. Darren Eudy provided information on the tone policy, and the unit based vs. tone based dispatch and some of the challenges that are possible during the conversion to new CAD.

Chief Hinshaw discussed where we are going as the fire service and how we can find way to address some of these issues collectively. There will be a workshop next week for any agency that is interested in the second phase of the recently approved JPA; everyone is encouraged to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi DeSimoni
Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office