

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022, 830 hrs.
Fire Warden's Office, 3705 Oakdale Rd, Modesto



1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order by Chief Murdock at 0830 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The following agency's representative / alternate were in attendance:

Burbank Paradise Fire	Chief Bernardi
Cal-Fire	Absent
City of Ceres	Chief Tietjen
Denair Fire	Absent
Hughson Fire	Absent
Keyes Fire	Absent
City of Modesto	Chief Tietjen
Mountain View Fire	Absent
City of Newman	Chief Bowen
City of Oakdale	Chief Tietjen
Oakdale Rural Fire	Chief Tietjen
City of Patterson	Chief Frye
Salida Fire	Chief Burns
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Tietjen
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Murdock
City of Turlock	Chief Tietjen
Turlock Rural Fire	Absent
West Stanislaus Fire	Chief Frye
Westport Fire	Absent
Woodland Ave Fire	Chief Passalacqua

Also attending the meeting: Chief Klevmyr, Chief Parnell, Chief Jenkins, Ruben Wegner and Chad Homme, Stanislaus County Fire Warden; Desiderio Calzada, SR911; Dustin Bruley, FIU; Chief Boer, Woodland Ave Fire; Rod Flora, Fire Chaplain and Chris Jelinek, City of Modesto.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Approval of Minutes:

4.1 Approval of the September 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes

Motion to approve made by Chief Tietjen, seconded by Chief Bernardi, motion passed.

4.2 Approval of the December 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes

Motion to approve made by Chief Bernardi, seconded by Chief Passalacqua, motion passed.

5. Staff / Committee Reports:

5.1 Fire Investigation Report

A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet. County Council has signed off on the Draft MOU. Due to the retirement of Chief Gomez we are covering the City of Turlock now.

5.2 Fire Prevention Report

A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet. Nothing further to report.

5.3 Fire Communications Report

A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet. Chief Tietjen voiced his concern for RMS. Chief Klevmyr stated the RMS server is old and they are working on what to do for the future.

5.4 Fire Chaplain Report

A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet. There is discussion of the Sheriff's Dept Chaplain program joining the Fire Chaplain program.

5.5 Administration & Support Report

Chief Klevmyr stated he has been helping Stanislaus Consolidated with some admin assistance. If others need assistance, contact Chief Klevmyr, he would be happy to help with admin or grants.

5.6 HazMat/Tech Rescue

Providing training

5.7 Training

- Fire Warden's office is in the process of providing a Volunteer Fire Academy to 5 depts.
- MCS's Academy is starting March 15th.

5.8 EMS

- Working on a new fee schedule, 2009 is the last time it was adjusted.
- Holding meetings with all stakeholders – will meet with fire agencies.
- Will go out to bid for Ambulance
- Staffing – recruitments are in the works – interviews this month (March), with a starting date in June.
- MVEMSA is moving to Copperopolis and will continue to manage the rural/mountain counties.
- Paramedics certifications will move over – new cards will be issued when renewed.

5.9 SR911

- Staffing – working on hiring more staff – will only have 3 vacancies to fill with the next recruitment.
- Trying to create a better training area.
- Fire Dispatchers have heavier load due to low staffing.
- Thanked Comms for assisting with SB109 – hiring a consultant to review system and validate our plan for expansion.
- Working on a mobile app for CAD.

6. Reports from Fire Authority member agencies:

None

7. Agenda Items:

7.1 Consideration and Approval of funding to hire a part-time CERT Coordinator

- Chief Parnell provided a handout of the Benefits of a CERT Team for Stanislaus County Fire Agencies.
- Requesting \$50,000 annually to support the position
- Will not need to use fund balance – can re-route funding from other areas of the budget to cover the \$50,000 request.

Motion to approve made by Chief Burns, seconded by Chief Bernardi, motion passed.

7.2 Discussion item regarding dissolving the Regional Fire Authority

8. Announcements:

8.1 *Reminder: Annual 700 Forms must be submitted no later than 4/1/22*

8.2 The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2022, 0830 hrs, at the Emergency Services Facility.

Meeting adjourned at 0943 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Casi Persons
Clerk of the Board