

Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2019, 0830 hrs.  
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA



**1. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Meeting called to order by Chair, Chief Alan Ernst at 0830 hrs. The flag was saluted.

**2. Roll Call:**

The follow agency representatives /alternates were present:

Burbank Paradise Fire	Chief Golling
Cal-Fire	Absent
City of Ceres	Chief Wise
Denair Fire	Absent
Hughson Fire	Absent
Keyes Fire	Chief Klevmyr
City of Modesto	Chief Ernst
Mountain View Fire	Absent
City of Newman	Absent
City of Oakdale	Chief Whorton
Oakdale Rural Fire	Chief Whorton
City of Patterson	Chief Gregory
Salida Fire	Absent
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Whorton
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Murdock
City of Turlock	Chief Talloni
Turlock Rural Fire	Absent
Westport Fire	Absent
West Stanislaus Fire	Chief Gregory
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting: Eric Holly, Chad Homme, Francine Gutierrez, Melba Hibbard, Stanislaus County OES / Fire Warden; Dave Hutchinson, Ed Sears, Fire Investigation Unit; Wendy Silva, SR911; Chris Bernardi, Burbank Paradise; Chief White, Turlock; Craig Lundquist, Denair; Ron Cripe, RFTC; Chief Lillie, Modesto; Lance Doyle, MVEMSA

**3. Public Comment:**

None

**4. Approval of the January 10, 2019 Minutes:**

Chief Murdock made a motion to approve the minutes. Chief Whorton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**5. Staff / Committee Reports**

**5.1 Fire Investigation Report**

Ed Sears reported a total of 139 investigations during the reporting period of November 2018-January 2019; 99 structure fires, 25 vehicle fires, 5 vegetation fires, and 10 trash/dumpster/other. The total Modesto Fire Department investigations – 64; County agencies – 75. A summary report was included in the agenda packet.

**5.2 Fire Prevention Report**

Chief Klevmyr reported the FPB completed the initial inspections on 55 schools; final inspection on 52 schools. An additional 21 schools from the Stanislaus Consolidated and Oakdale Rural districts were added in late 2018. 21 initial inspections have been completed. Hotels/Motel inspections will be completed in April/May. Fireworks season is underway. 5 vegetation complaints have been received since the first of 2019. He also reported the adoption of the new code will be later this year. They are considering pallet yards/wrecking yards and water tender fees. A full report was included in the agenda packet.

**5.3 Fire Communication Report**

Chad Homme reported on the CAD/MDC issues. He met with fire agencies, SBT and Verizon to resolve issues. Problems with Hughson Fire have been resolved. Stanislaus Consolidated and Ceres are still being worked on. He has been gathering quotes for the radio infrastructure project. CalFire reports there will not be any changes that would require a countywide radio reprogramming for the 2019 fire season. A full report was included in the agenda packet.

**5.4 Fire Training Report**

Ron Cripe gave a verbal report stating all Spring 2019 semester courses are full. Additional Haz-Mat training courses will be offered in June and the fall. A-G series courses will be offered in the fall as well.

**5.5 Administration and Support Report**

The Admin/Support Report will be included in item 6.1

**5.6 Business Plan Committee Report**

The Business Plan Committee Report will be included in item 6.1

**6. Agenda Items:**

- 6.1 Consideration and Approval to Recommend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Fire Authority Business Plan to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for Approval.

Chief Murdock presented a power point presentation on the recommendations included in the 2019-2020 Business Plan. This plan is a status quo plan and will go to the Board of Supervisors in March for approval. The intention is to revise the Plan after some research and recommendations from the FIU and Training Sub-Committees and take it back to the Board of Supervisors in June as a non-consent item. Meetings with each Supervisor will be conducted prior to the June meeting.

Chief Passalaqua made a motion to approve. Chief Murdock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**7. Announcements:**

- 7.1 The next Special Meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2019, 0830, Regional Fire Training Center
- 7.2 The next Regular meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2019, 0830, Regional Fire Training Center

Meeting adjourned at 0900 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office