



Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2023, 830 hrs.
Emergency Services Facility
3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto, California 95357

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order by Chief Parnell at 0831 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The following agency's representative / alternate were in attendance:

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| Burbank Paradise Fire Protection District | Chief Bernardi |
| Cal-Fire SCU | Absent |
| Cal-Fire TCU | Absent |
| City of Ceres Fire Dept | Chief Wise |
| Ceres Fire Protection District | Chief Wise |
| Denair Fire Protection District | Absent |
| Hughson Fire Protection District | Absent |
| Industrial Fire Protection District | Chief Wise |
| Keyes Fire Protection District | Absent |
| City of Modesto Fire Dept | Chief Tietjen |
| Mountain View Fire Protection District | Absent |
| City of Newman Fire Dept | Chief Bowen |
| City of Oakdale Fire Dept | Chief Tietjen |
| Oakdale Rural Fire Protection District | Chief Tietjen |
| City of Patterson Fire Dept | Chief Hakola |
| Salida Fire Protection District | Chief Wise |
| Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District | Chief Tietjen |
| Stanislaus County Fire Warden | Chief Parnell |
| City of Turlock Fire Dept | Chief Wise |
| Turlock Rural Fire Protection District | Absent |
| West Stanislaus Fire Protection District | Chief Frye |
| Westport Fire Protection District | Absent |
| Woodland Ave Fire Protection District | Absent |

Also attending the meeting:

Kevin Anderson (CERT), Mike Lunn (Training), Matt Jenkins (Fire Prevention); Brooke Freeman, Stanislaus County Sheriff; Dustin Bruley, FIU; Chief Jesberg, Chief Rice and Mike Shockey, Modesto Fire; Clint Bray, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Jeff Hakola PFD; Chief Jelinek, Turlock City Fire; Chad Braner, EMS Agency; BJ Imlach Cal Fire-TCU.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Approval of Minutes:

- 4.1 Approval of the June 1, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.**
Motion to approve made by Chief Bernardi, seconded by Chief Tietjen, motion passed.

5. Staff / Committee Reports:

5.1 Fire Investigation Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

5.2 Fire Prevention Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Weed Abatement streamlining system for fire prevention to process a complaint from the beginning to completion.
- Requesting that the departments provide a standby engine when a higher threat force clean is scheduled; they will contact department prior to.

5.3 Fire Communication Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Fire MDI/Imaging for laptop/tablet.
- NetMotion has been taken over by OES/Fire Warden

5.4 Fire Chaplain Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Their new vehicle has been purchased.

5.5 Administration & Support Report

- Fire Service Fund financial statement was provided at the meeting.

5.6 Training

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

5.7 HazMat/Tech Rescue

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

5.8 Air Operations

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

5.9 CERT

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

5.10 EMS

- Two medical directors have been hired to fill the open position.

- The Data Analysis position was filled inhouse, the EMS Technician position will be available and posted soon.
- Stanislaus EMS plan has been approved by EMSA; we are now an official agency!
- Handtevy Mobil App has been implemented and will have two trainings, one for initial deployment to ALS units or personnel and another for Train the Trainer, they will start in the next month.
- Trying to get APOD-BLS to relieve the ALS Unit at the hospital, working on getting it approved.
- Addition of Toradol, Tylenol it is the local option to stock – training would be required. Buprenorphine will be a common practice in 2024 – waiting until January

5.11 SR911

- No report.

6. Agenda Items:

6.1 Approval of 2024 RFA Business Plan

- Add FIU's MOU with the business plan.
- Fire training portion of the business plan should include funds for the training tower in Ceres. City of Ceres to help with funding.
- Three adjustments to the budget to included \$325,000 in training props.
- Fire Alert System – one-time purchase
- 1.3 million unrestricted add \$588,00 to business plan.
- 1.15 million left at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion to amend and approve the business plan made by Chief Bernardi, seconded by Chief Wise. Motion passed.

6.2 MST

- Chief Rice and Chief Jesberg presented on their Fuel Reduction Program. It unofficially started three years ago, and it has added in decreasing their manpower by 83% on calls for overgrown vegetation fires. The strategy for the program is to aid in possible threats to the environment, public safety, and the community. Their goal is to have training burns, cutting fire breaks, and making the areas more manageable. With the purchase of the dozer, it will help in the areas that the Kobota cannot. They also have partnerships with local law enforcement, recreational parks, and volunteer groups to help clean up the river areas. The goal is for the program to grow and to be a mutual aid for everyone.

7. Announcements:

7.1 Chief Ernst announced that this was his last meeting. He wanted to thank everyone involved with the RFA for being so supportive over the past twelve years.

7.2 The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2023, 0830 hrs., at the Emergency Services Facility.

Meeting adjourned at 0935 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Mello
Secretary/Clerk of the Board