

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2021, 830 hrs.
Fire Warden's Office, 3705 Oakdale Rd, Modesto



1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order by Chair, Chief Murdock at 830 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The follow agency representatives /alternates were present:

Burbank Paradise Fire	Chief Golling
Cal-Fire	Absent
City of Ceres	Michael Botto Interim Chief
Denair Fire	Aaron Mundello
Hughson Fire	Absent
Keyes Fire	Absent
City of Modesto	Chief Ernst
Mountain View Fire	Clay Hoobler
City of Newman	Chief Bowen
City of Oakdale	Chief Ernst
Oakdale Rural Fire	Chief Ernst
City of Patterson	Chief Bowen
Salida Fire	Chief Burns
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Whorton
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Murdock
City of Turlock	Absent
Turlock Rural Fire	Chief Colbert
Westport Fire	Absent
West Stanislaus Fire	Chief Bowen
Woodland Ave. Fire	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting: Chief Klevmyr, Chad Homme, and Chris Parnell, Stanislaus County Fire Warden; Chief Crook, Stanislaus County Fire Prevention Bureau; Brooke Freeman, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office; Dustin Bruley, Fire Investigation Unit; Desiderio Calzada, SR911; Mike Lillie, City of Modesto; John Boer, Woodland Ave Fire; and Clint Bray, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Approval of Minutes:

4.1 Approval of the December 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Chief Ernst made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris Bernardi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Staff / Committee Reports:

5.1 Fire Investigation Report

- Dustin Bruley reported there were 193 investigations during the reporting period that included 1 fatal fire and 15 arrests. A summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- They finalized the agreement, as of February 1st, for the new full time Detective, Raj Singh.
- Received the new FIU truck last month, way before expected delivery date. Should be ready for duty in May.

5.2 Fire Prevention Report

- Chief Crook reported Fire Prevention staff are still assisting in the Emergency Operations Center on the Covid-19 Response, which has caused them to be running behind on school inspections, but they are working on them and getting them done.
- Already receiving applications for fireworks stands/shoots. Anticipate having 2 fireworks shoots this Independence Day.
- Detailed statistical report was included with the agenda packet.

5.3 Fire Communications Report

- Detailed report was included in the agenda packet.
- Chad Homme updated on the technical issues with Cradle Point modems has been resolved and he's been working with agencies to get theirs updated.
- Updated that Modesto Fire downtown's installs were done and he's working on Oakdale now then will move to Ceres and the West Side of the County.
- It was confirmed we did not have to go to the Board of Supervisor's for approval to expend funds for the new MDC's. He thanked Pat Burns and Chief Lillie for working with him on the project and that new units should be ordered shortly.

5.4 Administration & Support Report

- Finance Manager Brooke Freeman provided a copy on the RFA Budget Actuals for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
- Report is on **6.1**.

5.5 Reports from Fire Authority member agencies

None

6. Agenda Items:

6.1 Fire Authority Business Plan and Budget Update

- Chief Murdock confirmed the RFA Business Plan Committee members. A meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks to go over the Business Plan to prepare to send to the Board of Supervisors for approval in the future.
- Brooke Freeman reviewed budget projections and said the fund balance is looking really good.
- Chief Whorton asked if the DA is collecting CARES reimbursement for FIU? Dustin said he will confirm, but he and Brooke were not aware of any.
- Chief Murdock was asked by the Sheriff to see if there are any expenses that can be absorbed by the County to give funds back to the Fire Authority, like HazMat

etc. He confirmed that funds have been given back to the Fire Authority for Fire Prevention staff working in the EOC.

6.2 Lexipol

Chief Klevmyr reported we want to provide a good policy software for the agencies. Lexipol's current software wasn't flexible enough, so they are working on a product for us. Chief Klevmyr will send an email out soon requesting an agency contact, so we can put together a core group to work on creating a base product. Agencies should be able to customize as needed.

6.3 RMS

Chief Klevmyr reported that the current RMS isn't used much, it's cumbersome to get into. The Fire Warden's IT support is moving under the Sheriff's office. Their IT is on board with moving to a web-based RMS, so we will be moving forward with that product in the future.

7. Announcements:

- 7.1** The next Regular meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2021, 8:30 a.m., location to be determined.
- 7.2** Goal is to have a Business Plan by the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 0907 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Casi Persons
Clerk of the Board