



San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers Section

Meeting Date October 15, 2008

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President:	Jim Palisi, Belmont-San Carlos Fire (650)802-4252
Vice Pres./Treasurer:	Denise Enea, Woodside Fire (650)851-6206
Secretary:	Angelina Ciucci, North County Fire (415)467-8617
Acting Secretary:	Julie Parenti, Central County Fire (650)558-7648
Liaison Chief:	Jim Skinner, Redwood City Fire (650)780-7451

Attendance: See Attached Sign-in Sheet

Call to order: President Palisi called the meeting of the San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers to order at 1334 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President Palisi.

Treasurer's Report:

- Savings:	\$577.90
- Checking:	\$719.00
- Dues:	\$199.47
- FEMA:	\$0.00
- Total:	\$1496.37

Approval of Minutes: The September 2008 meeting minutes were approved without correction and with a unanimous vote.

Chiefs Report:

County Chiefs now require Presidents from each county section to meet with Chiefs every quarter for updates.

Chiefs retreat in Carmel November 18-20. Chief Fry to determine if representative from FPO's should attend.

JPA/EMS contract and negotiations to begin next month.



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Fire Buffs organization will no longer hold their annual social events such as annual BBQ in Woodside or annual holiday dinner due to costs. Will continue call-out support on incidents.

Chiefs approved our Fire Investigation call-out policy.

Sheriff's Department attended most recent Chiefs meeting to discuss OES involvement with county, interaction with each jurisdiction, process of obtaining grants, and maintaining OES relationships.

New Business/President's Report:

President Palisi received a letter from the Chair of IAFC Wildland Fire Policy Committee regarding "LEOSAD" (Leave early and evacuate or stay and defend). They are recommending that jurisdictions implement this guide and use the model provide education to communities. Copy of letter will be sent to all FPO's with a request to provide and comments and opinions to Jim Palisi by November 10th. President Palisi will compile and present a position to County Chiefs.

"House of Fire" public education tool available for purchase through Contra Costa County Fire Dept. Posed to the group if we would like to purchase for all jurisdictions to share. Jon Johnston to investigate further.

The State Department of Finance distributed a notice throughout the state of suspended mandates for fiscal year 2008-2009. During this period, agencies are not required to implement a mandate that has been suspended. One of them includes VHFHSZ – potentially the Bates Bill. Pete Munoa will investigate and report back to membership.

FPO goals for 2009 were approved by unanimous vote. Will be submitted to County Chiefs and posted to our website.

OPS (John Mapes):

Discussion on broadband vs. narrowband for radio conversion. There are issues for different zones and districts.

TRAINING (Kevin McWhirter):

Academy sessions moving along. Prevention had a two-day class Oct. 16-17.

BART drills and training coming up. Coordinated by K. McWhirter.

CE's will be offered to Chief Officers re: high-profile calls and helicopter/call out procedures.

RIC policy under review.



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Training committee currently reviewing their by-laws and changing sub-committee's. New officers have been nominated for 2009 (President: Nick Weber, VP: Ed Jansen, Secretary: TBA (SSF)).

Roundtable:

Reminder to submit pictures with a brief summary from fires and interesting incidents in your jurisdiction to Julie Parenti for our FPO website.

Training committee to work together on completing ICC membership application.

Fire Marshal Vella reported that a residential care facilities class is being offered by the Chief Skinner received an email from Dirk Jensen, County Health, regarding CO2 reporting and permit policies. Question posed to the group if any jurisdiction has any issues with businesses being EXEMPT from regulation if they store up to 1,000 cubic feet of inert compressed gas. Unanimous decision – all jurisdictions did not object to this exemption. President Palisi will send letter to Chief Skinner with FPOs agreement.

Regarding CFC §308.3.1, President Palisi states that Belmont-San Carlos enforces the code by putting the responsibility on the property owners and encourages them to write into their lease agreements/CC&R's if they choose.

Menlo Park Fire recently held their annual pancake breakfast in October and raised \$9500 for AARBF.

Fire Marshal Vella reported that Redwood City recently had a brush fire at a school. It was a successful investigation in that the suspects were witnessed on a CCTV. Lighters and latent prints were recovered at the scene.

Clayton Jolley reported El Granada has a large fuel management project involving a eucalyptus grove at a cost of approx. \$80K. Additionally, he is in a shared services position with Chief Pete Munoa and a fire inspector position is to be removed from Half Moon Bay.

Fire Marshal Ron Keefer passed out and reviewed highlights of the IFC and IBC code hearings from September. Contact Julie Parenti if you would like a copy.

Fire Marshal Ron Keefer and Inspector Jon Johnston discussed the letter received by Chief Skinner (from Dirk Jensen, County Health) regarding CO2 reporting and permit policies. There is concern due to the many cryogenic CO2 tanks they have seen in the field (particularly for soda



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dispensing). President Palisi offered to have a representative from County Health to come to an FPO meeting to discuss this issue.

Fire Marshal Vella initiated discussion regarding suspended ceilings and annular space requirements for sprinkler heads. Oversized "rings" or sleeves are required per CBC §13.5.6.2.2 to address seismic concerns.

Fire Marshal Vella also initiated discussion regarding flexible piping for sprinkler systems. There is concern about maintenance issues as it would be easy to move a branch or slightly dismantle part of the system.

Vice President Enea reported that Pub Ed Officer Selena Brown has set up a booth in a local strip mall to solicit residents to register for the county alert network.

There are new SFM certification tracks: Fire Inspector I and II, Fire Plans Examiner, and Fire Marshal. Some ICC certifications will suffice and be accepted.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1545 hours.

*****NEXT MEETING*****

November 19, 2008

1330 hrs.

Station 14, Belmont



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OCTOBER ATTENDANCE ROSTER

AGENCY	NAME	PURPOSE
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Jim Palisi	FPO President
Woodside Fire	Denise Enea	FPO Vice President/Treasurer
Central County Fire	Julie Parenti	Acting Secretary
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Chief Doug Fry	Liaison to County Chiefs
Foster City	John Mapes	Operations Representative
South San Francisco Fire	Not Present	Training Representative
Millbrae Fire	Not Present	Training/Ops Representative
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Jim Palisi	
	Lisa Guerrero	
Cal-Fire	Pete Munoa	
Central County Fire	Julie Parenti	
Coastside Fire	Clayton Jolley	
Colma Fire	Not present	
Foster City Fire	John Mapes	
Menlo Park Fire	Jon Johnston Ron Keefer	
Millbrae Fire	Kevin McWhirter	
North County Fire	Clyde Preston	
Redwood City Fire	Rebecca Lauricella Louis Vella	
San Bruno Fire	George Devendorf	
San Mateo Fire	Not present	
South San Francisco Fire	Vorisia Henderson	
Woodside Fire	Denise Enea	