

Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.  
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:**

In the absence of Chairman Passalaqua, Chief Dale Skiles called the meeting to order at 0836 hrs. The flag was saluted.

**2. Roll Call:**

The follow agency representatives /alternates were present:

Burbank Paradise Fire	Chief Golling
Cal-Fire	Chief Chew
City of Ceres	Toby Wells
Keyes Fire	Chief Klevmyr
City of Modesto	Chief Ernst
City of Oakdale	Chief Wapnowski
Oakdale Rural Fire	Chief Wapnowski
Salida Fire District	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Wapnowski
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Skiles
City of Turlock	Chief Talloni
Westport Fire	Chief Hackett
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting: Eric Holly, Randy Crook, Chad Homme, Stanislaus County OES / Fire Warden; Ron Cripe, RFTC; Dave Hutchinson, DA / Fire Investigation Unit; Chief Payton, City of Modesto Fire; Richard Murdock, Jim Whitworth, MVEMSA; Chris Bernardi, Ben Murdock, Jesse Rosas, Burbank Paradise Fire; Tim Spears, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Chief White, Chief Carlson, City of Turlock Fire; Lisa Frazer, SR911; Vern Losh, Salida Fire; Stephen Qualls, League of California Cities

**3. Public Comment:**

None.

**4. Approval of September 7, 2017 Minutes:**

Chief Wapnowski made a motion to approve the minutes. Chief Carlson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**5. Staff/Committee Reports**

**5.1 Fire Investigation Report**

Dave Hutchinson reported a total of 151 investigations during the reporting period of August - October 2017: 77 structure fires, 31 vehicle fires, 17 vegetation, 26 trash/dumpster/other. A full report sorted by department/district was included in the agenda packet.

## **5.2 Fire Prevention Report**

Fire Marshal Randy Crook reported the Fire Prevention Bureau has been focused on the annual inspection of schools, new construction and weeds. Initial inspection of 54 schools has been completed; 43 have received final inspection. All school inspections will be completed by the end of January. Motels/hotels will be next. Between May 2 – November 30, 2017, 101 weed complains have been received. One (1) required a force clean. A full report was included in the agenda packet.

## **5.3 Fire Communication Report**

Chad Homme reported on the assessment of purchasing Toughbooks vs. Surface Pros. He will continue to assess once the Surface Pro has been released by Microsoft. Radio infrastructure continues. CAL FIRE released a Radio Frequency Updates communication on TCU changes. The memo was included in the packet. An annual review of the Everbridge system has been completed. There were several changes to assess and/or implement. A full report was included in the agenda packet.

## **5.4 Fire Training Report**

Ron Cripe announced the Fire Academy Ceremony on December 15, 2017. He reported the burn tower project has been completed and live fire training is back at the RFTC. The partnership agreement was extended through June 30, 2018. The Executive Management Committee will meet in January to explore options for continuing this partnership. A full report was included in the agenda packet.

## **5.5 Administrative Report**

Chief Skiles encouraged departments/districts to turn in their Target Solutions and Action 911 invoices for reimbursement as soon as possible. A radio infrastructure upgrade from analog to digital is being considered. There is funding set aside for this project. There is a 2 year timeline to completion. Chief Ernst reported the City of Modesto is considering purchasing new radios at their next City Council meeting. They are also looking at a possible grant to help with the purchase of digital equipment. Any interested agency should contact him. Chief Skiles encouraged program leads to report to the Fire Warden any considerations for the 2018-2019 Business Plan which will be considered at the March 2018 meeting.

## **6. Agenda Items**

Nothing noted.

## **7. Announcements**

- 7.1 The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2018, 8:30 a.m., Regional Fire Training Center

Meeting adjourned at 0900 hrs. by Chief Passalaqua.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Hibbard  
Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office