



Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2024  
Emergency Services Facility - 3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto, California

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Meeting called to order by Chief Parnell at 0831 hrs. The flag was saluted.

**2. Roll Call:**

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

Burbank Paradise Fire Protection District	Absent
Cal-Fire SCU	Absent
Cal-Fire TCU	Chief Imlach
City of Ceres Fire Dept	Chief Tietjen
Ceres Fire Protection District	Chief Tietjen
Denair Fire Protection District	Absent
Hughson Fire Protection District	Absent
Industrial Fire Protection District	Chief Tietjen
Keyes Fire Protection District	Absent
City of Modesto Fire Dept	Chief Tietjen
Mountain View Fire Protection District	Absent
City of Newman Fire Dept	Chief Bowen
City of Oakdale Fire Dept	Chief Tietjen
Oakdale Rural Fire Protection District	Chief Tietjen
City of Patterson Fire Dept	Chief Frye
Salida Fire Protection District	Chief Tietjen
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District	Chief Tietjen
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Parnell
City of Turlock Fire Dept	Chief Hunter
Turlock Rural Fire Protection District	Absent
West Stanislaus Fire Protection District	Chief Frye
Westport Fire Protection District	Chief Evans
Woodland Ave Fire Protection District	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting:

Chief Jesberg, Modesto Fire; John Boer, Woodland Avenue Fire; Chief Bray, SSL; Kevin Anderson (CERT), Mike Lunn (Training), Matthew Jenkins (FPB), Stanislaus County Emergency Services; Dustin Bruley, FIU; Dallas Plaa, Travis Dillon, SCOE; Will Harris, PG&E

**3. Public Comment:**

None

Chief Parnell suggested having the 6.1 and 6.2 agenda items (presentations by SCOE and PG&E) heard prior to moving on to section 4 of the agenda. Chief Tietjen motioned for the change in the agenda and Chief Frye seconded the motion.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes:**

##### **4.1 Approval of the December 7, 2023, regular meeting minutes and January 23, 2024, special meeting minutes.**

Motion to approve minutes made by Chief Tietjen, seconded by Chief Frye, motion passed.

#### **5. Staff Committee Reports:**

##### **5.1 Fire Investigation Report**

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- MOU has been being processed by the legal department and is now in final draft.

##### **5.2 Fire Prevention Report**

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- When conducting the annual county enforcement inspection on the cannabis projects there is a concern with safety. There are doors that are blocked, unsafe conditions, and hazards. They will make an effort to report these to the fire district that they are in for their safety and attention to them. They will also take pictures of the violations.
- They are aware of the business permits that are applied for as retail and converted to an extraction process business.
- Reminder when requesting Knox Box please verify the address, there have been incidents with given the incorrect address and it causes issues, please review/double check address before giving it to FP.
- Discussion regarding the Water Tender fee square foot vs. flat fee.

##### **5.3 Fire Communication Report**

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet
- Discussion about CAD, Oracle is hosting two sessions of a firefighter's review and feedback demonstration of a tablet and their product on March 11, 2024. There are concerns being "guinea pigs" again and committing to something that is not the right fit. Currently Oracle has nothing live for fire. Central Square is a better fit since they are already servicing the fire industry, work with large organizations, interoperability is greater and they are already live. The transition time to Central Square would be approximately 4-6 months. Although, the Sheriff is supportive of going with Oracle for their needs, it doesn't mean that it is the right fit for all. Chief Parnell would like it to be known where RFA, Fire Chiefs and the departments stand on this.

- At this point, they are tablet based with cradle points in the rigs, web based, through Android but does not come with cell service. Another reason it is not beneficial, it would cost between \$550,000 - \$600,000 to update.
- It was also stated that it is necessary to find what is best for both small and large districts. So far there is no comparison between Central Square and Oracle, but Oracle deserves a chance to present their product and that is also why it would be beneficial to have as many departments represented for this meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> to ask questions and present concerns.
- Expecting CDAC to be determined approximately April 4, 2024. Also, maybe it would be beneficial to form a committee concerning this. A possible discussion with Oracle about working with them in designing and building one for “our” needs.

#### **5.4 Fire Chaplain Report**

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet
- A San Joaquin County agency reached out looking for support for someone on their crew and we will be doing what we can to assist with supporting that individual. If you are contact from outside agencies needing support, please refer them to our team.
- Training nights for the departments will be scheduled soon

#### **5.5 Administration & Support Report**

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet
- At 35% of budget at this time
- Chief Parnell with check with Brooke Freeman on the status of the Ceres training facility funding

#### **5.6 Training**

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet
- The S290 training scheduled 4/8-4/11 has low registrants, it is now open to out of county departments
- The documents to register for the 2024 Wildland Training will be emailed soon and will need to be returned prior to 5/20/24 if interested in participating
- Discussed scheduling motivational speaker, Travis Howze. The cost is approximately \$12,000.00, it would be very beneficial for all personnel. Chief Frye mentioned that Captain Jamison has researched getting this going as well and would like to make it regional and available to all. If it is not possible to access the funds and schedule before the end of the year, there is the possibility to have it looked at when reviewing the 2024-2025 RFA Business Plan.

#### **5.7 HazMat/Tech Rescue**

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet

## **5.8 Air Operations**

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet
- There is a new numbering sequence, stating where the copter is coming from
- SO Air Support will be training with SCU, if there is an incident such as Del Puerto Canyon you could utilize the crews to help find and coordinate
- Currently there are five pilots
- The communication system that was purchased has been installed and being used

## **5.9 CERT**

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet
- CERT was deployed to Patterson to prepare sandbags, 200 sandbags were filled in Westley
- Captain Anderson went to Galt to see their operation and has been in contact with Merced to cross-train

## **5.10 SR911**

No report provided/not in attendance

## **6. Agenda Items:**

### **6.1 FOCUS Program Presentation – Dallas Plaa and Travis Dillon**

- Program for first responders to report any incidents which might affect children with school performance. The information received from the incident is entered into the system, and it will be reported to that child's school. This is a huge benefit to inform the schools that there has been something that has happened that might reflect in the child's behaviors, performance, etc.
- The Sheriff's Department and all police departments are currently using this, and all twenty-five county school districts are involved and receive an automatic notification
- There is a web browser shortcut, printable QR code, and the ability to create a mobile device shortcut
- Chief Parnell will assist with getting the information to the agencies
- [https://www.focuscalifornia.org/ \(ctrl+click to follow\)](https://www.focuscalifornia.org/)

### **6.2 PG&E Gas and Electric Presentation – Will Harris**

- PG&E requires an annual distribution of handout material for first responders (he introduced himself and gave hand-outs to the departments)
- Highlighted the position of the Public Safety Specialist and that they will show up to help work through solutions to make safe restoration, and rebuild
- PG&E offers a first responder's workshop – two hours including gas, electric and hazardous material. Chief Parnell stated that he has attended a two-hour presentation and it was beneficial

- Will Harris is the point of contact for OES/LE/FIRE 24/7 his # is

**7. Announcements:**

- 7.1** Red Card update documents were sent out this week and are due mid-May
- 7.2** Whatsapp for Overhead positions was sent out and the information must be returned in order to be on the call out list
- 7.3** Chief Murdock's retirement celebration flyer was sent out, it will be on Mach 20<sup>th</sup> between 11:30-1:30pm at the Emergency Services Facility
- 7.4** EMS requests that you remain after the meeting to hear an announcement for the fire chiefs
- 7.5** The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2024, 0830 HRS, at the Emergency Services Facility

Meeting adjourned at 0954 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Mello  
Secretary/Clerk of the Board