

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
January 4, 2007

Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 0905 hrs. The flag was saluted.

The following agency representatives were present:

Chief Steve Barrett	CDF –SCU
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Asst. Chief Randall Kelley	Hughson Fire
Asst. Chief Henry Benevides	Keyes Fire
Chief Mike Wilkinson	City of Oakdale
Deputy Chief Rob Hoyer	Oakdale Rural Fire
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Fire Warden Gary Hinshaw	Stanislaus County
Asst. Chief John Barindelli	Westport Fire District
Director Bob Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Mike Passalaqua	Woodland Ave. Fire

Also present were: Mike Payton, Modesto Fire; Walt Luihn, Oakdale Rural Fire District; Kim Morante, RaeLene Brown and Buck Condit, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Mike Botto, Oakdale Fire; Ron Cripe, RFTC; and Ray Jackson, Ken Slamon and Mimi DeSimoni, Fire Warden's Office.

Public Comment: Ron Cripe reported that the Training Officers annual dinner is coming up on January 11th; they will have the installation of new officers and an award for a retiring officer. Ray Jackson reported on the St. Joseph's Blue Mass and luncheon on January 6th honoring all first responders.

Approval of Minutes: Chief Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14th meeting; Chief Mayotte seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items:

- A. Fire Training Coordinator – There had been a question from Chief Mayotte regarding the two thirds vote for the Fire Training Coordinator proposal at the December 14th meeting. Chief Skiles said that he and his board would feel more comfortable with a re-vote. The roll call vote reflected the following:

Those in favor of Oakdale City Fire's proposal

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

Chief Curnow - Denair Fire
Deputy Chief Hoyer – Oakdale Rural Fire
Asst Chief Kelley– Hughson Fire
Chief Skiles – Salida Fire
Chief Hinshaw – Stanislaus County
Asst. Chief Barindelli – Westport Fire
Bob Kimball – West Stanislaus Fire
Chief Passalaqua – Woodland Ave. Fire

The total vote was 8 for Salida Fire, 4 for Oakdale City Fire. Salida was awarded the contract by a 2/3 vote.

- B. Special Operations – Asst. Chief Benevides made a motion to close the proposal period for the Special Operations Coordinator; Chief Curnow seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.
- 1- Chief Hinshaw presented a proposal for the Fire Warden's Office to provide the Special Operations Coordinator; it included a power point presentation and a written proposal.
 - 2- Chief Wilkinson presented a proposal for the City of Oakdale to provide the Special Operations Coordinator; it also included a power point presentation and a written proposal.

Both Chief's invited questions both at the meeting and during the next 30 days. Chief Skiles said that we would send the proposals out electronically so that anyone who was unable to attend the meeting could review them.

- C. Mid Year Financial Report- Mimi passed out a report detailing what revenues had been collected through the month of December. The property tax collections are what we had projected, possibly slightly higher. The expenses are lower than projected due to the fact that we have not awarded all of the contracts for services yet.
- D. Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Financial reporting for 2005-2006 – Kim Morante and Mimi did a final reconciliation for the 2005-2006 contract year as provided for in the contract. The reconciliation reflected that the Fire Authority owed Consolidated an additional \$12,689.56 in expenses. This represents less than 1.5% of the total contract amount. A detail of this reconciliation was distributed to all in attendance. Chief Hinshaw made a motion to approve payment to SCFPD in the amount of \$12,689.56; Assistant Chief Barindelli seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Management, Fiscal, Legislative:

- a. Management, Fiscal, Legislative- A binder was prepared for each agency which included the JPA document, Rules of Order, Roles and Responsibilities, the Business Plan, Fire Prevention and Fire Investigation reports, Performance Expectations and meeting minutes. They were distributed to all agencies that were at the meeting.
- b. Fire Investigations- Chief Miguel was unable to attend the meeting; Chief Payton supplied Investigation Reports for the month of November.
- c. Fire Prevention -Chief Jackson reported that the transition of the Fire Marshal position from Chief Hannink to Chief Slamon is complete. Chief Hannink will be working on some special projects and training for the Fire Prevention Bureau. Two new Fire Prevention Specialists will be starting on January 22nd. Information regarding the Fire Sprinkler Ordinance is still being gathered and a date for the workshop has not yet been set. The weed abatement ordinance is ready to bring to the Chief Executive Office. In the business plan weed abatement was a third year priority; however, the Fire Marshal has been working on it due to interest by policy makers and various fire districts. An aggressive policy will require additional staff to for posting and enforcement. Currently the Fire Prevention Bureau is not staffed to implement a proactive program. It will be up to policy

makers to determine if they want to fund the personnel to enforce such an ordinance. The fee study is progressing through the channels. Ordinances generally go to the Board for approval in March/April. It is expected the fee ordinance will be on that schedule.

- d. Communications – Chief Skiles reported that recruitment is underway for the Fire Communications person. He touched on some of the projects that Salida has been working on during the last month: Interoperability project, MDC connection problems, Fire Command Unit, Metrocall pagers, CAD vendor demos and site visits.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 1, 2007 at the RFTC.

The meeting was adjourned at 1045hrs.

Mimi DeSimoni
Clerk of the Board