

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2019, 830 hrs.
RFTC, 1220 Fire Science Lane, Modesto



1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order by Chair, Chief Ernst at 830 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The follow agency representatives /alternates were present:

Burbank Paradise Fire	Chris Bernardi
Cal-Fire	Absent
City of Ceres	Chief Wise
Denair Fire	Absent
Hughson Fire	Absent
Keyes Fire	Chief Klevmyr
City of Modesto	Chief Ernst, Chief Lillie
Mountain View Fire	Absent
City of Newman	Absent
City of Oakdale	Chief Whorton, Chief Wapnowski
Oakdale Rural Fire	Chief Whorton, Chief Wapnowski
City of Patterson	Absent
Salida Fire	Chief Weigele
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Whorton, Chief Wapnowski
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Murdock, Chief Klevmyr
City of Turlock	Chief White
Turlock Rural Fire	Kenneth Howenstine
Westport Fire	Steve Brush
West Stanislaus Fire	Absent
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting: Randy Crook, Chad Homme, Francine Gutierrez, Eric Holly, Stanislaus County OES / Fire Warden; Dave Hutchinson, Dustin Bruley, Ed Sears, Fire Investigation Unit; Wendy Silva, SR911; Jim Whitworth, MVEMSA; Ron Cripe, RFTC; Jonathan Schali, Patterson Fire

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Approval of Minutes:

- 4.1 Approval of the February 28, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
- 4.2 Approval of the March 7, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 4.3 Approval of the May 2, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

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

5. Staff / Committee Reports:

5.1 Fire Investigation Report

NFPA Technical Committee Report

Dustin Brumley reported a total of 129 investigations during the reporting period of February-April 2019; 84 structure fires, 24 vehicle fires, 2 vegetation fires, and 19 trash/dumpster/other. The total Modesto Fire Department investigations – 52; County agencies – 77. A summary report was included in the agenda packet and a full break down report was emailed to Chiefs prior to today’s meeting. David Hutchinson will give the NFPA Technical Committee report at a later date.

5.2 Fire Prevention Report

Fire Marshal Randy Crook reported that school inspections have been completed and hotels/motels will be finished by end of summer. Fireworks season is here. A Safety Operators class will be held June 12 at the RFTC. There are 41 firework booth applications and inspections will be done June 28, 29, July 1, 2, and 3. There are 4 public firework displays scheduled. Festival permits are also being received for Woodward and Modesto Reservoirs. FPB is receiving many vegetation complaints and following up as received. They are also doing wrecking yard and pallet yard clean ups. Code adoption will be this year. Tesla has provided a training video for fire departments on how to cut through the new solar roofs. In the new 2020 building code, solar roofs will be mandated on some homes. Randy will send the video out to all fire agencies. A full report by district was included in the agenda packet.

5.3 Fire Communication Report

Chad Homme reported on CAD / MDC that Windows 7 will no longer be supported as of January 14, 2020. Windows 10 is the product users are being directed towards. Devices currently being used in Stanislaus County run Windows 7 and it is suggested the units be replaced. The online radio streaming of Stanislaus County Fire channels on Broadcastify is online. If you plan to purchase new or used radios or devices, be sure to check in with Chad first to make sure they are compatible with our system. A full report was included in the agenda packet and a copy provided at the meeting.

5.4 Fire Training Report

Chief Holly reported the S-219 class starts Monday and there is a long wait list. The S-290 class had a big dropout rate. This cannot keep occurring. A report from Ron Cripe on activity at the RFTC was included in the agenda packet.

5.5 Administration & Support Report

Included in the powerpoint presentation under 6.1

5.6 Business Plan Committee Report

Included in the powerpoint presentation under 6.1

6. Agenda Items:

6.1 Approval to Recommend the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Final Fire Authority Business Plan to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

Chief Murdock presented a power point presentation. Chief Murdock made a motion to approve. Chief Whorton seconded the motion. Motion passed. Keyes abstained from the vote.

6.2 Approval to Recommend the Fund Balance Use Plan for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

Chief Weigele made a motion to approve. Chief Passalaqua seconded the motion. Motion passed. Keyes abstained from the vote.

6.3 Election of Officers for FY 2019/2020 - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk/Secretary

Officers elected:
Chair – Chief Murdock
Vice Chair – Chief Weigele
Clerk/Secretary – Chief Klevmyr

6.4 Approval of Members to the FY 2020/2021 Business Plan Committee as Appointed by the Chairman

Business Plan Committee Members Appointed are:
Richard Murdock
Francine Gutierrez
Chief Ernst
Chief Bowen
Chief Klevmyr
Chief Passalaqua
Chief Wapnowski
Chief Tietjen

6.5 Approval to Create a Standing Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) Sub-Committee and Approval of FY 2019/2020 Members as Appointed by the Chairman

Chief Passalaqua made a motion to create a standing FIU Sub-Committee. Chief Ernst seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FIU Sub-Committee Members Appointed are:
Ceres – Chief Wise
Salida – Pat Burns
Burbank Paradise
FIU – Dave Hutchinson
Fire Warden – Richard Murdock
Finance – Francine Gutierrez

6.6 Approval to Create a Standing Training Sub-Committee and Approval of FY 2019/2020 Members as Appointed by the Chairman

Chief Passalaqua made a motion to create a standing Training Sub-Committee. Chief Ernst seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Training Sub-Committee Members are:

Salida – Chief Weigele
Westport – Steve Brush
Patterson – Jonathan Schali
Consolidated – Tim Johnson
Fire Warden – Eric Holly
Finance – Francine Gutierrez
Modesto – Chief Lillie
Woodland Ave – Brett McManus
Burbank/Paradise – Chris Bernardi

7. Announcements:

7.1 The next Regular meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2019, 8:30 a.m., Regional Fire Training Center

Meeting adjourned at 0855 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Hibbard
Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office