

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2008

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The flag was saluted.
2. Roll Call – The following agency representatives were present:

John Ellis	CDF-SCU
Chief Brian Weber	City of Ceres
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Chief Jim Miguel	Modesto Fire
Chief Mike Botto	City of Oakdale
Director Walt Luihn	Oakdale Fire District
Chief Bill Kinnear	City of Patterson
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Chief Gary Hinshaw	Stanislaus County Fire Warden
Asst. Chief John Barindelli	Westport Fire District
Director Bob Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Mike Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire District

Also present were: Chad Homme, Ed Bartley, Salida Fire; RaeLene Brown, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Mike Payton, Modesto Fire Department; Ray Jackson, Ken Slamon, Bill Houk, Mimi DeSimoni, Nicole Raabe Fire Warden's Office;

3. Public Comment:
 - Chief Skiles thanked RaeLene and Chief Mayotte for the Fire Chiefs Association Dinner
 - Chief Slamon made note that Dennis Wister of the Building department requested that fire departments confirm jurisdiction when contacting planning.
 - Chief Hinshaw had copies of the Fire Fighters Bill of Rights for everyone.
4. Minutes – Chief Miguel made a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting, Commander Weber seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.
5. Staff Committee Reports
 - 5.1 Management/Finance: Mimi reported that they would begin the process of the proposed budget, completed midyear budget process, has been working with Oakdale Rural Fire Department for the recruitment of admin support, has been working the Fire Prevention Service Levels and also reminded every one about the Form 700.
 - 5.2 Investigations: Chief Payton distributed the December report. Chief Miguel also requested that the Fire Departments handle some of the calls where the origin and cause are clearly evident. He also stated that training could be provided to the departments if needed and that the investigators are always available by phone as well to answer any questions.

- 5.3 Prevention: Chief Slamon handed out the calendar year annual report of Fire Prevention activities. Each district received their own information via e-mail.
- 5.4 Communication: Chad handed out the Communications Report for February 2008, and announced the Communications Advisory Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 1:30pm at the RFTC. There are several grant funded communications projects are underway.
- 5.5 Training: Ed Bartley handed out a training report and announced the Training Advisory Committee meets every first Tuesday of the month at 1000hrs at the RFTC.
- 5.6 Special Operations: Chief Houk handed out a report of last month's activity and is working on a report with a matrix of what resources are available in the county. Chief Hinshaw once again emphasized the importance of NIMSCAST compliance and how it will impact local agencies grant eligibility.

6 Agenda Items

- 6.1 Fire Code Adoption: Chief Slamon reported the County adopted The Revised Code on January 29, 2008 and it will become effective on February 28, 2008. There are 6 districts that have adopted their codes; those codes were taken to the Board for ratification on February 5th. Chief Slamon also requested copies of the City Codes to be able determine the differences between the City/County Codes.
- 6.2 Fire Authority Business Plan for 2008-2009: There was discussion in regards to the Goals and Strategic Plans for the existing 2007-2008 Business Plan. There was request to make a change to bullet 3 of the Fire Authority Goals to state the 6 Services we currently provide: Fire Prevention, Investigations, Training, Finance/Administration, Communications, and Special Operations. Chief Mayotte motion to accept the Goals and Strategic Plans with the noted changes in bullet 3 for the 2008-2009 Business Plan. Director Kimball 2nd the motion. It was a unanimous vote of Yes to accept.

Announcements:

- Director Bob Kimball announced the Fire Directors meeting on 2/18/08 at 7:00pm.
- Chief Miguel announced some of the staffing reductions to address the budget cuts the City is facing.
- The next meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 0900hrs at the RFTC
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The meeting was adjourned at 1040hrs.

Mimi DeSimoni
Clerk of the Board