

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2010– 8:30 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The following agencies were present:

City of Ceres	Chief Lillie
Cal-Fire	Chief Barrett
Keyes Fire	Chief Watt
City of Modesto	Chief Miguel
City of Oakdale	Chief Winton
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Winton
Salida Fire	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Jackson
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
Westport Fire	Chief Thompson
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball

Also Present: Mike Kraus, Sean Slamon, Mike Payton, Hugo Patino – Modesto Fire, Shana Jones, Cal-Fire TCU; Armando Rios- CalFire MMU; Ray Jackson, Mimi DeSimoni, Ken Slamon, Fire Warden’s Office; Dan Schroeder, Denair Fire; John Barindelli, Westport Fire; Eric Holly, Eric DeHart, Ceres Fire; Chad Homme, Tommy Dick, Stuart Dutter, Salida Fire; Darrell Freitas SR-911; Marilyn Smith, MVEMSA; John Borges, Burton Fire Apparatus

3. Public Comment:

- Chief Lohman announced that Chief Langley has retired and he will be taking over as interim and is looking forward to the change.
- Chief Skiles reported on a meeting with SR911 and all surrounding Cal Fire Units. They discussed SRA/LRA issues with respect to communications and personnel and apparatus tracking. Chief Winton gave his perspective that communications between the ECC and SR911 needs to be improved and single point ordering of equipment and personnel is key. The Communications Advisory Committee is meeting on 7/13/10 at 1330 to review the Communications Policy Manual; all agencies were encouraged to attend. Chief Kraus pointed out that it is also the responsibility of the incident commanders to communicate with both agencies. Communications frequencies need to be determined and everyone needs to be on the same page. Chief Rios emphasized the safety issues involved with good communications.

- Chief Miguel addressed the group regarding his leaving Modesto Fire. He expressed his gratitude and respect to all the agencies and chiefs.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Director Kimball made motion to approve the minutes; Chief Mayotte seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

5. **Staff / Committee Reports**

- 5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi noted that the quarterly Fire District Administrative/Finance Managers meeting is coming up. Year end figures will be out from the County the first week in August. She requested that the list of agency representatives be reviewed and updated as necessary by each agency.
- 5.2 Fire Investigations- May was typical month, no highlights. Report was sent out with agenda, any questions, please call Chief Payton.
- 5.3 Fire Prevention- Report was sent out with agenda. Chief Slamon will discuss fire code adoption later in the agenda.
- 5.4 Fire Communications- Chad discussed several issues he has been working on. He worked on the recent CSUS event tying different communications frequencies together for several agencies. There are still problems with USA Mobility. There is currently no representative assigned to fire. Many expressed frustration with the system and the company's customer service.
- 5.5 Fire Training- Chief Skiles announced the transition from Tom Dick to Stuart Dutter as the Training Coordinator. He will be supported by several members of Salida Fire. Tom discussed the new CICCIS certification and qualifications that went into affect on 7/1/10. Tom has volunteered to be on the State CICCIS committee. Still looking for a sponsor for NWCG classes, no response yet from the Forrest Agencies. Next TAC meeting is 7/6/10 at 1000 hrs.

6. **Agenda Items**

- 6.1 **Operational Area Coordinator Report:** Chief Jackson reported that the new CICCIS is in effect, especially important is requirements for Engine Boss and Strike Team Leader. Each agency needs to establish an internal process for meeting the requirements. Ceres has a good process in place. Chief Mayotte and Chief Kraus volunteered that their agencies are also working on this. Chief Jackson reported on meetings he attended in Sacramento regarding FMAG. Chief Jones discussed the complexities of FMAG- it must be initiated and approved in the heat of the incident. If you are in the MTZ she suggested that you have Cal-Fire implement the request, they are used to doing it. Dispatch matrix has been updated and provided to SR-911, this should make dispatch more efficient. Fire Warden's Office is putting an IAP together for 4th of July. There will be 2 Resource Officers and several overhead positions available.
- 6.2 **2010 Fire Code Adoption and Related Amendments-** Chief Slamon provided a presentation on the Code adoption process. He addressed the automatic fire sprinkler requirement and what that would apply to, as well as all of the other suggested amendments and exceptions. The code and amendments must be adopted by local

agencies and approved by the Board of Supervisors before 1/1/11 or the State Code is the only one that can be enforced. He also announced a class being presented in September regarding the fire code, and encouraged attendance. He also stressed how important it is for agencies to attend the monthly fire prevention meetings, the next meeting is 7/15/10.

- 6.3 **Regional Fire RMS-** Chad reported that he has met with all agencies regarding the regional RMS. He had concerns whether the proposal would meet every agency's needs. He and the County's IT director have revised the plan and Chad is going to obtain an updated quote from Zoll. Mimi will write the request to the County Public Facility Fees Committee once the actual cost is determined. Chief Mayotte made a motion to have the project move forward until the full price is identified; Chief Winton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6.4 **July 2010 State CICCS Certification and Qualifications Guidelines-** A series of meetings have been held throughout the state, but the State has not yet finalized their document. Chief Jackson described a qualification-based system, not a rank based system. The State is striving for consistency and competency, and audits of responding agencies documentation may be coming. CICCS 2010 is the standard for local government. Equivalencies are not completely clear yet. Chief Jackson emphasized that there is help available through the Training Coordinator and the Fire Warden's Office. Chief Passalacqua noted that CICCS is very difficult for small community-based agencies. If this is required for mutual-aid it may cause small agencies to just stay within their own jurisdiction. This issue was discussed at the work-shops.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2010.

Meeting was adjourned at 1115

Respectfully Submitted,

Mimi DeSimoni
Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office