

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2008

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The flag was saluted.
2. Roll Call – The following agency representatives were present:

Chief Les Alderson	Burbank Paradise
Chief Steve Barrett	Cal Fire-SCU
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Chief Henry Benavides	Keyes Fire Protection District
Chief Jim Miguel	Modesto Fire
Fire Marshal Rick Fields	City of Oakdale Fire
Chief Rob Hoyer	Oakdale Rural Fire District
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Chief Gary Hinshaw	Stanislaus County Fire Warden
Director Bob Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Mike Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire District

Also present were: RaeLene Brown, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Chad Homme, Ed Bartley, Salida Fire; Mike Payton, Modesto Fire Department; Ray Jackson, Ken Slamon, Mike Wilkinson, Mimi DeSimoni, Nicole Raabe Fire Warden's Office; Dennis Wister Stanislaus County Building Department; Kurt Kline, Mark Lockwood, SR911;

3. Public Comment: No Public Comment
4. Minutes – Chief Mayotte made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting, Chief Henry Benavides seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.
5. Staff Committee Reports
 - 5.1 Mimi reported they are currently working with the County Chief Executive Office on the Proposed 08-09 Budget. Chief Skiles reported that they currently have 5 one hour long meetings scheduled with each of the Board of Supervisors.
 - 5.2 Investigations: Chief Payton distributed the February report. Chief Miguel announced that effective April 1st the second investigator changed over to a page-out system.
 - 5.3 Prevention: Chief Slamon handed out the Fire Prevention Activity for February. He discussed the new report that Fire Prevention will be distributing each month. The Building Department has developed the report, which includes all permits issued for the month that required Fire Marshal Review. Chief Slamon reported that he is going to request that the report be expanded to include all permits issued during the month. This will be a good tool for cross-reference.

- 5.4 Communications: Chad handed out a Communications Report with updates on the CAD project, grant application process, Fire Master Frequency List, Wildland 2008, County Wide Radio Study, Fire Pagers and Community needs.
- 5.5 Training: Captain Bartley handed out a training report for March including the Training Log. He also discussed Wildland 2008 and announced that the Training Advisory Committee meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at the RFTC. He encouraged all agencies to send a representative.
- 5.6 Special Operations: Chief Wilkinson discussed NIMS compliance, Wildland 2008, swift- water rescue and confined space rescue. He provided a handout on the work that is currently being done on the County Chief's Association Swift Water Rescue Policy by the Special Operations Coordinator and a work group comprised of representative of several agencies.

6 Agenda Items

- 6.1 Formation of Election/ Nomination Committee. The process for forming the Committee was presented. Mimi, along with Chief Miguel and Chief Barrett volunteered to be on the committee to seek candidates for the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary for the 2008/2009 Fiscal year.
- 6.2 Countywide fire paging tone plan presentation- Chad Homme explained the challenges with the current tone-scheme in the County. Some of the current tones are so low that they can fail to trigger alerting devices. The new plan would replace all low tones with higher ones. There was discussion about the cost to the districts. There was a handout and discussion. Chief Mayotte recommended that a plan be developed and brought back for review. Chief Les Alderson seconded the motion; motion was passed.
- 6.3 Building Department Fee collection- There was discussion regarding the current process wherein the County Building Department collects Developer Fees on behalf of the districts. Mimi gave a brief background on how that agreement came into being. There have been concerns recently about whether the fees have been collected appropriately. Chief Skiles made a suggestion that an ad hoc committee led by Mimi to review the information from each district and take those findings to the Building Department to seek some further clarification and solutions. Mimi will contact those departments that collect fees to set a meeting.

Announcements:

- The next meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 0900hrs at the RFTC
- On April 21, 2008 all Board of Directors are invited to the Stanislaus County Fire Directors Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1017hrs.

Mimi DeSimoni
Clerk of the Board