

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2010– 8:30 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The following agencies were present:

Denair	Chief Doerksen
City of Ceres	Chief Lillie
Cal-Fire	Chief Barrett
Keyes Fire	Chief Watt
City of Modesto	Chief Kraus
City of Oakdale	Chief Botto
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Botto
Patterson	Chief Kinnear
Salida Fire	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Hinshaw
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball

Also Present: Mike Payton, Alicia Hinshaw, Modesto Fire; Andy Murphy, Cal-Fire TCU; Ray Jackson, Mimi DeSimoni, Ken Slamon, Fire Warden's Office; Erik Klevmyr, Keyes Fire; Chad Homme, Stuart Dutter, Salida Fire; Marilyn Smith, MVEMSA; Dave Murphy, AMR

3. Public Comment:

- Chief Kraus announced that the Coston report will be reviewed in September and he welcomes training officers and other fire personnel to attend.

- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Chief Mayotte made motion to approve the minutes; Director Kimball 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 was held yesterday. Year-end figures and assessed valuations were discussed. Chief Skiles discussed changes in DMV procedures and potential changes to the Brown Act. There is also a ballot initiative that will prohibit the state from taking money from local government.

- 5.2 Fire Investigations- Chief Payton reported on the June statistics. 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 including the CAD project, regional RMS project, and the Communications Policies and Procedures manual; training has been provided to SR-911. Chief Skiles emphasized that every agency needs to know the policies; training is available. The Communications Advisory Committee meeting is next week. Report was sent out with the agenda.
- 5.5 Fire Training- Stuart reported on many training opportunities coming up. He has transitioned with all the fire agencies, and will meet again regarding the communications policy.
- 5.6 EMS – Alicia reported that train the trainer program on the exposure reporting will begin soon. She would like to begin assessing the needs of all the fire agencies, based on what is necessary, what is mandatory, and how she can assist the various departments. She is currently writing the Aerosol Transmissible Disease policy for Modesto Fire and when it is complete she will provide it to all interested fire agencies. She also discussed the TDAP vaccination and what the requirements are for fire agencies. The vaccinations must be offered to employees, they can decline, but must be offered. Public Health is offering the vaccinations for \$10 each, Alicia has the paperwork and information on this program. Modesto EMT skills training for recertification is scheduled for September and March, this will be made available to other agencies.

6. **Agenda Items**

- 6.1 **Operational Area Coordinator Report:** Chief Jackson discussed the importance Of all agencies understand what reimbursement method they are being sent out under when they go out of county. All agencies have responded with their capabilities for the dispatch matrix. If that capability changes, please advise the Operational Area Coordinator so that agencies will not be called with a request they are not able to fill. Chief Botto questioned whether cross-staffed engines would be a possibility, Chief Jackson said the State will only bill one agency for the man-power provided on a single resource. Other agencies have already been jointly staffing engines out of county. It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled to discuss this with all the agencies that want to participate in cross staffing. Chief Hinshaw agreed that this is a good idea, but it must be done by the fire chiefs, not the Operational Area Coordinator. He offered that Chief Jackson would facilitate a meeting.
- 6.2 **2010 Fire Code Adoption and Related Amendments-** Chief Slamon provided a information on the Code adoption process. He addressed the automatic fire sprinkler requirements, private water systems, water requirements for pallets, and the manufacture and storage of ethanol and bio-diesel. 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. Each agency must

determine what amendments they want to adopt. Chief Skiles outlined the process that must be followed in order to adopt the code. Chief Hinshaw emphasized the importance of all the chiefs being present when these codes are taken to the Board of Supervisors.

- 6.3 **2009-2010 Fire Authority Annual Report-** The annual report is being written. Mimi requested comments and suggestions be emailed to her by August 30th so they may be included in the draft report at the September meeting.
- 6.4 **Coston Fire Report was postponed until the September meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2010

Meeting was adjourned at 1055

Respectfully Submitted,

Mimi DeSimoni
Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office