

Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2009 – 9:30 a.m.  
Following Fire Chief’s Association Meeting  
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 1030, the flag was saluted.

**2. Roll Call:**

The follow agency representatives were present:

Cal Fire SCU	Chief Barrett
Keyes Fire	Chief Benavides
City of Modesto	Chief Miguel
City of Oakdale	Chief Fields
City of Patterson	Chief Kinnear
Salida Fire	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief G. Hinshaw
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting were: RaeLene Brown and Paul Spani, Stanislaus Consolidated; Michael Lillie, City of Ceres; Mike Payton and Mike Kraus, Modesto Fire; Bill Houk, Ken Slamon and Melba Hibbard, Stanislaus County Fire Warden; John Ellis & Shana Jones, CalFire SCU; Ed Bartley and Chad Homme, Salida Fire; and Lucian Thomas, Stanislaus Regional 911.

**3. Public Comment:**

RaeLene Brown invited everyone to Public Safety Night at the Modesto Elk Lodge on August 24. \$15.00 for family & friends, free to fire personnel.

**4. Minutes:**

Chief Mayotte made a motion to accept the minutes, Henry Benavides seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

**5. Staff Committee Reports:**

- 5.1 **Management, Fiscal and Legislative Report** – Chief Skiles reminded everyone to watch Prop 1A.
- 5.2 **Fire Investigations Report** - Chief Payton reported April was a typical month. There were, however, five arson arrests: 2 in Salida, 2 in West Stanislaus and 1 in Modesto.
- 5.3 **Fire Prevention Report** – Chief Slamon passed out the Activity Report by District for the month of April. He requested every district submit a report of the water supply standard in their district by July 1, 2009. There is no consensus yet on the minimum water supply.

There was discussion concerning fireworks enforcement this year. Chief Payton stated there are not enough resources to put into the program. The only known big displays this year are at the Nuts game, Turlock Fairgrounds and Woodward Lake. Chief Skiles asked that everyone send him a list of any additional displays and the date. Since July 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Saturday it will be a long weekend. It was noted local parks are booked because people are staying locally. CalFire stated there is no enforcement at the border to deter illegal fireworks due to budget cuts.

Chief Hinshaw asked each District to forward their operation plan for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend to Chief Jackson. CalFire SCU and TCU will also forward their IAP to Chief Jackson for information.

- 5.4 **Fire Communications Report** – Chad Homme reported there continues to be interference on Command 2 channel and he is working on it. The AFG grant communications equipment is coming in. The CAD go-live date has been postponed and he will report next month on Firehouse and Fire RMS issues.

Lucian Thomas, SR911, reported CAD's new go-live date is the first or second week of December. He requested districts get their run cards to SR911. Due to budget cuts, the third fire dispatcher desk is being looked at for possible options on how to fill it, especially during fire season. He also reported that the State has moved cell phone calls to SR911 which will result in an extra 50 calls per day once all carriers have been switched over. He announced he has retired but is working on a Personal Service Contract until CAD implementation has been completed.

- 5.5 **Fire Training Report** – Ed Bartley reported he is working on the fall and spring class schedules.

- 5.6 **Special Operations Report** – Chief Houk reported the draft Confined Space report will be ready for review at the next meeting. He announced Chief Wilkinson's retirement at the end of June and there is a reception at the Fire Warden's Office on June 24, 2009 from 1400 – 1600 hrs. Everyone is welcome to attend.

6. Agenda Items

- 6.1 **2009-2010 Fire Authority Business Plan** – The draft 2009-2010 Fire Authority Business Plan was reviewed. Motion by Chief Mayotte, second by Chief Barrett to accept the Business Plan and, in September, bring back options to insure that service levels are commensurate with our revenues. Motion passed.

- 6.2 **Election Committee** – There were no new nominations. Motion by Director Kimball, seconded by Chief Hinshaw to re-elect:

Chairman – Chief Skiles

Vice Chairman – Chief Passalaqua

Clerk/Secretary – Mimi DeSimoni

Motion passed.

Chief Ellis requested he be replaced by Shana Jones as the CalFire SCU representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 1145.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Hibbard for Mimi DeSimoni  
Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office