

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
November 2, 2006

Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 0908 hrs. The flag was saluted.

The following agency representatives were present:

Chief Alderson	Burbank Paradise Fire District
Chief Steve Barrett	CDF –SCU
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Asst. Chief Henry Benevides	Keyes Fire
Asst Chief Randall Kelley	Hughson Fire District
Chief Jim Miguel	City of Modesto
Chief Mike Wilkinson	City of Oakdale
Chief Bill Kinnear	City of Patterson
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Fire Warden Gary Hinshaw	Stanislaus County
Director Bob Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District

Also present were: Detective Rivera, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department; John Borges, Burton's Fire Apparatus; Paul Spani, Consolidated Fire; Mike Botto, Oakdale Fire; Ed Bartley, Salida Fire; Mike Payton Modesto Fire; Ron Cripe, RFTC; Ray Jackson and Mimi DeSimoni, Fire Warden's Office.

Public Comment: Ray Jackson announced that St. Joseph's Church will be holding the 5th annual Blue Mass to honor all first responders in our county on Saturday, January 6, 2007. There will be information faxed to all the departments.

Approval of Minutes: Director Kimball made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5th meeting; Chief Mayotte seconded the motion.

Agenda Items:

- A. Fire Training Coordinator - The Fire Training Coordinator proposal period was opened at the last meeting. Chief Hinshaw made a motion to close the proposal period; Chief Barrett seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote. Chief Wilkinson presented a proposal from the City of Oakdale. There was a question regarding the proposed cost, it appeared to only cover the cost of the position, none of the additional operational expenses. Therefore, is the City of Oakdale going to provide all of the other support and expenses related to this position internally? Chief Wilkinson stated that the City would fund the other expenses internally. Chief Skiles provided a presentation of the Salida proposal. The proposals will be considered and a vote will be taken at the next Fire Authority meeting. A copy of both proposals will be sent out to all agencies for the benefit of those not attending.

- B. Special Operations performance expectations: Performance expectations for the Special Operations Coordinator position were identified and brought forward at the last meeting by a committee led by Chief Passalaqua. There were some changes recommended. Those changes

and strikeouts were noted and distributed to the group. Chief Curnow made a motion to approve the Special Operations performance expectations with the noted changes, and to open the proposal period; Chief Miguel seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote. Proposals will be brought back to the December 7, 2006 meeting for presentation.

- C. Sprinkler Ordinance – Chief Hannink reported that a workshop regarding a countywide sprinkler ordinance was held on October 13th. He highlighted the discussion and recommendations of the group. The outline of the group’s recommendations was handed out. Chief Hannink suggested that we will need to make the policy makers aware that this ordinance is coming. We also need to let the Building Industry Association, the Manufacturer’s Council, and the Building Department have the opportunity to review the proposed ordinance before it moves forward. We will agendize this issue for the December meeting, and invite the interest groups to the January meeting.

- D. Possible Workshop – Chief Skiles reported that at the Chief’s meeting there was a suggestion that a workshop should be set to discuss the future of the fire service in this County. The recent events in the Oakdale Rural / Oakdale City area have focused on the problems caused by city annexations into fire district areas. Chief Hinshaw stated that, as the leaders of the fire service we need to come forward with options and solutions. Some suggestions were that a night meeting should be held and someone from the County that can explain the tax-sharing agreements should be present as well as County Counsel. An evening meeting was tentatively set for November 16th. It was unclear whether this would be a Fire Authority or a Fire Chief’s Association meeting. Chief Skiles and Chief Miguel would bring the information forward.

- E. Management, Fiscal, Legislative:
 - a. Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi reported that there has been some concern and questions both from the CEO’s office and the Fire Authority members regarding our ability to fund the services we are contracting for, since some of the contracts have come in over budget. She provided a 5-year projection on revenues and expenses. She explained that these were only projections based on some broad assumptions. According to the projections, if we were to fund the contracts at costs over the original budget, we would operate in the negative for the next two years then be back in a positive position in the third year. We have sufficient funds to carry us until the revenues cover the cost of the contracts.
 - b. Fire Investigations- Chief Miguel handed out a report detailing the activities of the Fire Investigators during the month of October. There was a request for this information to be provided in an electronic format for the Board of Supervisors and Fire Authority members. The Sheriff’s Detective assigned to arson reported that things were going very well between the two departments. They have made significant progress working together.
 - c. Chief Jackson reported that the Fire Prevention Bureau has been busy with the fee study, sprinkler ordinance and fieldwork. There was a first quarter report distributed to the group.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 7, 2006 at the RFTC.

The meeting was adjourned at 1145hrs.

Mimi DeSimoni
Clerk of the Board