

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2008

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 905 a.m. The flag was saluted.

2. The following agencies were present:

Chief Ellis	Cal Fire SCU
Chief Watt	Keyes Fire District
Chief Miguel	Modesto Fire
Chief Fields	City of Oakdale
Chief Skiles	Salida Fire
Chief Kinnear	City of Patterson
Chief Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Chief Hinshaw	Stanislaus County Fire Warden
Director Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire
Chief Barindelli	Westport Fire District

Also in attendance: Chad Homme, Salida Fire; Ken Slamon, Wendy Mirassou, Bill Houk, Ray Jackson Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office; Mike Kraus, Mike Payton, Modesto Fire; and Glenda Leonard, Merced County Fire-Cal Fire, RaeLene Brown, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire.

3. Public Comment: Chief Skiles spoke about receiving e-mail from the IAFC regarding changes in the ISO. If there are any requests for training or qualification please e-mail to Chief Skiles. Chief Hinshaw spoke about being NIMS compliant. Assistant Chief Barindelli spoke about doing a County wide Grant for purchase of new SCBA's. Survivair Panthers are not available anymore, but can be serviced. A work group will determine what they want in a grant. It could be for Survivair, MSA or Scott. Also, should it be a Homeland Security Grant or a Fire Grant? A demonstration will be scheduled for a future meeting. Director Kimball noted that in last month's minutes he was Chief Kimball, not Director Kimball. Minutes will be changed to reflect this correction.

4. Approval on Minutes: Chief Mayotte made a motion to approve the minutes, with the one noted change; Chief Kinnear seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

5 **Staff Committee Reports**

- 5.1 Finance / Admin- The first quarterly meeting of Fire District Finance / Administrative Managers was held on October 6th. Six agencies attended. Notes from the meeting were distributed. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2009 at 2:00 at Salida Station 1, chiefs are welcome. This will provide an opportunity for district representatives to share ideas, voice concerns and seek solutions to common problems and/or concerns.
- 5.2 Fire Investigation -45 fires were investigated in the month of September. Of that number 34 fires were in the County.
- 5.3 Fire Prevention- The Fire Marshal will be scheduling monthly meetings open to all agencies, similar to Training and Communications, so that fire prevention issues may be discussed in more detail than at the Fire Authority meetings.
- 5.4 Fire Communications - Chad spoke about the CAD system due in May 2009. Swiss phone pagers are due between November 15 and December 1st. The pricing issue will be in the report for the pagers. The first monthly Communications meeting will be held on November 18th at the RFTC. Recommendations for the platform of that meeting will be welcomed. The Fire Warden's Fire RMS went live and Chief Jackson spoke about the technical issues. He also thanked Chief Payton and his staff and Chad Homme for their assistance throughout the project.

- 5.5 Fire Training – Captain Bartley spoke on the December 8 – 10 training for Strike Team Leaders being held in Salida. Information on the Safety Vests for the highway was handed out. The safety vest becomes mandatory on November 24, 2008 for all highways.
- 5.6 Special Operations – Chief Houk reported on the portions of his work plan, including Risk and Vulnerability, Resource Inventory, Legal Requirements, and Industry Standards. He also discussed the monthly meetings that he will be conducting regarding technical rescue. In the interest of staying within the ISO guidelines we will be referencing NFPA 1670 in the Swift Water Policy. Chief Skiles recommended that the county Fire Districts and departments go together to purchase the highway safety vests.

6. Agenda Items

- 6.1 Operational Area Coordinator- Chief Jackson spoke about issues with reimbursements, please speak to Mimi regarding any issues you our staff may have. There will be an after action review meeting in December to discuss this year's fire season, all are welcome to attend.
- 6.2 Notification System– Chief Wilkinson gave a presentation on the HIPLINK system. This system provides for emergency notification when there is an emergency that requires the public to evacuate, or to shelter in place. Public self-registration will be coming soon. The issue of long distance charges was discussed. HIPLINK will be tested in January at a New Melones functional exercise.
- 6.3 EOC Management Team- Chief Wilkinson spoke regarding the Board of Supervisors priorities. A top priority for OES is the development of an Incident Management Team. The IMT is separate from the EOC Management Team. The EOC Management Team will be seeking individuals interested and qualified to fill command and general staff positions. The intention is to develop a team that would be available to respond in the event of an emergency within an hour. Chief Mayotte commented on the fact that the County does not recognize the fire service as a component of emergency services. Chief Hinshaw was hoping CEO Rick Robinson would be back to discuss the topic.
- 6.4 Process for Policy Adoption- Chief Skiles discussed the handout on the adoption of the standardization process. A calendar was handed out regarding the meeting of sub committees to discuss issues before coming to the Fire Authority Meetings.
- 6.5 Fire Protection Rural Water Supply Policy- Chief Slamon discussed the workshop he had on October 29th and the recommendations from the meeting. Chief Mayotte made a motion to approve the recommendations; Chief Skiles seconded the motion. During discussion, Chief Miguel amended the motion to have dwellings be protected with an automatic fire extinguishing system, if the static water supply requirement exceeded 5,000 gallons. Chief Skiles and Chief Mayotte agreed upon the amendment to the motion. The motion was made to accept the 5000 gallon minimum, as provided in NFPA 1142, for rural and suburban water supply, with the with the automatic extinguishing system for water supply in excess of 5000 gallons. A roll call vote was taken with all agencies voting in favor, with the exception of Chief Passalacqua, who abstained from the vote.

Chief Skiles clarified that although the Fire Authority adopted this standard, it is not binding on any district. Chief Slamon will determine what each district's policy is, and ask for documentation from any agency that deviates from the standard. It was requested that Chief Slamon write an ordinance that addresses residential sprinklers, F2 and S2 Occupancies, the Ag Element and exempting some U Occupancies. Chief Hinshaw noted that it would be beneficial to wait to take the code amendments to the Board during the next code cycle.

- 6.6 Fire Authority/Chiefs' Meeting: The Fire Chief's November meeting is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day. There was discussion regarding moving it to the same day as the December Fire Authority meeting from 8:30 -9:30, then starting the Fire Authority meeting at 9:30. This change would be only for December. Chief Miguel made a motion to set the meetings consecutively on December 4th; Chief Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.7 January 2009 meeting: The January 2009 meeting would be scheduled for New Years Day. Chief Passalaqua motioned that the January meeting be cancelled; the motion was seconded by Director Kimball. Motion was passed unanimously.

Chief Hinshaw spoke about some changes with local ambulance companies. As of November 5th or 6th Hughson Ambulance will not be the only ambulance provider in Hughson. Hughson Ambulance is in a non-exclusive zone.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,
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