



Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2023
Emergency Services Facility - 3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto, California

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order by Chief Parnell at 0832 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The following agency's representative/alternate were in attendance:

Burbank Paradise Fire Protection District	Chief Bernardi
Cal-Fire SCU	Absent
Cal-Fire TCU	Absent
City of Ceres Fire Dept	Chief Wise
Ceres Fire Protection District	Chief Wise
Denair Fire Protection District	Absent
Hughson Fire Protection District	Chief Berner
Industrial Fire Protection District	Chief Wise
Keyes Fire Protection District	Absent
City of Modesto Fire Dept	Chief Wise
Mountain View Fire Protection District	Absent
City of Newman Fire Dept	Chief Bowen
City of Oakdale Fire Dept	Chief Wise
Oakdale Rural Fire Protection District	Chief Wise
City of Patterson Fire Dept	Chief Frye
Salida Fire Protection District	Chief Wise
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District	Chief Wise
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Parnell
City of Turlock Fire Dept	Chief Wise
Turlock Rural Fire Protection District	Absent
West Stanislaus Fire Protection District	Chief Bowen
Westport Fire Protection District	Chief Evans
Woodland Ave Fire Protection District	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting:

Chief Klevmyr, Kevin Anderson (CERT), Mike Lunn (Training), Shane Hawkins (FPB), Stanislaus County Emergency Services; Dustin Bruley, FIU; Rod Flora, Fire Chaplain; Chief Jesberg, Deputy Chief Hunter, Chief Jelinek, Modesto Fire; John Boer, Woodland Avenue Fire; John Zuniga, Cal Fire TCU

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Approval of Minutes:

4.1 Approval of the September 7, 2023, Regular meeting minutes.

Motion to approve minutes made by Chief Wise, seconded by Chief Bernardi, motion passed.

5. Staff Committee Reports:

5.1 Fire Investigation Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported

5.2 Fire Prevention Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Chief Parnell added that a tiny home with 390 sq ft with a proposed (future) garage, would require 800 gallons of water and \$5,000 of labor and material. He suggested that the current policies should be looked at and possibly change them to state if a site requires 10,000 gallons or less it can be signed off by the Fire Warden or Fire Marshall and not require additional storage/equipment.
- Perez Pallet's yard – clean-up is complete
- If a fire occurs in the county area and the building needs to be looked at or addressed, please contact fire prevention

5.3 Fire Communication Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet
- Tower Projects: LaGrange Off Road; Knights Ferry, finalizing tower; Riverbank approved use of public work site; Newman Tower is still in the works
- A full report will be given at the Fire Chief's meeting
- AMR had radios reconfigured so that they can communicate with fire on TAC channels
- Working with SR911 on possible Oracle card, inventory sheets have been emailed

5.4 Fire Chaplain Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet
- Nothing further reported

5.5 Administration & Support Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet
- Budget is coming in under what was projected
- Past funding for Ceres Fire is still being worked on by Chief Parnell and Brooke Freeman

5.6 Training

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet
- The AH330 training scheduled on June 10-13th, the time has been changed to 0800-1700 hrs. to meet the credential standards
- Chief Parnell added a brief overview on the 2024 Wildland Training

5.7 HazMat/Tech Rescue

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet
- MST HazMat Team is almost updated/signed off as a Type 1 Team

5.8 Air Operations

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet
- Nothing further reported

5.9 CERT

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet
- Nothing further reported

5.10 EMS

- **Note that EMS will be removed from AD/Hoc Committee and be heard under announcements commencing in January 2024.**
- Staffing update, the first round of interviews for the EMS Technician has been completed and the selection process should conclude before February
- Handtevy Mobil App has completed Train the Trainer and initial deployment to ALS units and/or personnel will be in early 2024
- Protocol/Policy revisions are in progress, cardiac arrest, traumatic arrest, determination of death, bradycardia, CP, CHF, tachycardias, chest pains
- CAD – Working on transporting to alternate locations approved– ALS providers. At this time, behavior health is only option. A one-day training for deeming an alternate destination.
- ALS – Modesto Engine 28 has been approved

