

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2020, 830 hrs.
Fire Warden's Office, 3705 Oakdale Rd, Modesto



1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order by Chair, Chief Murdock at 830 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	Absent
Denair Fire	Aaron Mundello
Hughson Fire	Absent
Keyes Fire	Chief Klevmyr
City of Modesto	Chief Ernst
Mountain View Fire	Clay Hoobler
City of Newman	Chief Bowen
City of Oakdale	Chief Ernst
Oakdale Rural Fire	Chief Ernst
City of Patterson	Chief Gregory
Salida Fire	Chief Burns
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Clint Bray
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Murdock
City of Turlock	Chief Carlson
Turlock Rural Fire	Chief Colbert
Westport Fire	Steve Brush
West Stanislaus Fire	Chief Gregory
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting: Chief Klevmyr, Chad Homme and Chris Parnell, Stanislaus County Fire Warden; Brooke Freeman, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office; Dustin Bruley, Fire Investigation Unit; Desiderio Calzada, SR911; Mike Lillie, City of Modesto; John Boer, Woodland Ave Fire; and Rod Flora, Fire Chaplain.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Approval of Minutes:

4.1 Approval of the September 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes

Chief Klevmyr made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris Parnell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Staff / Committee Reports:

5.1 Fire Investigation Report

- Dustin Bruley reported there were 169 investigations during the reporting period that included 2 fatal fires and 16 arrests. A summary report was included in the agenda packet.

5.2 Fire Prevention Report

- Chief Klevmyr reported on behalf of Chief Crook. Fire Prevention staff are currently working on school inspections, hotels and motels and vegetation complaints. Detailed report included with agenda packet.

5.3 Fire Communications Report

- Communications Coordinator Chad Homme reported:
 - He has arranged a demonstration of the new MDC computers for Fire Agencies. Dell, GeTac, and Panasonic will all have units to view at the Communications Advisory Committee meeting on 12/8/20.
 - AB109 project continues on schedule.
 - All equipment from USDD for the Phoenix alerting has been ordered and is in the process of being received.
 - All of the new voice pagers are ordered and expected to arrive prior to January 1st.
 - Mobile radio installation is taking place and all agencies will be contacted as your installs get closer.
 - We are changing the Everbridge caller ID to 88911 for Public Safety Agency messaging effective 12/03/2020.

5.4 Administration & Support Report

- Finance Manager Brooke Freeman provided a copy on the RFA Budget Actuals for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
- A vehicle was ordered for the Fire Investigation Unit.
- Chief Murdock sent a copy of the draft HazMat MOU to Chief Ernst for review.

5.5 Reports from Fire Authority member agencies

- The Keyes Fire Chief has stepped down. Raj Singh is interim Chief.
- City of Patterson is hiring Paramedics.
- Salida is hiring Engineers.

6. Agenda Items:

6.1 Approval to move the Fire Chaplain Program under the Regional Fire Authority

Chief Murdock presented the Fire Chaplain Program. Fire Chaplain's trained for the program are Rod Flora, Tera Wise, Richard Murdock, Erik Klevmyr and Chris Parnell.

Motion made by Steve Brush to approve. Second by Chief Passalaqua. Motion passed.

6.2 Approval to develop a process for agencies to request funding for Benefit Assessments

Chief Murdock spoke about developing a process for the unincorporated fire districts to request one-time financial assistance from the RFA fund balance to conduct a benefit assessment. Chief Klevmyr explained the process he went through at Keyes Fire. Chief Passalaqua explained how his process was successful. Need to establish a committee.

Motion made by Chief Passalaqua to approve. Second by Chief Ernst. Motion passed.

6.3 Cares Funding

Chief Murdock provided presentation.

6.4 AB 109 Update

Chief Klevmyr provided presentation with project timeline. Hiring a project manager for the tower project coming soon. Phoenix G2 will help dispatchers with time. Also working on radio towers in Del Puerto Canyon which is not part of AB109.

6.5 Lexipol Policy Generator

Chief Klevmyr states we are moving forward with providing to fire agencies to assist with consistent policies throughout all agencies.

6.6 Kobe Bryant Act AB2655

Chief Murdock states there will be misdemeanor charges filed if first responders take pictures at incident scenes and post online or on social media. Chief Murdock asks that agencies protect their staff by sharing this information.

7. Announcements:

- 7.1** The next Regular meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2021, 8:30 a.m., Regional Fire Training Center

Meeting adjourned at 0950 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Casi Persons
Clerk of the Board