

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

Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The following agency representatives were present:

CalFire SCU	Chief Jones
City of Ceres	Chief Lillie
City of Oakdale	Chief Botto
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Botto
Patterson	Chief Hall
Salida Fire	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Hinshaw
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball

Also Present: Hugo Patino, Mike Payton, Alicia Hinshaw, Modesto Fire; Ray Jackson, Mimi DeSimoni, Ken Slamon, Fire Warden's Office; Chad Homme, Stuart Dutter, Salida Fire; Marilyn Smith, MVEMSA; Paul Speer, CalFire TCU.

3. Public Comment:

- Director Kimball announced that as November 30th, Chief Kinnear is retiring. Chief Hall has been appointed as interim chief.
- CalFire sent out a memo on 11/1 indicating that fire season had ended and stations are being staffed accordingly.
- Chief Thompson's retirement party is being held Saturday, November 6th at Westport Fire.
- St. Joseph's annual Blue Mass honoring all first responders will be held Saturday January 8th. All are invited to attend.
- Planning for strike team leader refresher training is starting now. Chief Jackson requested a copy of department's shift calendars. The refresher will be for all CICC positions and will include a CalEMA component and a practical application of skills.
- There is a Cal LAFCO course on Friday regarding Fire Service Challenges.

4. Approval of Minutes: Director Kimball made motion to approve the minutes; Chief Lohman seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

5. Staff / Committee Reports

- 5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi reported that the funding for the regional fire RMS had been approved by the Public Facilities Fee Committee, now it has to go to the Board of Supervisors. The Quarterly Fire District Managers Meeting will be held on December 1st. The new Auditor Controller will attend to learn about fire district issues and concerns.
- 5.2 Fire Investigations- Chief Payton reported that September losses were incredibly low. Chief Botto had a significant house fire, he noted that Oakdale was pleased with the high quality of service they received from the Modesto investigators.
- 5.3 Fire Prevention- Report was sent out with agenda. Chief Hinshaw spoke regarding the fire code adoption process. He has met with all the Supervisors to explain the Code and the additional requirements by districts. He expects that the County will consider their code adoption in December, with the districts codes to follow.
- 5.4 Fire Communications- Chad went over items in his report including regional fire RMS, regional MDC grant, narrow-banding, and CAD. The CAD go-live date is still in affect.
- 5.5 Fire Training- Stuart reported on classes coming up. The trench rescue, Haz-Mat IC, and Confined Space Rescue classes all filled up. He inquired whether more classes were needed. Information was sent with the agenda.
- 5.6 EMS –Alicia reported on the exposure reporting workgroup that has been meeting. They have prepared all the OSHA mandated documents and will set a date in January for training. Agency needs assessment is ongoing and vaccinations are continuing through Public Health. New information on “Excited Delirium” is coming out. She recently learned more about this topic through law-enforcement.

6. Agenda Items

- 6.1 Radio Infrastructure Project-**Lucian Thomas of SR-911 provided a comprehensive presentation on the communications systems in Stanislaus County. He provided a brief history of dispatch and said that from 1983 until about 2005 there was little improvement in the infrastructure for communications; this created many problems. Since 2005, there has been significant work done. Grant funding has focused on interoperability- approximately 99% of the funding for the improvements came from grants, with little local money. A consultant’s study suggested that in order to bring the system to where it should be, it would require a \$78 million investment. Absent that level of funding, they will continue to move forward as a slower pace than desired. There were questions regarding the priority of projects. There was discussion about funding challenges and opportunities. Chief Botto thanked Lucian for attending his City Council meeting and explaining the problems that occurred with a delayed dispatch.

The December meeting was cancelled by a unanimous vote. The next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi DeSimoni
Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office