5.11 SR911

- Working on bringing staffing levels up. There are seven (7) lateral candidates that have applied who have been with other agencies
- Interviews have been conducted for the supervisor positions and the candidates will be notified of the outcome on Friday, December 8th
- Now there are eight (8) call takers and four (4) dispatchers in training
- In the first quarter of 2024 staffing should be above minimum
- The process to be accredited has been started, updated Policy and Procedures will be necessary

6. Agenda Items:

6.1 Volunteer Station Alerting and Presentation – Chad Homme

A brief overview and power point presentation with past, current, and upcoming alerting system functions. Discussed the capabilities of printing out the calls (Rip & Run), there is an email that is sent out with times, etc. Also, the functions of lights, volume, tones all or nothing.

The average cost that has been allotted is \$20,375 per station. Which some will cost more and others less depending on the station. It was discussed whether the funds could be used towards paging systems, etc. if the department didn't have sleeping quarters. It was determined other options could be looked at but that these funds were specifically for station alerting

6.2 Hazardous Materials Response Discussion – *Informational Item*

No discussion

6.3 RFTC/MJC Fire Technology Program and EMS Program – Presented by Chief Jelinek (digital copy attached)

- MST/MJC partnership to remain a regional resource. The structure is a good foundation and other community colleges are looking at it to adopt to their programs.
- Modesto Fire Department's Chief Officer is available at no charge
- Using the 300 Series for training
- This relationship brings: executive team/training for EMS/apparatus/fleet/props
- Moving forward it would be beneficial and efficient for it to be ran like a fire department, fundamentally, maintenance, pro-active and knowledge
- Assisting students with connecting from education to vocational, not wasting additional time with duplicating training that can last up to fourteen weeks or more. A more efficient transition from academy to department.
- Omnibus Bill: "Lift up and expand RFTC", replace props, establish paramedic training, state training, support MST training tower
- Scholarships
- Further discussion regarding Financial Aid, there is no aid available for the academy only for MJC courses. The fees for the Academy for gear, etc. is approximately \$4,500
- Discussion on the engines/tools/equipment be used for the Volunteer Academy and the MOU does not allow now, but it will be considered and discussed. Station #17 tower is available to the volunteer agencies, upon scheduling.

6.4 Consideration for approval for funding requested for Western Stanislaus County Water Rescue Program – Presented by Chief Frye (digital copy attached)

Since 2008 Patterson Fire has responded to 28 calls, 18 water rescue related and 10 for water search and rescue (only 4 were for the City of Patterson). At the present time they have a 2019 boat and a Ford Expedition used for towing, which limits their ability to rescue where needed and the equipment is outdated and needs maintenance/repairs. There are issues with launching in remote areas, they would like to purchase an inflatable boat, a double decker trailer, a 4x4 F250 Ford truck – package total: approximately \$210,000.

The City of Patterson currently funds the project but the majority of the time it is used by other agencies in the county. They are proposing that the RFA purchase the equipment and the City will fund personnel. It was discussed that there did not seem to be a need for a complex unit but maybe additional training on longline. Chief Parnell stated that there is not a problem scheduling Longline training as long as there is adequate participation. Chief Passalaqua offered to have Woodland Avenue help replace the current motor.

Motion made to be put on upcoming agenda for consideration in the 2025 Business Plan. Motion by: Chief Passalaqua Seconded by: Chief Wise. Motion passed by 16 yes/1 no roll call votes.

7. Announcements:

- 7.1** The Third Annual First Responder’s Dinner will be Saturday, December 9th
- 7.2** Next week (December 11-15) 0-305
- 7.3** The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2024, 0830 hrs, at the Emergency Services Facility

Meeting adjourned at 1022 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Mello
Secretary/Clerk of the Board