

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2014– 10:00 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chief Passalaqua called the meeting to order at 0835 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The follow agency representatives were present:

Burbank Paradise	Chief Golling
Cal-Fire	Chief Chew
Ceres Fire	Chief Nicholes
Keyes Fire	Chief Klevmyr
City of Modesto	Chief Payton
City of Oakdale	Chief Wapnowski
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Wapnowski
City of Patterson	Chief Hall
Salida Fire District	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Wapnowski
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Skiles
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
West Stanislaus Fire	Chief Hall
Woodland Ave.	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting: Chief Gary Humphrey, CalOES; Ron Cripe, RFTC; Chief Michael Wilkinson, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Marilyn Smith, Thomas Morton, MVEMS; Eric Holly, Chad Homme, Francine Gutierrez, Stanislaus County Fire Warden/OES

3. Public Comment: None

4. Minutes: Chief Lohman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2014 meeting. Chief Nicholes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Staff Committee Reports

5.1 Administrative:

Chief Dale Skiles introduced new employees Eric Holly, Deputy Fire Warden/Deputy Director OES and Francine Gutierrez, Finance Manager.

5.2 Investigations:

Report for August 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014 was included in the agenda packet. Chief Payton reported there were 66 fires, 1 arrest in Riverbank and a fatality on La Grange Road during this reporting period.

5.3 Fire Prevention:

Report for August 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014 was included in the agenda packet. Chief Skiles reported some customer service additions to the One-Stop-Shop on the 3rd floor at Tenth Street Place to allow for an on-line permitting process. County Fire Prevention Bureau is now located on the 3rd floor which enhances the One-Stop-Shop experience. Denny Ferreira has been named to replace Steve Treat in the building department. He will serve as an interim until a permanent appointment is made. Chief Passalaqua suggested that Denny be invited to address the Fire Authority in the near future as well as someone from the Air Pollution District to address the Fire Chiefs Association.

5.4 Communications:

Chad Homme reported the CAD project with Tiburon continues to move forward. Tiburon will be here the week of January 5, 2015 to continue work on this project. Chad reported he is evaluating the Next Generation ICS (NICS) system. He will have more information in the near future. Chad is attending webinars as well as meetings on the FirstNet project. This will be a multi-year project but will have great benefits to public safety. Included in the agenda packet is an article titled "FirstNet devotes half its budget to RFP development." If you have any communications needs, please contact Chad.

Chief Skiles requested to present an Operational Area Update at this time since he had to leave early due to some mandatory training. He reported on the following items:

- There are some areas of concern within the State due to the current rain storm relating to flooding in low-lying areas and with run off of the King Fire area. The REOC is activated at a level 2.
- The County Board of Supervisors recently accepted a report on the flood response along San Joaquin River, required by DWR. Effected local agencies worked on the response.
- The Fire Warden's office is looking into upgrading the air trailer. Newer bottles exceed the capacity of the compressor. They are working with Bauer and Westport Fire to determine the cost to upgrade
- Region IV Coordinator, Mark D'Ambrogi is retiring and elections will be held later in December to replace him.
- The first five new type 3 OES engines for Region IV will be placed in Sacramento. Chief Humphrey added there may be another 5 to come to Region IV. Their goal is to have two strike teams in every region statewide.

Chief Humphrey and Chief Hall gave an update on CFAA. There have been many roadblocks but they are still hopeful it will be complete and ready for implementation on January 1, 2015. One of the major issues is paying volunteers for hours worked vs. portal to portal. Local fire agencies are urged to provide documentation, such as an MOU, side letter, policy or union agreement, that states their volunteers will be paid portal to portal. If the documentation is not in place, volunteers will only be paid for hours worked. Chief Hall has a template for any interested agencies. If your agency does not plan to respond

at all, please let Chief Humphrey know. Training will be provided once the CFAA has been signed.

6. Announcements

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 0915 hrs. Motion to adjourn was made by Chief Hall, seconded by Chief Nicholes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Hibbard
Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office