

Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2010– 8:30 a.m.  
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 0835 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	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
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
Westport Fire	Chief Barindelli
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalacqua

Also attending the meeting was: Mike Kraus, Mike Payton and Alicia Hinshaw, Modesto Fire; Mike Lillie, Ceres Fire; Ray Jackson, Ken Slamon, Mimi DeSimoni, Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office; Tommy Dick and Chad Homme, Salida Fire; Marilyn Smith MVEMSA; Rick Ornelas AMR; John Borges, Burtons Fire Apparatus

**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-** Form 700s are due, Mimi requested that all representatives and alternates fill them out and send them in as soon as possible. A brief overview of the mid-year budget was provided. Revenues were lower than expected, especially with the \$90,000 loss due to the Prop. 1A suspension by the state. With the elimination of the Special Operations program, and some other savings from the Fire Wardens Office, expenditures are lower than projected at mid-year.

**5.2 Fire Investigations Report** – Reports were provided with the agenda. Chief Payton reported that there were two arrests last month. There was a question on the arson task force. Chief Payton said they are working on a bigger plan and team to include the FBI and two District Attorneys.

- 5.3 Fire Prevention Report** – Chief Slamon has scheduled meetings with several agencies to present the proposed amendments to the fire code. He noted that residential sprinklers will be required on all homes including attached garages. The Building Industries Association was in favor of the requirement. There are lawsuits pending in some other states.
- 5.4 Fire Communications Report** – Chad reported that AFG Grant for 2010 will open on 4/15. He provided a written report outlining several of the projects he is currently working on including the CAD update, a ROSS demonstration, USA Mobility and the alpha pagers and the meeting he is scheduled to have with CalFire regarding the interference on Command 2.
- 5.5 Fire Training Report** – Training Coordinator Tommy Dick provided information on CICCIS, the upcoming “all-risk” training on May 8, 2010; and information on ARC GIS for map books. He encouraged all agencies to have a representative attend the Training Coordinators monthly meeting.

**6. Agenda Items**

- 6.1 Operational Area Coordinator Report-** Chief Jackson reminded the group that there will be a Region IV Operational Area Coordinators meeting in Grass Valley on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The annual Strike Team refresher will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> in the evening, and April 28<sup>th</sup> in the morning; attendees may attend either one along with the regional “all-risk” exercise on May 8<sup>th</sup> drill. The refresher will include a CalEMA and communications component. Chief Jackson requested that all agencies update their agency information on the SR911 website, and noted the new format of the 100/200 letter that will be mailed to all the chiefs. There has been an issue with reimbursement on an Assistance-By-Hire incident with TCU. The current letter from that unit is from 2003.
- 6.2 Fire Communications Infrastructure Update-**Chad Homme provided a power point presentation on the communications system in Stanislaus County. He discussed the projects that have already been completed, and the phases that are yet to be done. The work has been done with grant funding which, in some cases is being cut back. There are several sites yet to be built out. Chief Hinshaw pointed out that not only do these sites require the initial investment, but there is also an ongoing annual maintenance cost, for which funding has not yet been identified. Chief Skiles discussed the funding challenges- \$10 million dollars is needed for the build out, \$1.5 million has been spent on phase one. This work needs to be done by 2013 to be compliant with FCC regulations. Chief Miguel stated that the only way this can be funded is through public support, possibly as a tax on cell phones and land-lines. Chief Hinshaw believes multiple strategies will be necessary, as tax-payer support is not assured.
- 6.3 Finance Committee-** Chief Skiles requested that the Finance Committee that was established last year meet again to review the projected budget for 2010-2011, in advance of writing the Business Plan. He confirmed that original members: Chief Mayotte, Chief Miguel, Director Kimball, Chief Passalacqua, Chief Hinshaw, and himself were willing to participate again. A meeting will be set to review the budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 0955

Respectfully Submitted,

M. DeSimoni

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