

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

1. 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:

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

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

Guests- Pedro Mendez and John Sola, Modesto Community College District

3. **Public Comment:** None

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

5. **Staff / Committee Reports**

- 5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Chief Skiles spoke on the report from Legislative Analyst Office regarding property taxes in California. It is very comprehensive document with valuable information. He also spoke briefly on the State's fire tax and the effects it may have in some of the districts within the SRA. There have been questions from residents that reside in the SRA. Diablo Grande is looking at getting out of the SRA. Chief Lohman and Chief Hall reported on the Fire Districts Association (FDAC) and Cal Chiefs conferences and some of the issues that were discussed. ISO is evaluating several of the agencies in the County. The cities of Newman and Oakdale have had their reviews recently. There is a class on ISO coming up on January 14th in Clovis.
- 5.2 Fire Investigations- Reports for August-October were distributed. There was discussion regarding gas explosions due to appliances being stolen and gas left on.
- 5.3 Fire Prevention- Report was provided for August-October. Any questions, contact Chief Payton.
- 5.4 Fire Communications- Chad Homme provided a written and verbal report. He has been working on an issue with SR911 that affected the on duty personnel in the MDC system, there has been work done on narrow-banding, hip-link training was provided at the Communications Advisory Committee, He discussed how the weather causes bleed-over on our communications system.

6. **Agenda Items**

- 6.1 Conflict of interest-The Conflict of Interest statement has to be reviewed on a biennial basis. This year there is an amendment required regarding the filing office. In the past the Form 700 was filed with the administrative office of the Fire Authority and then to the Board of Supervisors. The amendment makes the administrative office the final filing location of the forms. Chief Mayotte votes to approve the amendment, Chief Nicholes seconded the motion. Motion was passed.
- 6.2 Regional Fire Training Center- The 20 year agreement between the City, County, Fire Districts and the Community College District regarding the Regional Fire Training Center has come to an end. Pedro Mendez spoke on behalf of the president of the College about the agreement, and what the intent of the partnership is. A shorter agreement is the reality in today's climate; that will allow performance objectives to be better addressed. He provided a document and discussed training and education goals. Decisions need to be made prior to the new agreement being written by July 1, 2013. Chief Hinshaw spoke regarding the original intent of the center, where we are today, and what some potential uses might be in the future. Pedro spoke regarding the fact that the training center is now receiving attention by the instructional group within the college. The group agreed upon the benefits of having good local training and offered suggestions on how the college might offer some alternatives to the classes only at the Modesto site. John Sola discussed some potential upgrades in technology and the library. Special meetings will be held with a larger group then this will be on the agenda in March and a draft contract will be presented.
- 6.3 Operational Area Coordinator – Chief Jones from Cal-Fire has changed assignments and will no longer be in the SCU unit. Chief Barrett will be retiring in March. This County has had a great relationship with SCU thanks to them. The red-card issue is coming, each chief will have to sign.

The meeting was adjourned at 1010 hrs.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi Jackson
Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office
Modesto Regional Fire Authority