

Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.  
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chief Passalaqua called the meeting to order at 0838 hrs. The flag was saluted.

**2. Roll Call:**

The follow agency representatives /alternates were present:

Burbank Paradise	Chief Golling
City of Ceres	Chief Nicholes
Denair Fire	Chief Schroeder
Keyes Fire	Chief Klevmyr
City of Modesto	Chief Slamon
City of Newman	Chief Bowen
City of Oakdale	Chief Wapnowski
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Wapnowski
Salida Fire District	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Wapnowski
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Skiles
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting: Eric Holly, Paul Gibson, Chad Homme, Francine Gutierrez, Melba Hibbard, Stanislaus County OES / Fire Warden; Jerry McDaniel, Greta Davis, Randy Crook, Matt Jenkins, Fire Prevention Bureau; Cindy Thomlison, Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office; Ron Cripe, MJC; Richard Murdock, MVEMSA; Dustin Bruley, Ed Sears, Dave Hutchinson, Fire Investigation Unit; Estrella Garcia, United Way

**3. Public Comment:** None

**4. Approval of December 3, 2015 Minutes:**

Chief Nicholes made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting. Chief Wapnowski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**5. Presentations:**

- 5.1 Presentation of United Way 2-1-1 System – Estrella Garcia  
Estrella Garcia, United Way, shared the purpose of the 2-1-1 system is to connect people to the help they need. They provide direction to callers on ways to get help with basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing as well as help with utility bills and rent, unemployment assistance, child care and more. A live person answers the 2-1-1 calls and directs them and/or makes connections for them in some cases. Last fiscal year 2-1-1 answered 10,500 calls within Stanislaus County. Also, emergency

information can be relayed to 2-1-1 and they will disburse specific instructions to callers as needed.

- 5.2 Presentation of Fire Radio System Enhancements, 2016 Frequency Reprogramming, and CAD/MDC Upgrades – Chad Homme  
Chad updated the group on the Diablo Grande project. The Homeowner Association had a system designed and is being installed at no financial impact to the County. Once the new equipment is installed, technicians will be working to get the other sites upgraded and simulcast up and operational. Reprogramming is in development as Chad works with CAL Fire on determining the changes for the 2016 fire season. While reprogramming radios, MDC's will also be reimaged with Windows 7 and new CAD upgrades. These units will have new software called ADIS which allows a remote upgrade once Stanislaus Regional 911 deploys CAD 2.0. Interference with Calaveras County Sheriff's Office on Command 3 continues. Those involved are working diligently to get this resolved.

## **6. Staff/Committee Reports**

### **6.1 Administrative Report**

Chief Skiles reported a letter will go to all fire departments and districts in May to request nominations of officers. Election of officers will be held at the June meeting.

### **6.2 Fire Investigation Report**

Dave Hutchinson reported a total of 121 investigations during the reporting period of November – January. There were 2 fatalities during this time. A full report was included in the packet.

### **6.3 Fire Prevention Report**

Chief McDaniel reported schools have been inspected and hotels/motels are anticipated to be completed by end of March. Progress is being made on Accela being fully functional. Several features are already in use. The ability to accept credit card payments in the field and at the counter is almost complete.

### **6.4 Fire Communication Report**

Chad Homme included his report in his 5.2 presentation.

### **6.5 Fire Training Report**

Ron Cripe stated a full report was included in the packet.

**7. Agenda Items**

- 7.1 Approval to Increase the Less-Than-Countywide Distribution for the Regional Fire Training Center for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 from \$53,000 to \$55,000

This item was tabled due to the need no longer existing

- 7.2 Consideration and Approval to Recommend the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Fire Authority Business Plan to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for Approval

Chief Skiles made a motion to approve. Chief Klevmyr seconded the motion. Motion was approved 11-1

**8. Announcements**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2016, 8:30 a.m., Regional Fire Training Center

Meeting adjourned at 9:59.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Hibbard  
Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office