

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2009 – 9:30 a.m.
Following Fire Chief’s Association Meeting
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

In the absence of Chief Skiles, Chief Passalaqua called the meeting to order at 1000.

2. Roll Call:

The follow agency representatives were present:

Ceres Fire	Chief Weber
Denair Fire	Chief Curnow
Keyes Fire	Chief Benavides
City of Modesto	Chief Miguel
City of Oakdale	Chief Botto
City of Patterson	Chief Kinnear
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief G. Hinshaw
West Stanislaus Fire	Chief Kinnear
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting were: Michael Lillie, City of Ceres; Mike Kraus, Doug Machado, Modesto Fire; Ray Jackson, Ken Slamon, Mimi DeSimoni, Stanislaus County Fire Warden’s Office; Ed Bartley and Chad Homme, Salida Fire, RaeLene Brown, SCFPD; Scott Newman, CalFire MMU; and Marilyn Smith MVEMSA, Dennis Wister, Stanislaus County Building Department.

3. Public Comment:

Dennis Wister requested that all fire agencies collecting developer fees to please make sure to send the worksheets back to the building department as quickly as possible. Some departments are very difficult to get a hold of, and an alternate phone number would be very helpful. Contact Rick Rodriguez with that information. Dennis will be retiring as of August 14th. He said he appreciated the opportunity to work with the fire agencies.

4. Minutes:

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

5 Staff Committee Reports:

5.1 Management, Fiscal and Legislative Report –Mimi reported that the assessed valuation numbers were available for assistance with budgeting to any district that had not yet obtained them. The Fire Authority Budget Committee will get together again in August to review the final budget and work on the annual report. The budget and report should be ready for the September meeting.

5.2 Fire Investigations Report – Doug Machado reported on the investigation activities in June. The activities were detailed in the reports handed out at the meeting. He advised the group about an individual they are interested in locating. He has destroyed evidence at their fire scene, and misrepresented himself as an investigator.

5.3 Fire Prevention Report – Chief Slamon passed out the Activity Report by District for the month of June.

5.4 Fire Communications Report – Chad Homme provided a report on the communications activities for the month of July. Some of the highlighted items include an update on the AFG grant, fire frequency sharing with Merced County, radio programming the CAD system and the fire RMS project.

5.5 Fire Training Report – Ed Bartley provided a draft calendar with all of the classes that are planned which will meet the certification and qualification set forth by NWCG for mutual aid response. The course work is set up to provide training from the Fire Fighter II level through Engine Boss (Company Officer). The training calendar covered through next April.

5.6 Special Operations Report – Bill Houk reported that the Confined Space Rescue Plan is still out for comment. He has begun work on the Urban Search and Rescue Plan and encourages any agency interested in participating in the formation of the plan to please contact him.

6. Agenda Items

6.1 Operational Area Coordinator Report- Chief Jackson reported on several items:

- The dispatch matrix has been revised based on last month's direction and sent out.
- The Fire Warden's Office is beginning to look at the requalification for next spring.
- There has been on-going discussion with Cal Fire regarding local agreements and the differences between CFAA and Assistance by Hire. The Forest Service has a different interpretation of local agreements as well.
- The CICCIS peer review committee is being reorganized and streamlined.
- A plan was developed in advance of the predicted lightening on the east side of the county.
- Chief Hinshaw provided information on an article from *Fire Engineering Magazine* about a fire department in New York that was sued for a firefighter death, based on liability for NIMS guidelines that weren't followed.

Chief Newman gave an overview of the Assistance by Hire Program

The meeting was adjourned at 1050hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mimi DeSimoni
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