

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2012– 8:30 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The flag was saluted.

2. **Roll Call:**

The following agency representatives were present:

City of Ceres	Chief Nicholes
Denair Fire District	Chief Doerkesen
Keyes Fire	Chief Klevmyr
City of Modesto	Chief Slamon
Mountain View Fire	Chief Melo
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Mayotte
City of Patterson	Chief Breasher
Salida Fire District	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County	Chief Hinshaw
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
Westport Fire	Chief Hackett
West Stanislaus Fire	Chief Breasher
Woodland Ave Fire	Chief Pasalaqua

Also Present: Mike Payton, Chad Homme, Mimi Jackson, Modesto Regional Fire Authority; Marilyn Smith, MVEMSA

Guests- Battalion chief Alan Ernst, MRFA, Marjorie Blom, LAFCO, Sheri Steel , Life Assist

3. **Public Comment:** Ryan Winton spoke regarding the annual Training Symposium being planned for October.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Chief Mayotte made motion to approve the minutes of the March 2012 meeting, Chief Barrett seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

5. **Staff / Committee Reports**

5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi provided a budget update for Fiscal Year 11-12. She also presented information on the billing of Fire RMS and MDC programs. MDC costs have not been billed since September, they will be back-billed to all agencies that were using the system. All bills for this fiscal year will be billed on an annual or semi-annual basis.

5.2 Fire Investigations- Reports for April, May and June were distributed.

5.3 Fire Prevention- Report was provided, now on a quarterly basis. Any questions, contact Chief Payton. Chief Passalaqua requested that his prevention reports be provided in the previous format. The Crystal report has to be re-written. As soon as that is done the report will be sent out.

5.4 Fire Communications- Chad reported on MDC system changes. Fire RMS – since Deborah Espinoza left we have a vacancy in our IT division, we do have an individual working on it, if you have questions or issues let Chad know. It is very important to reprogram your radios for narrow banding. Communications Advisory and OTAC are going to be combined. There were questions regarding when Hiplink will be up and running. SR-911 is still working on it.

6. **Agenda Items**

- 6.1 LAFCO- Chief Skiles thanked Chief Mayotte for getting the LAFCO questionnaire out in a Word document. Chief Skiles appealed to all agencies to fill the forms out and get them in to Marjorie Blom at LAFCO. There was discussion regarding how the responses may be interpreted.
- 6.2 Integrated Public Safety System Project- Chief Skiles re-capped the CAD project, which has finally been accepted. It has been a very detailed and complex 6 year process. The Formal Project Closure Report was distributed.
- 6.3 Regional Fire Training Center- Chief Hinshaw gave an overview of the history of the Regional Fire Training Center. Originally, it was envisioned that the Center would be marketed to help offset costs. The City, County, Fire Districts and College District have shared the operational costs. The agreement for cost sharing has expired and the college wants Chief Hinshaw to sign on behalf of the Districts, which he cannot do. The facility is 20 years old and needs a lot of upgrades; the benefits and value of the Center were discussed. Each agency needs to decide what their level of participation will be. He suggested a one year contract extension, at the reduced rate identified by John Sola, while a new agreement is negotiated. Chief Mayotte made a motion to leadership to draft a letter to the college to request a new agreement be written. Chief Nicholes seconded the motion, the motion was passed unanimously.
- 6.4 Mobile Data Computer Billing- The annual billing amounts and process was outlined and discussed. The group agreed that a semi-annual billing was acceptable.
- 6.5 Operational Area Coordinator –
- It was a very busy month with the strike team deployments. Chief Skiles outlined the strike team leader and trainee process that is in place.
 - Chief Hinshaw thanked all of the strike teams and XST4203C in particular. They were in an area that he has property
 - New equipment will be required for FEMT positions. Information was e-mailed out.
 - All agencies that have grant funded equipment will receive a letter from OES to verify what you have. Please respond back so that the information will be available for audit.

The meeting was adjourned at 1010 hrs.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi Jackson
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Modesto Regional Fire Authority