

Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 14, 2006

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Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 0903 hrs. The flag was saluted.

The following agency representatives were present:

Chief Alderson	Burbank Paradise Fire District
Chief Steve Barrett	CDF –SCU
Commander Brian Weber	City of Ceres
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Asst. Chief Henry Benevides	Keyes Fire
Chief Mike Wilkinson	City of Oakdale
Deputy Chief Rob Hoyer	Oakdale Rural Fire
Chief Bill Kinnear	City of Patterson and West Stanislaus Fire
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Fire Warden Gary Hinshaw	Stanislaus County
Chief Gary Thompson	Westport Fire District
Chief Mike Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire

Also present were: John Borges, Burton's Fire Apparatus; Clint Bray, Consolidated Fire; Mike Botto, Oakdale Fire; Ron Cripe, RFTC; and Mimi DeSimoni, Fire Warden's Office.

Public Comment: Ron Cripe reported that the Fire Resources Training Library will be sending another request for input from the Chiefs. There will be a Training Officers meeting tonight; please send your representative. On January 11<sup>th</sup> they will have the installation of new officers and an award for a retiring officer.

Chief Hinshaw reported on meetings he had attended in Sacramento regarding the FY07 Homeland Security Grant. The grants will become more competitive between the counties in the state based on population. We will be competing with every county in the state. Planning is a huge component in the awarding of grants. There is also a battle between Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Services. California fire service needs OES to be kept whole as it supports the mutual aid system and we are highly dependant on. There will be more information coming out on that issue.

Approval of Minutes: Chief Gary Hinshaw made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting; Chief Barrett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items:

- A. Fire Training Coordinator - The Fire Training Coordinator proposal period was closed at the last meeting. Chief Skiles reported that there had been some concern regarding the method we used for the roll call vote. Under the current procedure the vote always begin with Burbank Paradise and ends with Woodland. It was suggested that a written ballot be used that contains the agency name, representative voting and their vote. These would be read allowed in no special order, and each representative would verify their vote aloud. This would comply with the roll call vote provision of the

agreement but would allow for a variation of voting order. Chief Skiles asked if there was any opposition to the suggested method. There being none, ballots were passed out for the Training Coordinator proposal. There were two questions regarding the proposals which were answered by the two Chiefs. The roll call vote reflected the following:

Those in favor of Oakdale City Fire's proposal

Chief Alderson – Burbank Paradise Fire  
Chief Barrett- CDF  
Asst. Chief Benevides - Keyes Fire  
Chief Wilkinson – Oakdale City Fire  
Chief Mayotte – Stanislaus Consolidated Fire

Those in favor of Salida Fire's proposal

Commander Weber - City of Ceres  
Chief Curnow - Denair Fire  
Deputy Chief Hoyer – Oakdale Rural Fire  
Chief Kinnear – City of Patterson Fire  
Chief Skiles – Salida Fire  
Chief Hinshaw – Stanislaus County  
Chief Thompson – Westport Fire  
Chief Kinnear – West Stanislaus Fire  
Chief Passalacqua – Woodland Ave. Fire

The total vote was 9 for Salida Fire, 5 for Oakdale City Fire.

- B. Sprinkler Ordinance – Chief Hinshaw introduced Chief Slamon and gave a brief summary of his background in the fire service. He has assumed the position of Fire Marshal with the departure of Chief Hannink. Chief Hannink will continue to assist, after the first of the year, on an as needed basis with the Fire Prevention Bureau. There are many issues affecting fire agencies in the county such as the 30,000 gallon propane tank proposed in Keyes. Chief Slamon reported that a couple of changes had been made to the proposed sprinkler ordinance after the input from the last meeting. There were questions regarding the cost of a sprinkler system, concerns about water supply and clarification on if this only applied to residences over 5000 square feet. There was concern about getting consensus from the individual fire district boards. Chief Slamon pointed out that it is not his intention to “sell” the ordinance to the Chiefs. This had been requested over several years and is the result of a workshop and input from many agencies. Chief Skiles suggested that the Fire Marshal send out a packet to each agency with the following information:
- Sprinkler ordinance with most recent revisions
  - Educational materials from the fire sprinkler industry
  - Input from the insurance industry
  - A sample resolution in support of adopting the ordinance

Chief Slamon and Chief Hinshaw will also need to advise the Chief Executive Officer and Board members that the ordinance is being proposed. An evening workshop regarding a countywide sprinkler ordinance was proposed for January, where representatives from fire agencies, Building Industry Association, Manufacturer's Council, and insurance industry could be present to ask questions.

Management, Fiscal, Legislative:

- a. Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi reported that she and Kim Morante of Consolidate Fire had reconciled the year end accounting for fiscal year 05-06. The contract with Consolidated specified that due to the fact the contract was based on projections, there would be an opportunity for Consolidated to come back with additional expenses not covered. The final accounting reflects that the Fire Authority owes Consolidated Fire an additional \$12,690; this represents less than 1.5% of the contract amount. The total amount of the contract of \$863,633, was based on projections. This item was not

completed in time to be placed on the agenda so will be brought back for approval at the next meeting.

- b. Fire Investigations- Chief Miguel was unable to attend due to a funeral so no report was given.
- c. Fire Prevention -Chief Slamon reported on several projects the Fire Prevention Bureau has been busy with. The weed abatement ordinance is ready to bring to the Chief Executive Office and then will be brought to the Fire Authority for their approval. The final draft of the fee study will also be taken to the CEO and Board. State mandated inspections of schools have all been done the first time and institutions are 75% completed. Chief Slamon sent out a request to the districts for information on apartments, hotels and motels. He has only received information back from one. Keyes Fire District would like the request to be re-sent to them. Mobile home park inspections are going to be done in the future; regulations are different for pre and post 1961 parks. He would like to meet with each chief to familiarize himself with their individual requirements with respect to fire prevention issues.
- d. Communications – Chief Skiles reported that a recruitment is underway for the Fire Communications person. There has been \$700,000 secured for the radio system update through Homeland Security Grant funds. He is currently the representative on the CAD vendor review representing the interests of the County's fire agencies. The new CAD system will have a huge impact on the fire service. Fire frequency sharing is moving ahead and implementation is expected in May of 2007.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 4, 2007 at the RFTC.

The meeting was adjourned at 1045hrs.

Mimi DeSimoni  
Clerk of the Board