

Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 7, 2006

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Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 0902 hrs. The flag was saluted.

The following agency representatives were present:

Director Curtis King	Burbank Paradise Fire District
Chief Steve Barrett	CDF –SCU
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Chief Jim Miguel	City of Modesto
Chief Mike Wilkinson	City of Oakdale
Chief Bill Kinnear	City of Patterson
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Fire Warden Gary Hinshaw	Stanislaus County
Assistant Chief Steve Williams	Turlock Rural Fire District
Director Steve Pedrazzi	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Mike Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire District

Also present were: Mark Cooper, State OES; Raj Singh, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department PIO; Darren Jesberg and Gary Skiles, Salida Fire;

Public Comment: Chief Barrett gave an update on the crash of a CDF aircraft #410 out of Porterville, possibly due to a mechanical failure. There were two fatalities, a battalion chief and a pilot. He will provide an update when more information is available.

Chief Mayotte thanked all the agencies that responded to the Gallo incident.

Approval of Minutes: Chief Mayotte made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting; Chief Hinshaw seconded the motion.

Agenda Items:

- A. Election Procedures- A revised nomination / election procedure was sent out for all to review. The revisions will be incorporated into the Rules of Procedure if adopted. Chief Barrett made a motion to approve the revised Nomination/Election Procedures; Chief Miguel seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.
- B. Fire Investigation performance expectations: The sixth draft of the performance expectations was sent to all members for review. Chief Barrett gave positive comments on the revised format. Chief Miguel made a motion to approve the fire performance expectations; Chief Hinshaw seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and reflected a unanimous vote in support of the motion. Chief Miguel gave a brief update on fire investigation services. Modesto has hired two new investigators, Ron Keyes and John Silviera. They have begun receiving feedback forms from agencies they

have provided service to. There has been some discussion regarding response times. In the future the dispatch center will tell the agency requesting an investigator where the investigator is responding from. They have had good cooperation from the Sheriff's Department. Chief Miguel will be taking a look at the Arson Task Force.

- C. Communications- The time frame established at the last meeting called for the close of the submission period at the current meeting. Director Pedrazzi made a motion to close the submission period; Chief Curnow seconded the motion. Motion was passed. Director King announced that Burbank Paradise Fire District would be withdrawing from making a proposal. Chief Skiles made a presentation of the service Salida Fire proposed to provide. He outlined the strategies, goals, proposed projects, future considerations, partnerships and cost. There was some discussion as to whether the funding would be enough to attract a communications manager. Chief Miguel commented that having an individual in this position will bring a much greater focus to our communications plans. Chief Skiles encouraged everyone to look at and consider his plan and contact him with any questions. The award of the bid will be at the October meeting.
- D. Performance expectations training and special operations: Chief Skiles reported that the Fire Authority staff has not been able to spend the time necessary to put together the performance expectations for these two services. According to the rules of procedure, the Chairman may form an ad hoc committee for such purposes; Chief Skiles would prefer no more than five people. Chief Passalacqua agreed to head the committee and volunteers were requested. Ed Bartley from Salida, and Chief Kraus from Modesto will participate. West Stanislaus may have an individual that will participate. Anyone else interested, please contact Chief Skiles. These expectations should be brought back to the next meeting for discussion and possible approval so that the time period for submission could be opened. Chief Miguel suggested that haz-mat was too complex of an issue to be covered under the Special Operations expectations. He also pointed out that all of the contracts would be expiring at the same time and that it would be better to stagger their end date so we are not struggling with all of the contracts at once. This will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.
- E. Management, Fiscal, Legislative: Mimi passed out a year-end accounting of the County Fire Service Fund. The report detailed all revenues and expenses for the year, and projections for the 2006-2007 year. A copy is on file with these minutes. Deputy Fire Warden Jackson gave an update on the Fire Prevention Bureau's activities during the last month. Mark Cooper gave an update on the OES engines being constructed and what is being placed in this County. Oakdale City Fire will be receiving a new Type I engine. If anyone is interested in a Type III OES engine, contact Kim Zagaris.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 5, 2006 at the RFTC.

The meeting was adjourned at 1035hrs.

Mimi DeSimoni  
Clerk of the Board