



Stanislaus County Fire Authority
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 December 5, 2024
 Office of Emergency Services
 3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto, California



1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order by Chief Parnell at 1032 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

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

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| Burbank Paradise Fire Protection District | Chief Bernardi |
| Cal-Fire SCU | Absent |
| Cal-Fire TCU | Chief Gorham |
| 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 Hankins |
| 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 Tietjen |
| Turlock Rural Fire Protection District | Absent |
| West Stanislaus Fire Protection District | Absent |
| Westport Fire Protection District | Chief Evans |
| Woodland Ave Fire Protection District | Chief Passalacqua |

Also attending the meeting:

Chief Klevmyr, Matthew Jenkins (FPB), Chad Homme (Communications), Mike Lunn (Training), Kevin Anderson (CERT); Rod Flora, Chaplain; John Wilkinson and Mike Hamaguchi, San Joaquin Valley Air District; Carly Baker, CSFA SAFER Grant Representative

3. Public Comment:

None

Chief Parnell asked for a Motion to move agenda items 6.1 and 6.2 (Presentations by BAER SAFER Grant and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution) to be heard prior to moving on to item 4.1 of the agenda. Chief Tietjen moved to have items 6.1 and 6.2 heard prior to item 4.1 in the agenda and Chief Barnardi seconded the motion, no one opposed, motion passed.

4. Approval of Minutes:

4.1 Approval of the September 5, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

Motion to approve minutes made by Chief Barnardi, seconded by Chief Tietjen, all in favor, motion passed.

5. Staff/Committee Reports:

5.1 Fire Investigation Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

5.2 Fire Prevention Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

5.3 Fire Communication Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- The SR911 User Former was informative but there were only three attendees. It would be beneficial to have someone from the agencies represented in the future.
- County's contract with Zoll will end in 2027; it might be beneficial to consider terminating it sooner and having only one interface. MST is navigating towards using First Due.

5.4 Fire Chaplain Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Chief Barnardi thanked the program for their continued support and that the department appreciated the multiple times that they have been able to assist them the past several months.

5.5 Administration & Support Report

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- OES received 39 applications for the business manager's position; after interviews the top five will proceed further; since the background check will not be under the Sheriff's Department the process will not be lengthy.

5.6 Fire Training Coordinator

- A summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Fire Control 3 class was a success with twenty-five students participating, five house structures, and two garages were burned to the ground.
- There are several upcoming classes including three different rope rescue courses that will be in February and S219, S230, S231, S270 and S290 in early 2025. Also, coordinating Command Officer 2C, 2D, 2E and Safety Officer training.
- Reminder that if a registrant does not attend a training without canceling, the department will be charged and responsible for the fee for that class/training.
- The next Fire Training Officer's meeting will be held on January 14, 2025, 1800 hrs. at Station 17.
- Wildland Training meetings will begin in January the date TBD.

5.7 HazMat/Tech Rescue

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

5.8 CERT Report

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet.
- The next CERT academy will be in the spring of 2025.

6. Agenda Items:

6.1 BAER SAFER Grant Presentation – Carly Baker

- The information that she provided is attached.

6.2 San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Presentation – John Wilkinson

- The information that he provided is attached.

6.3 Proposal and Motion to send one active Fire Training Officer to the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) with Fire Warden staff

Chief Parnell said that he, Chief Klevmyr and Captain Lunn have attended the FDIC the past several years and it has been a great experience with the extensive training and vendors; he proposed that the RFA pay for one county Fire Training Officer to attend the conference in April 2025. The cost would be approximately \$7,000 for a week which would include the flight, hotel, and the cost of food at the county per diem rate. This person would be whoever has participated the most with trainings throughout the year. Training attendance would be based on meetings, events, trainings etc., when in attendance at these events each person would receive a ticket for being there and at the end of year whoever has participated the most

would be the one who would attend. The goal would be for this person to take all that they experienced and learned back to their department.

It was discussed where the funds would come from and how they would determine who would attend the conference in 2025. Chief Parnell relayed that there is approximately \$77,000 available except the cost of the Wildland Training but considering what the cost has been the past two years there would still be enough to support this. They would determine who would attend by attendance at the trainings, etc. in 2024.

Chief Tietjen Motioned that RFA pay for the 2025-year conference and that it should be evaluated/revisited each year. Chief Bernardi seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Announcements:

7.1 Fire Prevention III application deadline has closed, opening positions for I/II with one vacancy will be available.

7.2 Chief Tietjen announced that this (December 2024) meeting would be his last RFA meeting. He thanked everyone and invited all to a retirement celebration event on 12/18/24 at 1:30 p.m.

7.3 Chief Parnell reminded of the Fire Chiefs Association dinner on 12/11/24.

7.4 Cal Fire announced that on 12/09/24 they will be cutting the crew to 80 and 12/16 they will cut engines. They will be keeping 132 personnel and 5 staffed at baseline, Motherlode, Valleceto and Stockton/Delta. In 2025 they will start implementing a schedule of March – December and will be upstaffing 25. Motherlode will be June – March. FF1 second week in January and there will be 80 positions/21 units. Their schedule will be changing from a 72-hour work week to 66 hours, 3 days on and 4 off except one week would be 2 day week.

He informed of 7.8 tsunamis reported 43 miles of Eureka.

7.2 The next regular meeting is scheduled on March 6, 2025, 10:30 a.m. at the Emergency Services Facility.

Meeting adjourned at 1121 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Mello, Secretary/Clerk of the Board