



San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers Section

Meeting Date November 19, 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: Julie Parenti, Central County Fire
(650)558-7648

Liaison Chief: Jim Skinner, Redwood City Fire
(650)780-7451

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES **November 19, 2008**

Attendance: See Attached Sign-in Sheet

Call to order: Acting Secretary Parenti called the meeting of the San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers to order at 1334 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Acting Secretary Parenti.

Treasurer's Report: None

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

Chiefs Report: None

New Business/President's Report:

A formal vote was conducted to appoint Acting Secretary Parenti as permanent Secretary. Motion was made and seconded and vote unanimous in favor.

Nominations for the 2009 Executive Board were opened. Current nominations are:

President: Denise Enea

Vice-President: Ron Keefer

Treasurer: Julie Parenti

Nominations will be opened again at the December meeting for additional motions, and then a vote will be taken.

December holiday meeting - there was an idea presented to have a catered lunch meeting at Station 19 this year. The membership stated their interest at having a breakfast meeting at the



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Millbrae Pancake House as has been done in previous years. Secretary Parenti will present this option to President Palisi and Vice-President Anea.

President Palisi would like to create a memorial for North County Fire Authority Safety Inspector Angelina Ciucci who passed away on October 28. An Ad-Hoc committee was formed to gather ideas and bring back to the group – Michelle Orque, Julie Parenti, Selena Brown, Clyde Preston.

“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 and Selena Brown to investigate further.

OPS and Training (John Mapes):

OES is looking to develop better communication between the Fire and Police Departments throughout the county.

There appears to be some issues with the county-wide needle disposal program that allows needles to be dropped off at any fire station. Clarification/modifications to the program are being looked into.

Dispatching of fire engines to fire alarm calls will now call for 1 engine to respond code 3 and all others to respond code 2.

The Ops. group had problems with sending an Ops. liaison to the FPO meetings. John Mapes has volunteered to be the TO and Ops. liaison to the FPO group.

A BART drill is forthcoming. There were previous issues regarding the operation of radios inside the tunnels, so there are now specific radios at the BART stations for this use.

The next high rise drill is forthcoming in 2009. The high rise policy is currently being re-written.

A countywide policy is currently being written to address emergency response to shooting calls into East Palo Alto.

Training Session:

Presentation by Chris Berglund of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on Enhanced Vapor Recovery and In-Station Diagnostic Systems. These systems are required to be installed on underground and aboveground storage tanks by April 1, 2009.

The San Mateo County BAAQMD inspector is Alona Davis, 415-749-4979.



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Roundtable:

San Mateo - Mike Leong discussed a structure fire call. The initial call came in as an "alarm sounding", dispatching 1 fire engine. However when the engine was close to the scene, they saw a column of smoke coming from the building. The Captain immediately called in a second alarm in order to get enough crews on scene. There was an issue getting a county-wide investigator page out, however addressed by County Comm.

A previous fire that occurred at a wine store on 43rd Ave. is going through an insurance battle with conflicting fire investigators' reports for cause and origin.

The Hillsdale Mall is undergoing talks for possible expansion.

The San Mateo County Recruit Academy graduation is December 19. Location TBA.

Redwood City

Louis Vella stated that Stanford University will be constructing a \$115 million out-patient surgery center in the Bair Island/Pete's Harbor area. The project will include numerous building conversions. Proposals are currently going through the Planning Dept.

Central County

Rocque Yballa informed the group that he is now the supervisor for the Department's Emergency Preparedness Division.

State Fire Training now has a new certified training standard – Community Risk Officer, to replace the Public Education Officer. Rocque asked for FPO's to visit the SFM website and review the draft standard and provide comments to the State.

Rocque sits on the SFM Advisory Committee for Residential Care Facilities. Word from the committee – in I-1 occupancies with smoke barrier wall(s) that house transfer-dependent clients, housing bedridden clients is acceptable.

San Bruno

George asked for information on gurney-sized elevator requirements.

Vulcan Vents – is anyone accepting? Yes, Building Officials are accepting in lieu of nothing else. For individual city's approval, check with your Building Division.

North County Fire Authority

Clyde Preston stated that the Department appointed a new Fire Marshal/Deputy Fire Chief – Daly City Fire Captain Frank Panacci was recently promoted to this position.



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Foster City

John Mapes stated that he is now on the SFM Advisory Committee for Fire Alarm Systems

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1605 hours.

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

December 17, 2008

Time: TBA

Location: TBA



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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	