

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
6/5/08

1. Chief Skiles called meeting to order at 9:05. Flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The following agency representatives were present:

Chief Alderson	Burbank Paradise Fire
Chief Barrett	Cal Fire SCU
Chief Benavides	Keyes Fire
Chief Miguel	Modesto Fire
Chief Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Chief Skiles	Salida Fire
Chief Jackson	Stanislaus County
Chief Thompson	Westport Fire
Director Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire
Chief Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire

Also present were: Raelene Brown, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Mike Kraus, Mike Payton, Modesto Fire; Ken Slamon, Bill Houk, Wendy Mirassou, Mimi DeSimoni, Stanislaus County; Tony Miranda, Oakdale City Fire; Chad Homme, Salida Fire; John Ellis, Cal Fire; and Robert Adkinson, Ceres Fire District

3. Public Comment: Chief Skiles discussed the fact that Survivair packs are being discontinued. With budget coming up, this might be a good time to look at possible regional purchases or grant funding. Repairs and maintenance is another issue that could be considered regionally.

4. Minutes: Chief Miguel made a motion to approve the minutes from both the April and May meetings, Chief Mayotte seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. (There was no quorum at the May meeting to approve the minutes)

5. Staff/Committee Reports

- 5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi introduced Wendy Mirassou, she is working in the Fire Warden's Office and will be assisting with Fire Authority business. A year to date financial statement was passed out. Current revenues are slightly higher than projected. These will assist with ensuring that we will be able to continue to fund all our contracts throughout the contract period.
- 5.2 Fire Investigations – Chief Payton handed out the monthly report of fires investigated. There were no issues or questions.
- 5.3 Fire Prevention – Chief Slamon reported on an issue with the fire code. The requirements for sprinklers were not addressed for F-2 and S-2 Occupancies. This will be reviewed further and brought back to the group. He would like to achieve standardization on water supply. Chief Passalacqua noted that he does not necessarily agree with to state standards and their applicability to his district. Chief Slamon would just like clarification so that he knows what standard applies to each district. He also reminded them that if they decide to bypass state standards, they will assume the liability.
- 5.4 Fire Communications – Chad Homme handed out a report and discussed each of the areas he has been working on. Chief Ellis thanked Chad and the Fire Authority for his participation in the Summit Incident.

- 5.5 Fire Training- Captain Bartley was away teaching CPR to the Forest Service Unit. The after action report for Wild Land '08 is posted on-line. There is a class in July on Fire District Management; it is open to anyone interested in fire district management.
 - 5.6 Special Operations – Chief Houk handed out a report detailing Special Operations activities. He discussed the Bauer Air Unit that is owned by the County, and is now housed at Westport Fire. The MOU should be approved by the Board next week, then it will be ready to be deployed. He also discussed the ethanol plant in Madera County, Swift Water Rescue, and Confined Space Rescue.
6. Agenda Items
- 6.1 Operational Area Coordinator – Chief Jackson thanked those agencies that staffed the task force two weeks ago when the winds were so strong, and fire activity was high. He reminded everyone to have their PPEs. He reported on Operational Area Coordinator issues including red cards: they have been issued, Chiefs are responsible for signing them. There was a question about laminating the cards. Notations on the card are not a necessarily validation, task books must be filled out. The Operational Area Coordinator is willing and able to reprint red-cards when there is a new functional position obtained. There was a question regarding the Chief's rotation policy, it has been sent to the State.
 - 6.2 Ad Hoc Committee- Mimi handed out report and gave overview of progress made by committee with Building Department. The Chiefs reiterated their willingness to collect the fees themselves if they are not responsive to fixing the problems.
 - 6.3 Fire Frequency Sharing – The draft policy was distributed for review last month. Chief Barrett made a motion to adopt the policy, Chief Mayotte seconded the motion. A roll call vote reflected a unanimous approval.
 - 6.4 Fire Works Task Force – Chief Payton reported that there has been one meeting so far, and another is scheduled for today at 1400 at Tenth Street Place, all are welcome. There is reimbursement available from the state for participation, at straight time. Increased patrols will be implemented Thursday, July 3rd through Saturday July 5th.
 - 6.5 Standardization Process- This was presented at the last meeting, a few changes have been made. This formalizes the process that we have been following. Chief Mayotte made a motion to adopt the policy, Chief Jackson seconded the motion. A roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.
 - 6.6 Swift Water Policy- Chief Houk handed out the draft policy, he requested that everyone review it for the next 30 days, and contact him with any issues or changes.
 - 6.7 Election Committee – The election committee reported that there have been no members expressing interest in filling the positions. Chief Skiles would prefer not to take another term. Chief Barrett nominated Chief Skiles, and Chief Passalaqua. Chief Miguel nominated Mimi for the Clerk position. Chief Barrett moved to close the nominations, Director Kimball seconded the motion. There being only one candidate for each position, the election was declared. A roll call vote reflected a unanimous vote in favor of the nominations.
 - 6.8 July Meeting – Chief Miguel made a motion to cancel the July meeting due to the high level of activity at that time, Chief Mayotte seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

RaeLene Brown announced that the Elks Lodge is planning a dinner to honor emergency service personnel. It was decided that early November would be the best time.

The next meeting will be August 7th.

Respectfully Submitted
Mimi DeSimoni