

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 3, 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 Lillie
Keyes Fire	Chief Watt
City of Modesto	Chief Miguel
City of Oakdale	Chief Botto
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Winton
Salida Fire	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County	Chief Hinshaw
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
Westport Fire	Chief Barindelli
Woodland Ave.	Chief Passalqua
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball

Also attending the meeting: Dan Schroeder, Denair Fire; Ken Slamon and Melba Hibbard, Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office; Marilyn Smith, MVEMSA; Mike Kraus, Hugo Patino, Mike Payton, Modesto Fire; Tom Dick, Chad Homme, Salida Fire; Jared Bagwell, Dave Murphy, AMR, and Chief King CalFire TCU.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Minutes: Chief Mayotte made a motion to approve the minutes of the May and Special Meeting held 5/12. Director Kimball seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Staff Committee Reports

5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative: Chief Skiles reported on a few legislative bills going to vote next week including driver-operator testing, and the Emergency Response Initiative. There is a current bill that would change requirements for testing and training for firefighter endorsement.

5.2 Investigations: Chief Payton reported that April was a typical month. There were 30 fires; 14 were arson, 0 accidental and 3 undetermined caused. There were no arrests.

5.3 Fire Prevention: Chief Slamon directed attention to his report included in the agenda packet. The county will be adopting the State Fire Code and there is a meeting scheduled for later in June. By July he will provide a copy of the codes.

Chief Slamon announced there will be Fire Sprinkler Training on September 28 & 29 at Harvest Hall. A flyer will go out soon. The first 4 hours will cover information from State Fire Marshal's Office and will be free; the next 12 hours will be a fee class.

- 5.4 Communications:** Chad reported on several projects he is involved in, including the AFG grant which closed May 28 and awards within 6 months. He attended ROSS training class and the All Risk Drill. He continues work on the CAD implementation and regional fire RMS. There are some technical issues and Chad is working on them.

Chad mentioned the white fire channels bulletin has been posted by CAL FIRE. There will be no reprogramming for the county this year for Region 5 tac channels. Reprogramming will take place at base camp. The next Communications Advisory meeting is next week at the RFTC. A report was distributed.

- 5.5 Training:** Tom Dick reminded everyone of the Stanislaus County Firefighters Training Symposium sponsored by Modesto Fire in September. The final date for in-county registration is June 4th and then will open to outside agencies. Registration and flyers were included in the handouts. Tom thanked everyone for participation in the All Risk Exercise in May. The Exercise went well and was beneficial to everyone.

Agenda Items

- 6.1 Operational Area Coordinator Report:** Chief Hinshaw attended a Region IV meeting in Sacramento. He also reported the Dispatch Matrix for this year has been completed with latest responses. The FRO program staffing is thin this year. Those still in the program will be working with SR911 to post a calendar and daily status reports. There will also be a meeting with SR911 and affected agencies concerning I-5 corridor fires. Notification is not happening as it should. Chief Hinshaw met with Northern Cal Chiefs and voted to establish an emergency management section. Chief Hinshaw attended CSTI training to create emergency management mutual aid and assistance. They hope to create 2 or 3 teams available to go state-wide. To participate will require professional certifications & qualifications. A Golden Guardian- Region IV exercise is planned for next May. Our county is going to participate. If anyone is interested in participating they need to let Chief Hinshaw know and attend upcoming meeting.

- 6.2 2010-2011 Business Plan:**
Motion to approve Chief Barrett, seconded by Chief Mayotte. No comments. Passed unanimously. Thanks to Mimi for administering the document.

- 6.3 Fire Works Task Force**
Chief Payton gave an update on the Fire Works Task Force. The staffing schedule for July 2,3, and 4 is from 4:00 p.m. to midnight; more information will be provided prior to the date. If an agency seizes any fireworks there is State Fire Marshal paperwork that must be completed. Forms must be included in the package of seized fireworks. Our area saw a huge decrease last year in illegal

fireworks. There was low call volume and no major incidents. The Fire Warden's Office will have an IAP out to everyone by first week of July. Cal FIRE will also provide an IAP and handle as they have in the past few years. There will be a June 25th press conference with the fireworks industry, City of Modesto, and the Sheriff's Office.

6.4 Building Department Administrative Fees

There was a special meeting held May 12th in regards to proposed administrative fees in the county ordinance. There was a unanimous vote by the fire service to take a stand against the administrative fees. The concerns were voiced to county officials and they supported fire's request to pull the fire administrative fee out of the ordinance. There will continue to be discussion and work between the county and fire agencies on this topic. Thanks to Chief Hinshaw for carrying message to County.

Chief Miguel announced he has accepted a job as Fire Chief in Livermore/Pleasanton and will start July 6th. Chief Kraus will be interim chief. There will be a farewell celebration at the RFTC on July 1st. Fliers will go out to all fire agencies and everyone is invited to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Hibbard
Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office