

**Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
March 5, 2009**

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The flag was saluted.

2. The following agencies were present:

Chief Barrett	Cal Fire SCU
Chief Watt	Keyes Fire District
Chief Kraus	Modesto Fire
Chief Fields	City of Oakdale
Chief Hoyer	Oakdale Rural Fire
Chief Skiles	Salida Fire
Chief Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Chief Hinshaw	Stanislaus County Fire Warden
Chief Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Passalaqua	Woodland Ave. Fire
Chief Weber	City of Ceres

Also in attendance: Chad Homme, Ed Bartley, Salida Fire; Ken Slamon, Mimi DeSimoni, Wendy Mirassou, Bill Houk, Michael Wilkinson, Ray Jackson, Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office; Doug Machado, City of Modesto; Jon Rivera, Stanislaus County Sheriffs Department; Ron Cripe, Stanislaus Consolidated; Henry Benevides, Keyes Fire Department; Marilyn Smith, Mountain Valley EMS.

3. Public Comment: No public comment.

4. Approval of Minutes: Chief Mayotte made a motion to approve the minutes, Chief Lohman seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

6.2 Map Books- Item 6.2 was moved up in the agenda. Sara, the GIS Specialist from SR 911, provided a presentation on map books. The new Viper CAD is map based. Compass Maps recently went out of business, and would not have worked with this system. With the new maps, call out sheets, letter and numbers are very easy to understand, and maps can be customized very easily. A map book would be about 100 11 X 17 pages with a ten mile buffer around neighboring counties. Sara noted that ambulance companies will be provided with the map books. SR911 is taking the lead on entering new streets and roads. There is a data base master street address guide for new address and streets. Imagery file for the county can be applied as a layer. Hydrant locations can be sent to Sara and she will create a map layer for water supplies. Fire agencies need to provide updates with information specific to their agency to Sara. All updates will be provided free of charge and available on the web. MDCs will be uploaded with the same information, just a different format.

**5 Staff Committee Reports**

5.1 Finance / Admin- Mimi reported that budget instructions will be coming from the County next week. Information regarding compensation for volunteers has been

provided by the Auditor/Controllers Office. Mimi will provide information upon request to any interested district.

- 5.2 Fire Investigation – A report of all of January investigation activities was provided. Doug Machado spoke about 3 arrests in the City of Modesto. Detective Rivera reported on a gang member in the Westley/Grayson area that has been identified as a suspect in numerous arson cases. He has not yet been apprehended.
- 5.3 Fire Prevention- An updated report of the January fire prevention activities was distributed. Chief Slamon commented on the March 19<sup>th</sup> Fire Prevention Committee Meeting being held at RFTC at 1400 hrs and at and 1800 hrs. The main topic of discussion will be water supply and access.
- 5.4 Fire Communications- Chad Homme reported that the MOU for the Regional Communications Project was finalized and will be presented the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The deadline for vendors RFQ is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Minitor pagers are intrinsically safe, in that they won't spark fires. Most radios are safe, but the pagers some agencies carry are not. CAD implementation is moving forward as scheduled and will be going live in May. Run cards are due ASAP; most agencies have already submitted theirs. The work on the paging tones for all agencies is completed. Narrow banding for this county is being planned for January 2010.
- 5.5 Fire Training- Captain Bartley handed out and discussed the March Fire Training Report including a list of classes currently being offered. Wildland 2009 is in the planning stage, and registration is available on the Fire Warden's web-site. The date is April 24-25. Capt. Bartley will be meeting with Chief Jackson about CICCIS 100-200 Course equivalencies.
- 5.6 Special Operations- Chief Houk requested that 6.3 be pulled off agenda for today and delayed until next month. On 2/18 a Special Operations meeting was held and the Confined Space Rescue policy was discussed. It will be written in the same format as the Water Rescue Policy

## 6. **Agenda Items**

- 6.1 Operational Area Coordinator- Chief Jackson spoke about the upcoming Wildland 2009 drill; it will include a requalification workshop on Friday night along with wildland training on Saturday. The new salary survey letter is posted on the Fire Warden web site. Please provide an update to the State when any changes occur in your salary rates. The Fire Warden's Office has been advised that 2008 Cal EMA reimbursements are due sometime in April. Please contact the Fire Warden's Office if your reimbursements arrive. The annual CICCIS ICS 100-200 letters have been sent out to all local agencies. Chief Jackson spoke about the importance of updating CFRIS annually. The FireScope OPS Bulletin 31 provides instructions on how to update CFRIS. He is willing to come out to help Chiefs with the annual update. Chief Skiles asked about the dispatch matrix being updated. After the Chiefs update the 100-

200 letters and CFRIS, then the dispatch matrix can be updated. This information is needed to accurately status the resources in ROSS.

6.2 Map Books- Moved up in agenda.

6.3 2009 Fire Code- Chief Jackson spoke about the upcoming fire prevention workshop meeting, and encouraged everyone to attend. We are beginning the process of evaluation, review, and adoption of the 2009 Fire Codes. Chief Skiles commented on the new fire code being imposed on January 2010. Chief Hinshaw would like to meet and discuss countywide Fire Codes so we can efficiently address all fire district minimum standards, and we can meet desires of chiefs for different fire code levels. The original intent was for a standard code throughout, but that has not been possible so far. Some Board members have suggested adopting a fire code less restrictive than the State Code; it is County Counsel's opinion that this is not possible. Chief Hinshaw spoke about how we need to provide education to the different stake-holders. He recommends setting up meetings with insurance agencies, the Board of Supervisors, Fire District board members, and the building industry. Public policy, with regard to the fire code, needs to be set by fire chiefs.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1107 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stanislaus County Fire Wardens' Office