

Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2010– 8:30 a.m.  
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

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
City of Modesto	Chief Kraus
City of Oakdale	Chief Winton
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Winton
Patterson	Chief Kinnear
Salida Fire	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Hinshaw
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
Westport Fire	Chief Thompson
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua
West Stanislaus Fire	Chief Kinnear

Also Present: Michael Lillie, Ceres Fire; Kevin Harless, City of Modesto; Lucian Thomas, SR-911; Pamela Hillar, Burbank Paradise Fire; Sean Slamon, Hugo Patino, 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; Joshua Mann, Stanislaus County Community Development; John Borges, Burtons Fire Apparatus.

**3. Public Comment:** Chief Winton reported on a fire fighter fatality that occurred on October 6<sup>th</sup>. A friend and colleague, Jim Saunders of Sac-Metro Fire died on duty on a grass fire. A moment of silence was observed in his honor.

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

**5. Staff / Committee Reports**

5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Chief Skiles reported on web-sites containing legislative items of interest to the fire service and public employers; other information will be reported under agenda regular items.

5.2 Fire Investigations- Chief Payton reported on the August statistics. The monthly report was provided via e-mail and at the meeting; any questions, please call him.

5.3 Fire Prevention- Report was sent out with agenda.

- 5.4 Fire Communications- Chad discussed several issues he has been working on including the regional RMS, narrow-banding, and CAD. Report was e-mailed.
- 5.5 Fire Training- Stuart reported on many training opportunities coming up, and the 2010-2011 calendar that has been developed for next year's training. There have been many local instructors certified to teach.
- 5.6 EMS – Alicia reported on the overwhelming participation by local fire agencies in the vaccination clinics offered by Public Health. They have requested that the agencies stop sending their people until Alicia can go over a vaccination worksheet with each agency to determine their needs. She went over the documents and forms that she provided to assist agencies with their OSHA compliance. She has met with some of the districts and plans to continue the meetings and needs assessment. She also reported on the exposure reporting group that has been meeting and developing processes and training that should be delivered in January.

## **6. Agenda Items**

- 6.1 **CAD Project-** Kevin Harless, representing the City of Modesto, provided an outline and overview of the CAD project with information on partners, project purpose, and scope. He discussed the benefits of the new system. Chad Homme acted as the fire representative for County fire agencies, Chuck Bergquist for the City Fire Department. They are in phase IV, which is the delivery phase. Training sessions are underway for all disciplines. Jan12, 2011 is the planned “go-live” date. A schedule is being put together to train all the fire agencies on the new system. There will be all new map pages, and the Reflections program will also change. Other changes will create much more functionality. There was a question on a CAD to CAD link with LiveCom. That will occur after the 1/12/11 date. It will take some time after the go-live date to get the bugs worked out. Chief Hinshaw noted what a difficult project this has been and complimented Kevin and his team for getting through it.
- 6.2 **Modesto/ County/ Salida Plan-** Chief Kraus addressed the group on a project that has been on-going for about 3 years. The project involved a possible contract of services between SCFPD, Modesto, Salida and the Fire Wardens Office under an umbrella. SCFPD dropped out in January of 2010. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed in July with policy makers from the three agencies that were left. The Committee gave direction to move forward and move to a JPA format. Workgroups were formed and a draft JPA has been written by County Counsel. The next step is to get approval by the City Council and Boards. The Board of Supervisors is looking to the future of the fire service and recognizes that there are problems with some districts. If the project is supported and moves forward, Phase II will include other fire agencies that want to participate. The group is exploring the possible benefits of putting the departments together. Chief Hinshaw asked the group where they will be in 3 years. There will be no new money from taxes or assessments. Annexation without detachment is the future funding for fire service if we work together. He talked about business opportunities and efficiencies in a regional platform. He encouraged the group to

consider the future and help develop the plan rather than having it decided by policy makers without input from the fire service. Chief Mayotte agreed that annexation without detachment is critical to future funding of the fire service. Chief Winton applauded the efforts and believes this project is the right thing to do.

- 6.3 County General Plan Update-** The minutes from the workshop were distributed and discussed. Chief Mayotte, made motion to adopt the minutes, Chief Nicholes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed with a roll call vote.
- 6.4 Operational Area Coordinator Report:** CICCS requirements changed as of January. There was a workgroup established to sort through these requirements and provide clear direction on what those are. The only deployments in the last 45 days were for a PIO who is participating as part of a Federal Incident Management Team.
- 6.5 2010 Fire Code Adoption and Related Amendments-** Two districts have adopted and turned in their resolutions, several more are in line to adopt this month. If you have any questions, please contact Chief Salmon. He hopes that we can take them all at once to the Board.
- 6.6 2010-2010 Fire Authority Annual Report-** The report was distributed last month for review. Additional comments that were received are included in the report. Chief Mayotte made a motion to approve the document, Chief Passalaqua seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken which reflected unanimous approval.
- 6.7 Regional Fire RMS Project-** Chad and Mimi gave an update on the regional RMS project, Chad from the technical perspective and Mimi from the financial side. The request will be made to the Public Facilities Committee to fund the initial cost of the project. If successful, the project should begin implementation after the first of the year.

Chief Skiles reported that this is Chief Thompson's last meeting after 40+ years in the fire service. He thanked him and told him that he will be missed. Chief Kraus offered thanks and congratulations, as did several others.

Chief Thompson reported that they don't have enough people qualified to transport and operate the breathing air support unit. He encouraged other agencies to get people qualified. Chief Skiles asked Ray Jackson to look into the situation, as the County is the title holder of the equipment.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office