

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chief Passalaqua called the meeting to order at 0840 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The follow agency representatives were present:

Burbank Paradise	Chief Golling
Denair Fire	Chief Schroeder
Keyes Fire	Chief Klevmyr
City of Modesto	Chief Slamon
City of Oakdale	Chief Wapnowski
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Wapnowski
City of Patterson	Chief Breasher
Salida Fire District	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Wapnowski
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Skiles
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting: Ron Cripe, RFTC; Eric Holly, Stanislaus County Fire Warden; Dave Hutchinson, District Attorney/Fire Investigation Unit; Joel Broumas, SR911; Richard Murdock, MVEMSA; Ed Sears and Dustin Bruley, Fire Investigation Unit

3. Public Comment: None

4. Minutes:

Chief Wapnowski made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting. Chief Slamon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Director Kimball made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept 3, 2015 minutes. Chief Wapnowski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Staff Committee Reports

- 5.1 Administrative:** Chief Skiles reported that County map books have not been updated for 5-6 years but will be available again soon. The Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office will contact local vendors for printing the books at a bulk rate and notify fire agencies of cost. Fire agencies can then order the number they need. Updates will be available via email and can be inserted in the books as

agencies desire. SR911 staff, Tina Graver, is working on the map book updates and will have an electronic version ready by mid-January with hard copy books following.

Chief Skiles also reported at the March 2016 meeting the draft Fire Authority Business Plan will be available. Increased revenue is anticipated. If you have any suggestions on programs or equipment that would help your agency and could be included in next year's plan, please let him know.

He further discussed the EMS System Enhancement Funds. An agenda item is going to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors on December 15 to reconfirm how those funds can be expended. He suggested ideas of: standardized AEDs for every first out unit in Stanislaus County, EMS jackets for every firefighter. Richard Murdock stated there are three top goals on use of funds. The top two relate to communications and the third is for training/education/supplies. There is approximately \$2.6 million in the fund now. These funds are payment by ambulance providers of non-compliance fines. It was suggested an EMS Workgroup be formed to determine ideas on the best use of funding for the fire agencies and that the workgroup report to the Fire Chief's Association at their January 2016 meeting. Requests for funding would come from the Fire Chief's Association and should be made sooner rather than later.

- 5.2 **Investigations:** Dave Hutchinson reported on the Fire Investigation Unit. The FIU officially started up on October 1, 2015. Logistical issues for the FIU are being resolved. He stated the FIU will provide monthly updates for their jurisdiction at any Fire Chief's request. He reminded Chiefs that the current MOU will expire June 30, 2016 so it's time to prepare the next MOU. Report for August 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015 was included in the agenda packet.
- 5.3 **Fire Prevention:** Chief Skiles gave the Fire Prevention report. He introduced the newest FPB staff member, Erik Klevmyr, who started Monday as a Fire Prevention Specialist. The Fire Code adoption process is underway for adoption by 2017. Chief Payton added there are no major changes but smaller changes to the code. He also asked that if Fire Chief's hear of a problem with Viking heads (residential only) that they let him know. There have been reported issues of sprinkler activation without a fire and the company is working on it. Report for August 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015 was included in the packet.
- 5.4 **Communications:** Chief Skiles gave the Communications report in Chad Homme's absence. He reported a delay in the recording of new roads which causes a delay in mapping. The process is being identified and streamlined as SR911 works on updating the map books. There continues to be interference between the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department and our Command 3 channel. SR911 is working on a timeline and identifying funding to correct this issue. Joel Broumas, SR911, reported that the Diablo Grande radio system project is moving

forward. They are currently awaiting proof of insurance from the vendor then equipment can be ordered and installed. Full written report was included in the agenda packet.

- 5.5 Training:** – Ron Cripe reported that finals for the Fall 2015 semester are next week. The Spring 2016 academy looks full at 30 students. They are working toward a May (Summer 2016 semester) start for the paramedic training program. The Facility Operator position, previously held by Erik Klevmyr, is open for recruitment with a desire to be filled by February or March. Until then, a student worker is helping out. Ron will calendar the 2016 Fire Authority meetings at the RFTC.

- 6. Agenda Items**
None noted.

- 7. Announcements:**
The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2016 at the RFTC.

(2016 Fire Authority meetings will be held at the RFTC, March 3, June 2, September 1 and December 1 at 0830 hrs.)

Meeting was adjourned by Chief Passalaqua at 0915 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Hibbard
Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office