

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2011– 8:30 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The following agency representatives were present:

CalFire SCU	Chief Jones
City of Ceres	Chief Lillie
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Mayotte
City of Patterson	Chief Hall
Salida Fire District	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County	Chief Hinshaw
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball
Woodland Ave Fire	Chief Passalaqua

Also Present: Mike Payton, Alicia Hinshaw, Mimi Jackson, Modesto Regional Fire Authority; Marilyn Smith, MVEMSA, David Caraveo, Burbank Paradise Fire

Guests- None

3. Public Comment: None

4. Approval of Minutes: Chief Mayotte made motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 2011 meeting, Chief Lohman seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

5. Staff / Committee Reports

- 5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi reported on the last fire district Admin/Finance Managers meeting- topics of discussion included Regional Fire RMS, assessed valuations and special assessments for fire districts. Chief Skiles provided two reports, one regarding public employee compensation reporting; and the \$150 fee being levied by the state on all parcels in the SRA. Chief Jones said that if there are questions, she can do some research and get answers. The fee is for fire prevention. Chief Hinshaw discussed fact that a local Assemblyman called to ask about the EIR focusing on the use of retardant by the forest service. The effect of run-off from fires is a problem.
- 5.2 Fire Investigations- Reports were distributed and discussed. 69 fires were investigated in the prior 3 months. The number of arson fires is up, possibly from homeless squatting in vacant houses.
- 5.3 Fire Prevention- Report was provided, now on a quarterly basis. Any questions, contact Chief Payton. There may be changes in the near future to the fire prevention specialist assignments. Chief Payton also discussed the current problem with fire department connections on commercial buildings being stolen. He provided options for discouraging the theft problem. Knox keys were one possibility.
- 5.4 Fire Communications- Chief Skiles provided a report in Chad's absence. Chad was working on a NetMotion upgrade for the MDCs. Chief Lillie discussed problems with a test upgrade that was done. Everyone will need to have their MDCs upgraded but it will most likely be after the first of the year. Turlock is very pleased with their new MDCs. Chief Hinshaw talked about the cost of the CAD and all of the future costs of dispatch. A business plan needs to be developed to address future upgrades as well as maintenance. Homeland Security grant funding has paid for it in the past, but is not a

stable funding source. A communications business plan will be discussed at the next meeting.

5.5 EMS –Minutes from EMS Advisory Committee from November were distributed. AED usage reports are due. Agencies need to plan on providing flu shots for their personnel.

6. Agenda Items

6.1 Operational Area Coordinator – Chief Hinshaw thanked the chiefs for their support in re-electing his office as the Operational Area Coordinator. The designees will be Chief Hinshaw, Chief Skiles and B/C Ray Jackson.

6.2 Firefighter Rehab Policy- Alicia Hinshaw provided a comprehensive power point presentation and training on the rehab policy, based on NFPA 1584. She identified the 9 components necessary in a rehab policy. There have been many OSHA inspections specific to this standard, CalFire has OSHA on scene regularly. Chief Mayotte suggested that the policy be adopted by the Chief's Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 1015 hrs.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi Jackson
Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office