

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2008

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 0945, the flag was saluted.
2. The following agency representatives were present:

Chief Jones	Cal Fire SCU
Chief Weber	City of Ceres
Chief Curnow	Denair Fire
Chief Watt	Keyes Fire District
Chief Miguel	Modesto Fire
Chief Botto	City of Oakdale
Chief Hoyer	Oakdale Fire District
Chief Kinnear	City of Patterson
Chief Skiles	Salida Fire
Chief Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Chief Hinshaw	Stanislaus County Fire Warden
Chief Barindelli	Westport Fire
Director Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire
Chief Barindelli	Westport Fire District

Also in attendance: Ken Slamon, Mimi DeSimoni, Bill Houk, Mike Wilkinson, Ray Jackson Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office; Mike Kraus, Mike Payton, Modesto Fire; and Mike Noonan Cal-Fire TCU, RaeLene Brown, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire, Dennis Wister, Stanislaus County Building Dept., John Burton, John Borges, Burtons Fire Apparatus.

3. Public Comment: Chief Jackson made note of the Blue Mass being held at St. Joseph's Church, in Modesto on January 10, 2009 to honor Fire, Law Enforcement and EMS first responders. Information has been sent to all agencies
4. Approval of Minutes: Director RaeLene Brown made note that she was at the November meeting but it wasn't noted in minutes. Chief Mayotte made a motion to approve the minutes, with the one noted change; Director Kimball seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. **Staff Committee Reports**
 - 5.1 Finance / Admin- The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2009 at 2:00 at Salida Station 1, chiefs are welcome. Work will begin on next year's business plan.
 - 5.2 Fire Investigation -40 fires were investigated in the month of October; 28 were in the County. The monthly report was distributed.
 - 5.3 Fire Prevention- The first monthly meeting was held last month and had good attendance. An information sheet was developed and handed out for review. Chief Hinshaw noted that various builders are going straight to the Board of Supervisors when they aren't satisfied with the codes and standards.
 - 5.4 Fire Communications - Chad was unable to attend because he was involved with the CAD project. Chief Skiles gave a brief report including CAD project update, paging tone changes and upcoming Communications Advisory Committee meeting.
 - 5.5 Fire Training - Captain Bartley noted that the December 8 - 10 training for Strike Team Leaders being held in Salida is full. He provided information on additional upcoming classes and on the safety vests for the highway. The safety vest became mandatory on November 24, 2008 for all highways.

- 5.6 Special Operations – Chief Houk provided a matrix with training requirements for technical rescue. He requested that everyone review the Water Rescue Policy; the work group will be meeting next week and will provide recommendations at the next meeting.

6. **Agenda Items**

- 6.1 Operational Area Coordinator- Chief Jackson gave the following update:
- There will be a strike team engine workshop on 12/16 to discuss the past fire season and the strengths and weaknesses of the system.
 - Region IV is holding its Operational Area Coordinators meeting soon; reimbursement is one issue that will be discussed.
 - CFAA agreement is being considered from an "All-Risk" perspective.
 - If any agency has not received invoices from State OES for last summer's incidents, please make the Fire Warden's Office aware of it.
 - Chief Hinshaw discussed Emergency Managers Mutual Aid (EMMA) requests that were made for overhead this year; reimbursement is not clear on this yet.
- 6.2 Safety Vests– Captain Bartley provided a sample SOP. There was discussion about possible exemptions to the law

Chief Barindelli announced that there will be SCBA demos at the RFTC on January 15th. He is seeking a regional grant to standardize the SCBAs used in this County. Chief Miguel said Modesto is looking into replacing their Survivair at a cost of \$1.2 million.

Chief Watt announced that he is developing a response plan for Cilion. He is in the process of meeting with many agencies including the Sheriff's Office, CHP, DER CalTrans and several fire agencies.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1030 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi DeSimoni
Stanislaus County Fire Wardens' Office