

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2009

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The flag was saluted.
2. **Roll Call:** The following agencies were present:

Chief Barrett	Cal Fire SCU
Chief Weber	City of Ceres
Chief Curnow	Denair Fire District
Chief Kraus	Modesto Fire
Chief Botto	City of Oakdale
Chief Hoyer	Oakdale Rural Fire
Chief Kinnear	City of Patterson
Chief Skiles	Salida Fire
Chief Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Chief Jackson	Stanislaus County Fire Warden
Chief Lohman	City of Turlock
Director Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire

Also in attendance: Kurt Cline, SR911; Chad Homme, Ed Bartley, Salida Fire; Ken Slamon, Mimi DeSimoni, Bill Houk, Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office; Ron Cripe, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Royjindar Singh, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office; Mike Noonan, Cal Fire TCU.

3. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Chief Mayotte made a motion to approve the minutes, Chief Weber seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.
5. **Staff Committee Reports**
 - Finance / Admin- Mimi reported that the Fire Authority Budget Committee met and reviewed the 09-10 contract costs and projected revenues. It was determined that, until it is clear what the property tax outlook and the County's general fund contribution will be, the committee we will delay finalizing our 09-10 budget. The Quarterly Finance/Administrative managers meeting will be held Wednesday, April 8th at 2:00 p.m. at Salida Station 1. Everyone is welcome.
 - 5.2 Fire Investigation – A report of all of February investigation activities was provided. Chief Payton said fire loss was down in the prior month.

- 5.3 Fire Prevention- An updated report of the February fire prevention activities was distributed. The next Fire Prevention monthly meeting will be held at RFTC at 1400 hrs and at and 1800 hrs on April 16th. A topic of discussion will be fire code adoption. Chief Skiles strongly encouraged everyone to have a representative attend these meetings in advance of the new code.
- 5.4 Fire Communications- Kurt Kline of SR911 provided a presentation on the infrastructure build-out of the emergency communications systems being done in Stanislaus County. A grant funded study was done on the communications system, and a phased approach to the build-out was recommended. A handout was provided detailing the plan. Chief Skiles spoke about the communications grant, with regards to the number of portables that they will be allowed to purchase. Salida will be going back to Homeland Security to request a modification due to the large number of portable radios requested.
- 5.5 Fire Training- Captain Bartley handed out and discussed the April Fire Training Report including a list of classes currently being offered. There is a Haz-Mat FRO class coming up, as well as several other training opportunities. Wildland 2009 was discussed later in the agenda.
- 5.6 Special Operations-Water rescue policy will be discussed as an Agenda item. The work group is beginning work on the Confined Space Policy; he expects that it will be handled in the same format as the Water Rescue Policy.

6. Agenda Items

- 6.1 Operational Area Coordinator- Chief Jackson spoke about the importance of updating CFRIS annually. The FireScope OPS Bulletin 31 provides instructions on how to update CFRIS. He is willing to come out to help Chiefs with the annual update. Chief Skiles asked about the dispatch matrix being updated. After the Chiefs update the 100-200 letters and CFRIS, then the dispatch matrix can be updated. This information is needed to accurately status the resources in ROSS.
- 6.2 Wild Land 09- The incident management team for Wild Land '09 provided a briefing on the upcoming XST requalification and exercise. The Incident Commander, Chief Skiles provided an over view of the event. Plans Section Chief Ray Jackson, Operations Section Chief Ed Bartley, Logistics Section Chief Mimi DeSimoni, PIO, Raj Singh all gave reports on what is planned for the two day event. An invitation to all District Board members, council

members, Board of Supervisors and other dignitaries will be issued next week. Chief Kraus, the Liaison Officer, will be handling those guests. It was requested that all departments get their information and money in as soon as possible.

- 6.3 Water Rescue Policy - The Water Rescue Policy has been out for review for 60 days. Chief Houk met with the Chief, or representative of each department to discuss the policy and receive input. The final draft was distributed a week before the meeting. Chief Mayotte made a motion to approve the document as submitted, Chief Hoyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.
- 6.4 Regional Training Presentation – Chief Skiles opened the presentation with the questions that many departments have asked regarding the CICCIS 100-200 criteria. Since the Chief of every department is responsible for signing off that his personnel are 100-200 certified, the Training Coordinator was tasked with defining what that entails, and what the course equivalencies are. Captain Bartley proved a power point presentation on required training and course equivalencies. Any position above 100-200 requires IQS documentation. There was more discussion on the need for a consistency in the arduous physical standard; that currently is at the discretion of each department.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1100 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mimi DeSimoni
Stanislaus County Fire Wardens' Office