



# San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers Section

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**President:** Jim Palisi, Belmont-San Carlos Fire  
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**Vice Pres./Treasurer:** Denise Enea, Woodside Fire  
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**Secretary:** Julie Parenti, Central County Fire  
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**Liaison Chief:** Jim Skinner, Redwood City Fire  
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## **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**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 1100 hours.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by President Palisi.

**Treasurer's Report:** Savings: \$578.14  
Checking: \$627.39  
Dues: \$199.55

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

**Chiefs Report:** Chief's offsite retreat was last month and went well. Policy reviews for all sections are currently in-process.

### **New Business/President's Report:**

President Palisi presented a memorial plaque to Angelina's father, Don Ciucci. Retired Chief Ciucci addressed the group and gave a special thanks to us as our organization was very important to Angelina.

President Palisi welcomed new FPO member and newly-appointed NCFCA Fire Marshal, Frank Panacci. **Welcome to the family, Frank!**

Nominations for the 2009 Executive Board were opened and closed during this meeting. Votes were taken and positions for 2009 are as follows:



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Fire Marshal Louis Vella was honored by President Palisi and presented with a plaque and speech for his upcoming retirement.

LEOSAD – All agreed that PD/Sheriff and/or Emergency Preparedness groups throughout the county should review. Per Pete Munoa/Cal Fire, they would not endorse this document for local or regional. President Palisi will send a letter on behalf of FPO's to County Chiefs with our concerns and statement of non-support.

County forensic lab sent letters to fire departments requiring an additional container to use as a control sample when submitting fire debris evidence in a container.

All agencies to provide a list of public education-related books and videos to Selena Brown. Selena will compile a library list for everyone.

Assistant Fire Marshal Ron Keefer reported on the concern of County Health and the new compressed gas reporting policy. The new policy (creating exemptions for permits for anything under 1,000 cubic ft.), excludes businesses such as welding shops and R&D/biotech. Ron proposed to modify the existing policy to only exclude certain businesses by use. A rough draft was emailed to all FPO's on 12/23/08 by Secretary Parenti. Comments should be sent to President Palisi ASAP.

Discussion took place regarding frequency, time and location of our FPO meetings. Motion was made by Fire Marshal George Devendorf to meet every other month from 1330-1600 at Station 19 in Woodside with Fire Marshal's meeting together on a quarterly basis. A vote was taken with 17 ayes and 1 opposed.

ICC Chapter membership – Fire Marshal Vella reported that in order to make membership, we need 20 current memberships and we only have 10, so far. Louis will ask John LaTorre to get assistance from County BO's.

Fire Marshal John Mapes volunteered to remain the FPO/Ops liaison and Fire Marshal Dave Downing volunteered to remain the FPO/Training liaison. Fire Marshal Rocque Yballa volunteered to be back-up liaison.



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The Vulcan Vent Company produces the only residential vent to meet WUI code requirements for vents. It is designed to close once exposed to heat and prevents sparks and embers from entering attic space.

### **OPS and Training (John Mapes):**

OES is looking to install 8 more tsunami sirens coastside. There are currently five.

Some cities, particularly Foster City, are having problems with CERT participants. Residents are becoming vigilantes!

A new utilities tunnel is being created that extends from EPA to Newark.

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

Battalion Chief's will respond to all shootings/stabbings calls.

### **Roundtable:** **Woodside**

Marin County FPO's are hosting a training opportunity– S203/Information Officer. Class to take place in San Rafael, January 19-23. Flyers were distributed. Contact Jessica Power at 415-435-7200 for more information. Pre-registration is required!

Fire triangle house – Selena will get an update from the company who makes this public education tool. In the meantime, Woodside and Belmont-San Carlos will each purchase one.

### **Central County**

Fire Marshal Rocque Yballa reminded the group that the 20<sup>th</sup> annual California Fire Prevention Institute Workshop in Santa Ynez Valley is coming up March 16-18, 2009. Registration information and course details can be found at

<http://www.firepreventionofficers.org/cfpi/index.htm>

The ICC has approved "L" occupancies to be built with an unlimited height restriction. We need to address our concerns at the beginning of the planning phase in our jurisdictions as these occupancies could pose significant health/hazmat issues for ops during incidents.



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## **San Bruno**

Fire Marshal George Devendorf alerted the group to a fire alarm company operator who is conducting bogus work. He has a state license and under the licensee name of Central Security Innovation.

## **CalFire**

Pete Munoa reported that the county recently adopted the 2007 CBC.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1430 hours.

**\*\*\*\*NEXT MEETING\*\*\*\***

**January 21, 2008**

**Time: 1330-1600**

**Location: Station 19/Woodside**



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### DECEMBER 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	FPO Secretary
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Chief Jim Skinner	Liaison to County Chiefs
Foster City	John Mapes	Operations Representative
Millbrae Fire	Dave Downing	Training Representative
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Jim Palisi Lisa Guerrero	
Cal-Fire	Pete Munoa	
Central County Fire	Julie Parenti Christine Reed Rocque Yballa	
Coastside Fire	Clayton Jolley	
Colma Fire	Not present	
Foster City Fire	John Mapes	
Menlo Park Fire	Ron Keefer	
Millbrae Fire	Dave Downing	
North County Fire	Frank Panacci Clyde Preston	
Redwood City Fire	Louis Vella	
San Bruno Fire	George Devendorf	
San Mateo Fire	Mike Leong Debra Brandt	
South San Francisco Fire	Michelle Orque	
Woodside Fire	Denise Enea Selena Brown	