

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2010– 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 agencies were present:

City of Ceres	Chief Lillie
Cal-Fire	Chief Jones
Denair	Chief Doerksen
Keyes Fire	Chief Watt
City of Modesto	Chief Kraus
City of Oakdale	Chief Fields
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Winton
Patterson	Chief Hall
Salida Fire	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Hinshaw
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball

Also Present: Sean Slamon, Mike Payton, Alicia Hinshaw, Modesto Fire; Ray Jackson, Mimi DeSimoni, Ken Slamon, Fire Warden’s Office; Chad Homme, Stuart Dutter, Salida Fire; Marilyn Smith, MVEMSA; Dave Murphy, AMR; Kirk Ford, Angela Freitas, Joshua Mann, Stanislaus County Community Development; Dale Meldon, Paul Arai, Turlock City Fire; Tony Miranda, Oakdale City Fire; John Burton, John Borges, Burtons Fire Apparatus.

3. **Public Comment:**

John Burton of Burton’s Fire provided information on the upcoming fire show and some new products they are carrying.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Chief Mayotte made motion to approve the minutes; Director Kimball seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

5. **Staff / Committee Reports:**

5.1 **Management, Fiscal, Legislative-** Mimi reported that that year-end budget

information has been finalized; it will be reported under agenda item. Chief Skiles reported on several legislative items of interest to the fire service and public employers.

- 5.2 **Fire Investigations-** Chief Payton reported on the July statistics. Report was provided at the meeting; any questions, please call him.
- 5.3 **Fire Prevention-** Report was sent out with agenda. Chief Slamon provided a handout regarding defective gas nozzles.
- 5.4 **Fire Communications-** Chad discussed several issues he has been working on including the regional RMS. He would like agency responses back so that the project may move forward. He also discussed the challenges with USA Mobility, they may not be in business in 2012. The technology is outdated and expensive. The challenges with the future of the communications system in this county were also discussed.
- 5.5 **Fire Training-** Stuart reported on many training opportunities coming up, and the calendar being developed for next year's training.
- 5.6 **EMS –** Alicia reported on the exposure reporting program workgroup and the train-the-trainer program. She has met with some of the districts and plans to continue the meetings and needs assessment. She also reported on the TDAP and flu vaccinations. There will be a CPR instructor course on 9/30, it will be through American Safety and Health Institute (**ASHI**). She will be presenting information on HIPPA to Denair's board.

6. **Agenda Items:**

- 6.1 **General Plan Update-** Kirk Ford, Angela Freitas and Joshua Mann discussed the General Plan update. They would like input from the fire service to include in the plan. The General Plan serves as a guiding document for development in the County. Although the General Plan cannot directly impact financial issues faced by the fire service, it can do so indirectly. The plan can address such issues such as benefit assessment districts. It is important for fire agencies to discuss what does or doesn't work for the fire service. There was discussion about LAFCO and annexation issues. Although they would like a broad unified statement from the fire service, they recognize that each district may have specific issues to be addressed. Chief Mayotte suggested that a workgroup meeting be held prior to the next regular meeting. Mimi will schedule a morning meeting and an evening meeting to give all agencies an opportunity to participate. The Community Development representatives will attend the meetings to assist with the process.
- 6.2 **Operational Area Coordinator Report:** Chief Jackson discussed information on CICCS. The information on requirements is currently under review, and it will be posted it on the Fire Warden's web-site when it is completed.
- 6.3 **2010 Fire Code Adoption and Related Amendments-** Chief Slamon provided information on the Code adoption process. There have been some minor corrections. If you have any questions on the process, please contact him. Chief Hinshaw reported that the County has indicated that they do not

intend to adopt anything greater than the state code. It is very important that there is good dialogue among the fire agencies and their Board members prior to taking it to the Board of Supervisors. The fire service needs to stand together on this issue.

6.4 2009-2010 Fire Authority Annual Report- The annual report was distributed and Mimi discussed the process of putting the report together. The budget was reviewed. Comments on services provided are encouraged. If there are any additional comments, please submit them within the next two weeks.

6.5 Coston Fire Report

- Chief Sean Slamon provided an overview of the Coston incident where 2 Modesto firefighters were injured on January 1, 2010, through a power-point presentation. Chief Kraus then continued with information on issues and implications to all fire chiefs and agencies.
- There were many issues to be considered initially by the Chief, most importantly the well being his people. He listed the multitude of assignments that needed to be handled. He discussed the first 48 hours and extended operations; the development of an IAP and the use of ICS helped greatly.
- The Cal-OSHA process was very serious and detailed, they asked for documentation on seemingly unrelated issues, the final disposition took about 7 months and fortunately they found no violations. Modesto has asked the Cal-OSHA consultation branch to review their department's policies on a regular basis, which he believes helped them achieve the lack of violations.
- An Accident Investigation Team (AIT) was established to provide an impartial evaluation of the incident. Chief Winton acted as the lead of the team along with members from Fresno, Sacramento City, Alameda County. He discussed the process the team went through in developing a complete report, including interviews with personnel and outside agencies. He encouraged all agencies to take the report back and consider the implications for their own agency.
- Chief Kraus noted that Modesto is taking steps to implement the recommendations in the report, and he highlighted the successes that contributed to the survival of his personnel. He stressed the importance of the fire chief first and foremost taking care of their personnel.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2010

Meeting was adjourned at 1140 on a motion by Chief Winton, and a second by Chief Mayotte.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi DeSimoni
Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office