

Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2013– 8:30 a.m.  
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. The flag was saluted.

2. **Roll Call:**

The following agency representatives were present:

City of Ceres	Chief Nicholes
Denair Fire District	Chief Doerksen
Keyes Fire District	Chief Klevmyr
City of Modesto	Chief Bradley
Mountain View Fire District	Chief Melo
City of Patterson	Chief Hall
City of Oakdale	Chief Wapnowski
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Wapnowski
City of Patterson	Chief Hall
Salida Fire District	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus County	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Wapnowski
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
Westport fire District	Chief Hackett
Westport Fire District	Chief Passalacqua

Also Present: Cecil Ridge, Mimi Jackson, Melba Hibbard, James Gunn Modesto Regional Fire Authority; Sheldon Gilbert IPS Consulting; Gary Humphrey, State OES; Patricia Hill Thomas, Dr. Walker, Mary Ann Lee, Stanislaus County; Jeff Breasher, Patterson Fire

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Chief Bradley made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 2013 meeting; Chief Nicholes seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

5. **Staff / Committee Reports**

5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi gave a brief history and background of the Less Than Countywide Fire Tax. Documents were distributed regarding the tax, its origin, and what its intended use was. The relationship between the Tax and the Stanislaus County Fire Authority was also outlined, as well as an overview of the fire service's participation in the allocation of the funds.

5.2 Fire Investigations- The number of fire investigations was provided in the report that was handed out.

5.3 The quarterly report of all fire prevention activities was sent out with the agenda and minutes.

5.4 Fire Communications- Chief Skiles provided report as Chad was on vacation. Along with his other projects, Chad has been doing quite a bit of work on the Go-To-Meeting software.

6. **Agenda Items**

6.1 Scheduled Presentation – Integrated Dispatch. This item was presented first in the meeting. Dr. John Walker, the County's Public Health Officer, presented information and

- a diagram of the current 911 dispatch process. He discussed the two initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors which include a CAD to CAD link between SR911 and AMR and the eventual integrated dispatch. A consultant will be retained to evaluate the current system. The funding for the study is coming from Maddy Funds from the Health Services Agency. This meeting was the initial presentation of the process, a stakeholders meeting will be held after the first of the year to get input from all of the partners (Fire, law enforcement and EMS).
- 6.2 Election of Officers – Per the discussion at the last meeting in September, Chief Passalaqua was contacted to determine if he would be willing to become the chairman. He has agreed that he will serve in that capacity. Chief Skiles made a motion to nominate Chief Passalaqua as the Chairman and Chief Hall as the Vice-Chairman of the Fire Authority; Chief Nicholes seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with a roll-call vote.
  - 6.3 Operational Area Coordinator- Chief Humphreys from State OES provided information on an up-coming CICC presentation that will be held at the RFTC on January 16, 2014. A flyer was handed out. There are new guidelines and Chief Vale will be presenting.
  - 6.4 Fire Code Adoption- Chief Payton was absent so Chief Skiles requested that any district that is adopting their own fire code contact him so that all of them may be taken to the Board of Supervisors for ratification at the same time.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 1025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mimi Jackson

Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office

Modesto Regional Fire Authority