

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2011– 8:30 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The following agency representatives were present:

CalFire SCU	Chief Barrett
City of Ceres	Chief Lillie
Denair Fire	Chief Doerksen
Keyes Fire	Chief Watt
City of Modesto	Chief Kraus
Patterson	Chief Hall
Salida Fire	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Hinshaw
Westport Fire	Chief Barindelli
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalacqua

Also Present: Shana Jones, Cal Fire- SCU; 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; Bret Presson, Westport Fire; Dave Murphy, AMR.

Guests- Chief Powell- CalEMA and Chief DiAmbroggi- Region IV Coordinator

3. Public Comment:

- St. Joseph's annual Blue Mass honoring all first responders will be held Saturday, January 8, 10:00 a.m., all faiths are invited to attend.

4. Approval of Minutes: Director Kimball made motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting, Chief Mayotte seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

5. Staff / Committee Reports

- 5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi reported on the meeting of fire district managers that took place in December. The newly elected County Auditor attended the meeting and was interested in hearing about district concerns. She is interested in developing a good relationship with the districts. Mimi is hoping to get the new Assessor at the next meeting.
- 5.2 Fire Investigations- Reports were distributed. Noteworthy fire on January 3rd in mobile home, a civilian was injured.
- 5.3 Fire Prevention- Report was sent out with agenda. Chief Hinshaw spoke regarding the fire code adoption process; the County will adopt on 1/18/11 and district

codes will be considered on January 25th. He has met with all the Supervisors to explain the Code, and the additional requirements by districts. He encouraged all districts to be there to support the ratification of their codes when they are presented.

- 5.4 Fire Communications- Chad went over items in his report including narrow-banding. That has been a very time-consuming project over the last month.
- 5.5 Fire Training- Stuart reported on classes coming up. Turlock is hosting a leadership class; flyers were available. Chief Jackson discussed an S-430 class and other certified courses coming up. Courses were chosen with the objective of creating an incident management team within the County. These courses are being funded through Home-Land Security grant funding with Cal-Fire instructors teaching many of the classes.
- 5.6 EMS – Alicia presented the Exposure Reporting Binder that has been developed. Funding for the binders will be discussed at the Chief’s meeting. There are several Exposure Reporting training opportunities scheduled in February

6. Agenda Items

- 6.1 **CAD Project-** Chief Hinshaw reported that the technical team has reported to the executive team that there are still issues with the mobile component and they don’t think the system is stable enough to go live. Until they are completely confident in the system, they will postpone the date. Chad thought it would be a month or two. The mobile client has to be installed on all the MDCs which will take him a couple of weeks. A quantity order will be made for the new map books. Salida Fire will be the central point of contact for the order. P.O.s need to be issued and sent to Salida Fire by January 17th.
- 6.2 **State Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid-** Chief DiAmbroggi addressed a new document the state has issued regarding mutual aid. This document replaced what used to be called the “Seven Points of Light.” Much of the same language is in the new document. It outlines the mutual-aid system, and how the system will be used. Chief Powell discussed some of the specifics. All local resources must be exhausted before requests are made, unless you already have agreements with the State. Requests will be made of the closest available resources, regardless of whose resources they are. (They could be federal resources). You cannot use outside resources and send yours home, and you must support them logistically. There must be an imminent threat to life and property. Chief Hinshaw questioned whether the Operational Area Coordinator would be made aware if there is a cost when the request is placed. The answer was not clear, although the Region Coordinator said that there would certainly be conversation at the time the order was made if there was going to be a cost. Chief Skiles noted that it is important that all agencies become signatory to the State Master Mutual Aid Agreement. Chief Powell encouraged all agencies to attend the Cal EMA workshop on January 20th at the CalEMA headquarters.
- 6.3 **AB 1648 – Jeffries Bill-** DMV notified Salida that they needed to prepare for the new requirements. DMV has backed off of testing for firefighter endorsements. They are leaving it to the agencies to test their people themselves. This will leave the agency with the responsibility and liability for certifying their drivers. Chief

Skiles encouraged each agency to have a policy and program in place. NFPA 1002 is a standard that is being used.

6.4 Brown Act/CalAware- Mimi reported that there is a new organization that is keeping an eye on Brown Act agenda violations. There are specific violations there are looking for and will sue districts to gain compliance. The four main violations they are looking for relate to closed sessions for litigation, compensation, property negotiations, and for surprise agenda items as a matter of convenience. If Districts need any education on the Brown Act, there are several options. Contact the Training Coordinator if you like to have training brought to your district.

6.5 Special District Compensation Reporting- Mimi reported on the State Controller requirements for all public agencies to report compensation paid. District compliance was due by December 13th. There is a fine, and districts that have not complied will be published on their web-site. If you have not complied and have questions, contact Mimi.

Chief Kraus gave an update on the Regional Fire Plan. The JPA is going to the governing Boards next week for approval. There is still much work to do for the transition. Other agencies have expressed interest; discussions will begin soon. Chief Hinshaw noted that pension reform may become an issue driving Phase II to happen more quickly. Chief Watt wants Phase II to happen soon, he is disappointed not to be included in the first phase, but is very supportive of the project.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi DeSimoni
Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office