

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2009 – 8:30 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chief Passalaqua called the meeting to order at 08355 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The follow agency representatives were present:

Cal Fire SCU	Chief Barrett
City of Ceres	Chief Weber
Denair Fire District	Chief Curnow
Keyes Fire	Chief Watt
City of Modesto	Chief Miguel
City of Oakdale	Chief Botto
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Winton
City of Patterson	Chief Kinnear
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief G. Hinshaw
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting was: Shana Jones, CalFire; Mike Kraus, Mike Payton, and Alicia Hinshaw, Modesto Fire; Ray Jackson, Bill Houk, Ken Slamon, Mimi DeSimoni, Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office; Tommy Dick and Chad Homme, Mike Lillie, Ceres Fire; Salida Fire; and Marilyn Smith MVEMSA

3. Public Comment: None

4. Minutes:

Chief Mayotte made a motion to accept the minutes, Chief Winton seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

5. Staff Committee Reports: Written reports were provided with the agenda packet that was e-mailed out. Brief reports were provided by service providers and questions were taken.

5.1 Management, Fiscal and Legislative Report-

5.2 Fire Investigations Report –

5.3 Fire Prevention Report – Chief Slamon noted that the water standards letters were sent to each district, with return response requested. So far, only 4 agencies have responded. He thanked Salida, West Stanislaus, Oakdale Rural and Stanislaus Consolidated for their response.

5.4 Fire Communications Report – Chad reported that distribution of equipment purchased with the AFG grant continues. Portable radios purchased with the Homeland Security grant have been programmed by Chad and Gary Skiles and are being distributed by the Fire Warden's Office.

5.5 Fire Training Report – Tommy Dick of Salida Fire has been assigned as the new Training Coordinator. He introduced himself and expressed his enthusiasm for the assignment and

his plans to get out to all the districts and meet their personnel. He emphasized that he is ready and available to assist with any agency's training needs.

5.6 Special Operations Report – Chief Houk noted that the next Technical Rescue Group meeting scheduled for November 17th will be at 1000 not 0900.

6. Agenda Items

6.1 Operational Area Coordinator Report- Chief Jackson provided copies of the new CFAA document. There are some changes in the document; he encouraged everyone to read through it... At the CICCIS task force meeting, wildland training for structural firefighters was discussed, with less time needed for certification, but not qualification. This fire season there were 4 local fire agency strike team deployments and 1 overhead deployment. Additionally, there were 9 CalEMA deployments. The ICS 100/200 letters will be sent to all the chiefs in January in advance for the 2010 fire season. There has been some discussion on "G-courses" although more information is needed.

6.2 Fire Code Adoption- Chief Slamon presented a power point presentation on the upcoming fire code adoption cycle. His presentation provided comprehensive information regarding the districts authorities and obligations in passing the code, and what the ramifications are for not passing a code. It also detailed a complete timeline for adoption. There was discussion regarding the Board of Supervisors lack of support for residential fire sprinklers or a water standard. Chief Hinshaw advised that standardization and a unified approach will be the key to getting support from the Board. In the SRA there is one code that is enforced without exception.

6.3 December Meeting- Chief Passalaqua said that in the past, we have cancelled the December meeting. Since the Fire Authority has no pressing business coming up, would the members like to cancel the meeting? Chief Mayotte made a motion to cancel the meeting unless and emergency item comes up; Director Kimball seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Other Items: Chief Houk noted that with the December meeting being canceled, this would be his last meeting as the Fire Authority's Special Operations Coordinator. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to work with all of the fire agencies and all of the chiefs. He said that although he will not be in this position anymore, he hopes that the Technical Rescue Group continues on, as it is important work. He looks forward to seeing all of the chiefs at some time in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 0915

Respectfully Submitted,

M. DeSimoni
Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office