

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Vice Chair Chief Hall called the meeting to order at 0835 hrs. in the absence of Chair Chief Passalaqua. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The follow agency representatives were present:

Cal-Fire	Chief Chew
Denair Fire	Chief Schroeder
Keyes Fire	Chief Klevmyr
City of Modesto	Chief Ernst
City of Oakdale	Chief Wapnowski
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Wapnowski
City of Patterson	Chief Hall
Salida Fire District	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Wapnowski
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Skiles
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting: Francine Gutierrez, Chad Homme, Stanislaus County Fire Warden; Jerry McDaniel, Stanislaus County Fire Prevention Bureau; Joel Broumas, Wendy Silva, SR911; Kevin Wise, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Ron Cripe, RFTC; Mike Payton, Modesto Fire

3. Public Comment: None

4. Minutes: Chief Lohman made a motion to approve the March 5, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. Chief Wapnowski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chief Skiles made a motion to approve the April 1 and May 22, 2015 Special Meeting minutes. Chief Ernst seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Staff/Committee Reports:

5.1 Administrative: Chief Skiles reported the NetMotion billing has been mailed to departments/districts. He led a discussion on forming a workgroup to look at alternate options for a fire record system. Web-based programs are available and more cost efficient. The Fire Authority agreed to have Chad Homme set up demos of multiple products and lead a workgroup to research the possibilities and report back to the Authority.

5.2 Investigations: Chief Payton gave an investigation report covering February 2015 – April 2015. He stated there were a total of 59 fires and 2 fatalities during this reporting period. A full report was included in the packet. Chief Hall requested Patterson and West Stanislaus Fire be reported separately in the future.

5.3 Fire Prevention: Chief McDaniel reported weed complaints are picking up and are being addressed by the Bureau. School inspections have mostly been completed. A full report of fire inspections for February 2015 – April 2015 was included in the packet.

5.4 Communications: Chad Homme gave an update stating he has received reports of CAD web running slow. He tested, and found CAD web for fire is exceptionally slow. SBT is working on the issue, as it appears to be a network issue at this time. The CAD project went live with the new version on May 17. New BK KNG_CMD model radios have been received and will be configured as part of the cache for out-of-county deployment. Chad continues to work with CAL Fire on developing radio programming loads for this fire season. During the month of June he will reprogram all resources within Stanislaus County. Several pre-fire season meetings have been held. Chad posts weekly status reports on a Google Calendar and he encouraged Chiefs to log-on to see progress for the week.

5.5 Fire Training: Ron Cripe did not give a verbal report. His training report was included in the packet.

5.6 Quarterly Finance Report: Francine Gutierrez reported that 3rd quarter projections will end in the positive with some savings. The final 2014-15 budget will be available at the September meeting. The 2015-2016 Fire Authority Business Plan, if approved today by the Authority, will go to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors on June 16, 2015. Chief Wapnowski asked that future quarterly reports also include expenditures.

(Chief Passalaqua arrived and chaired the meeting)

6. Agenda Items:

6.1 Nomination and Election of Officers for FY 2015-2016 – Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk/Secretary

Nominations were received prior to the meeting for Chief Passalaqua as Chairman and Chief Hall as Vice-Chairman. The Clerk/Secretary position was agreed to continue to be filled by the Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office. No additional nominations came from the floor so these were elected by acclamation.

6.2 Update on Interference Issues on Fire Command 3

Chad Homme led a discussion on Command 3 / Calaveras Sheriff's interference. Both agencies have the frequency legally licensed. Calaveras Sheriff's has had the frequency since 12/08/05 and Stanislaus County since 09/01/06. Stanislaus County has used this frequency since 2007. Calaveras Sheriff's started using this frequency in 2015. Discussed how radio reprogramming will fix the issues of Mobile and Portable radios getting bleedover from Calaveras on them. The issue is related to the microphones not being grounded when hung up. The programming has been changed that ignores whether the microphone is on or off hook and resolved the issue. Possible solution for Minitor pagers to cut out interference would be to have Command 3 and Command 4 be patched together. No vote taken.

7. Announcements:

7.1 Chief Payton asked that phone requests from the public for fire reports be sent to the appropriate fire department/district.

7.2 The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2015

8. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chief Passalaqua at 0930.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office