

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chief Passalaqua called the meeting to order at 0836 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The follow agency representatives /alternates were present:

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| Burbank Paradise Fire | Chief Golling |
| Cal-Fire | Absent |
| City of Ceres | Toby Wells |
| Denair Fire | Absent |
| Hughson Fire | Absent |
| Keyes Fire | Chief Klevmyr |
| City of Modesto | Chief Ernst |
| Mountain View Fire | Absent |
| City of Newman | Chief Bowen |
| City of Oakdale | Chief Wapnowski |
| Oakdale Rural Fire | Chief Wapnowski |
| City of Patterson | Absent |
| Salida Fire | Chief Losh |
| Stanislaus Consolidated Fire | Chief Wapnowski |
| Stanislaus County Fire Warden | Chief Klevmyr |
| City of Turlock | Chief Talloni |
| Turlock Rural Fire | Nick Colbert |
| Westport Fire | Chief Hackett |
| West Stanislaus Fire | Absent |
| Woodland Ave. Fire | Chief Passalaqua |

Also attending the meeting: Dale Skiles, Eric Holly, Randy Crook, Francine Gutierrez, Stanislaus County OES / Fire Warden; Ron Cripe, RFTC; Dave Hutchinson, DA / Fire Investigation Unit; Richard Murdock, Jim Whitworth, MVEMSA; Chris Bernardi, Burbank Paradise Fire; Tim Spears, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Chief White, Chief Carlson, City of Turlock Fire; Steven Brush, Westport Fire; Scotty Douglass, Lisa Frazer, SR911

3. Public Comment:

None.

4. Approval of the December 7, 2017 Minutes:

Chief Ernst made a motion to approve the minutes. Chief Hackett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Staff/Committee Reports:

5.1 Fire Investigation Report

Dave Hutchinson reported a total of 179 investigations during the reporting period of Nov 2017 – January 2018: 122 structure fires, 31 vehicle fires, 2 vegetation, 24 trash/dumpster/other. The total Modesto Fire Department investigations - 81; County agencies - 98. A full report sorted by department/district was included in the agenda packet.

5.2 Fire Prevention Report

Fire Marshal Randy Crook reported the Fire Prevention Bureau has been focused on the annual inspection of schools and hotels/motels. Initial inspection of 54 schools has been completed; 47 have received final inspection. The last 7 schools will be completed the week of March 15. The FPB annual inspects 19 hotels/motels. 17 initial inspections have been completed so far. 4 vegetation complaints have been received since January 1, 2018. 134 plan reviews were completed November through January. The FPB is preparing for firework season. They are also part of the Cannabis Enforcement Team and regularly attending meetings. A full report was included in the agenda packet.

5.3 Fire Communication Report

Scotty Douglass and Chief Klevmyr gave a brief Communications report in Chad Homme's absence. SR911 recently facilitated a meeting on fire communications discussing how to enhance and build on to the current system. The next meeting is March 13. Chief Klevmyr is doing MDC and radio programming and repairs while Chad is out. Chad provided a full Communication Report which was included in the agenda packet.

5.4 Fire Training Report

Ron Cripe reported more haz-mat training courses will be held in May and June. An application for paramedic training program has been submitted to MVEMSA. A full report was included in the agenda packet.

5.5 Administrative Report

No administrative report was provided.

6. Agenda Items:

6.1 Consideration and Approval to Recommend the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Fire Authority Business Plan to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for Approval

Chief Passalaqua gave a brief overview of the Fire Authority and how it operates. It was noted to add an informational item to a future meeting agenda to educate new people of the Fire Authority and its role.

Discussion ensued on the Business Plan. There was consensus that more time is needed to review the Business Plan and the additional detailed budget information that was provided via email to all members on February 28, 2018. It was suggested that a committee be established to

review the goals, strategic and action plans of the Fire Authority to determine if those stated are still relevant. The committee would also oversee the process of preparing the next year's business plan starting in November/December the prior year. Additionally, it was requested that Administration give a budget update at each quarterly meeting so RFA members understand where the budget stands throughout the year.

Motion made by Chief Ernst to set a special meeting for March 19 for Consideration and Approval to Recommend the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Fire Authority Business Plan to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for Approval. Chief Wapnowski seconded the motion. Chief Klevmyr abstained. Motion passed.

Informational Item:

Ron Cripe gave an informational powerpoint presentation on Fire Training he had prepared for consideration in the Business Plan. He discussed four areas: 1) General Use Contract; 2) Site Supplies 3) Regional System and; 4) FTES.

He proposed a \$52,500 allocation for the annual general usage contract and a \$10,000 allocation for on-site supplies so agencies would no longer be billed when they use supplies such as propane, smoke machines, lumber, etc. Supplies would be procured and available at the RFTC for agency trainings. Modesto Fire will continue to have a separate agreement.

Ron also reported two opportunities for agencies to gain income through training. There is a 3 year grant to assist with regional training (\$45,000 each year) and the opportunity to receive \$1.50 and college credit for each hour of qualified and certified training.

7. Announcements:

- 7.1 A Special Meeting will be held March 19, 2018, 0830, Regional Fire Training Center
- 7.2 The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2018, 0830, Regional Fire Training Center

Meeting adjourned at 0941 hrs. by Chief Passalaqua.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Hibbard
Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office