

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2021, 830 hrs.
Fire Warden's Office, 3705 Oakdale Rd, Modesto



1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order by Chief Murdock at 0833 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The following agency's representative / alternate were in attendance:

Burbank Paradise Fire	Chief Bernardi
Cal-Fire	Absent
City of Ceres	Chief Ernst
Denair Fire	Absent
Hughson Fire	Absent
Keyes Fire	Absent
City of Modesto	Chief Ernst
Mountain View Fire	Absent
City of Newman	Chief Bowen
City of Oakdale	Chief Ernst
Oakdale Rural Fire	Chief Ernst
City of Patterson	Chief Frye
Salida Fire	Chief Burns
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Bray
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Murdock
City of Turlock	Absent
Turlock Rural Fire	Chief Colbert
West Stanislaus Fire	Chief Bowen
Westport Fire	Absent
Woodland Ave Fire	Chief Passalacqua

Also attending the meeting: Chief Klevmyr, Chief Parnell and Chad Homme, Stanislaus County Fire Warden; Dustin Bruley, Fire Investigation Unit; Desiderio Calzada, SR911; Brooke Freeman, Sheriff's Office; Chief Boer, Woodland Ave Fire, Chief Tietjen and Chief Shockey, Modesto Fire, Cindy Murdaugh, MVEMSA.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Approval of Minutes:

4.1 Approval of the June 3, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Chief Bernardi made a motion to approve the minutes and Chief Passalacqua seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Staff / Committee Reports:

5.1 Fire Investigation Report

Dustin Bruley reported there were 230 investigations during the reporting period that included 19 arson arrests and 5 fatalities. A summary report was included in the agenda packet.

5.2 Fire Prevention Report

Chief Klevmyr reported for Chief Crook.

Chief Crook is retiring and will be recruiting to fill the position. Hired a new inspector who will be responsible for education. This will free up staff to work on inspections. We will be hiring 1 more inspector, interviewing in Sept.

A summary report was included in the agenda packet.

5.3 Fire Communications Report

Chad Homme reported we have confirmed our docking stations for repair have been received by Gamber Johnson and are being repaired. Modesto has received their's back and we anticipate our's coming back any day. We continue to meet with NetMotion to migrate from ITC to the NetMotion cloud. Next meeting is this afternoon 9/2/21. We have received the radio tower consultant proposal, which we will be reviewing on Tuesday. Mobile installations are complete and we are working thru one issue for Westport Fire. FireRMS replacement project will be continuing now that Phoenix has gone live...we are meeting about the CAD to RMS interface. The 2021 state programming loads are complete and ready to be installed.

A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.

5.4 Fire Chaplain Report

Chaplain Rod Flora reported from around the middle of May to date, our team has responded out to 25 1144's. A summary of those are:

- 13 auto related deaths
- 1 SIDS
- 3 passed in a house fire
- 8 Cardiac events
- Many of these involved interaction with community and family.
- 14 station visits
- 4 major structure fires
- Our team interacted with 62 area firefighters and 4 AMR personnel
- What I mean by interaction is we specifically had conversation in regards to an event
- 3 Debriefings with local area fire departments.
- Tara had 3 visits with the gals in dispatch

As I conclude our summary, I wanted to give you a brief summary of an event that I went to in August. We were called to the home of an African American family who had found their 40 year old son dead in his bedroom. I arrived on scene and was

immediately met by the EMT from AMR. His first comment to me was Chaplain Flora, you have got to help my partner inside, he is trying really hard to console the mom. I went in within a few minutes. We were able bring some calmness and relieve the paramedic. I ended up assisting many close family members that were there that morning. This family was so appreciate of someone from the fire service taking time to be there with them for a few minutes during this really difficult time. I felt like when we left that I was far more blessed, than anything I did for that family. As a firefighter/chaplain I really believe that this program is a very good outreach to our communities in regards to the fire service. Several of the departments in our county have their own programs but if you don't, please feel free to call dispatch and let them know you have a need. They will dispatch us immediately.

Coming up later in the fall we plan to do a first responders and their significant other, appreciation barbecue. The meal will be completely at no cost.

5.5 Administration & Support Report

- Presented the Business Plan on item 6.1.

5.6 Reports from Fire Authority member agencies

- West Stanislaus Fire appreciated the support for a burned Firefighter.

6. Agenda Items:

6.1 Approval to Recommend the Fiscal year 2021 / 2022 Final Fire Authority Business Plan to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

Chief Murdock presented the 2021/2022 Business Plan. Chief Ernst made a motion to approve. Chief Bray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. Announcements:

7.1 The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2021, 0830 hrs, at the Fire Warden's Office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Casi Persons
Clerk of the Board