

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
November 1, 2007

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 0900 hrs. The flag was saluted.

1. Roll Call - The following agency representatives were present:

Chief Steve Barrett	Cal Fire
Chief Henry Benavides	Keyes Fire Protection District
Chief Jim Miguel	Modesto Fire
Chief Rob Hoyer	Oakdale Fire District
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire District
Chief Gary Hinshaw	Stanislaus County Fire Warden
Roy Bozarth	Woodland Ave. Fire District
Director Bob Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire

***With only 9 agency representative present, there was not a quorum.

Also present were: Chad Homme, Ed Bartley, Salida Fire; RaeLene Brown, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Ken Slamon, Matt Jenkins, Stanislaus County Fire Prevention Bureau; John Ellis, Cal Fire Santa Clara Unit; Mimi DeSimoni, Ray Jackson and Bill Houk, Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office; Mike Kraus and John Silveira, Modesto Fire; John Burton and John Borges, Burtons Fire Inc..

3. Public Comment – None

4. Approval of Minutes: There were no noted changes; however, since there was not a quorum, the minutes could not be approved.

5. Staff/Committee Reports

5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi handed out a first quarter financial update. The numbers are not conclusive since there is no property tax appropriation until December. The second quarter report will provide better information.

5.2 Fire Investigations- A monthly report for September was distributed outlining all investigations and their current status. A total of 47 fires were investigated in September, 33 in the County and 14 in Modesto. The total dollar loss for both was \$973,720.

5.3 Fire Prevention- The monthly activity report was distributed. Chief Slamon said that the Fire Prevention Bureau will begin looking at all access roads. Chief Hoyer noted that access roads should be approved before a project is started.

5.4 Communications –Chad Homme reported on several projects he has been involved with as the Communications Coordinator. Fire Frequency Sharing working groups are meeting together weekly, training has been on-going for the November 7th start date. He also gave an update on the paging system problems and the interoperability grant that he applied for.

5.5 Training – Captain Bartley handed out a report on the current topics that fire training is addressing. Fire Frequency Sharing has taken up the bulk of the training time this month. HE reminded everyone of the upcoming training symposium.

5.6 Special Ops- Chief Bill Houk is the new Special Ops Coordinator. He discussed some of the things he has been working on since he started in the middle of October. One project he is currently focused on is the Air Support Unit. The new unit was purchased to support any agency that needs air bottles filled on-scene. He will be looking for agencies that have the desire and ability to house and deploy the unit.

Additionally he will be contacting each agency and working with Captain Bartley to begin his assessment and risk analysis.

6. Agenda Items

- 6.1 Chief DeWerk – Was scheduled to speak, but did not attend.
- 6.2 Action to cancel the Dec meeting was not taken due to a lack of quorum.
- 6.3 Action to move the January meeting was not taken due to a lack of quorum.

Chief Ellis expressed his thanks to all the agencies that responded to the Southern California fires and those that stayed behind to provide coverage here at home. He noted the continued success of the California mutual aid system.

Chief Miguel read an e-mail he'd received from a Poway resident expressing his extreme gratitude for the strike team that protected his home.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 6, 2007 – 0900 hrs at the RFTC

The meeting was adjourned at 1010 hours

Mimi DeSimoni
Clerk of the Board