



San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association

San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers Section

Meeting Minutes

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

January 21, 2009
Station 19, Woodside Fire Protection District

Attendance: See attached sign-in sheet on last page.

Call to order/Introductions: President Palisi called the meeting to order at 13:30 hours. Absent e-board member Julie Parenti, Training in Petaluma.

Pledge of Allegiance: All of us.

Treasures Report: VP Enea: Savings: \$578.26, Checking \$818.37, Dues: \$199.59

Special Presentation LEOSAD

Fire Marshal Mike Mentink with the Moraga-Orinda Fire Department gave the group a very informative presentation on LEOSAD (Leave Early Or Stay and Defend) which has been gaining momentum in California by various groups and fire agencies. Mike is representing the NOR-CAL FPO's comments and concerns to CAL-Chief's at the end of the month. Mike received positive comments back from the group, as to the reasons the San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers Association currently do not support the concept. These reasons vary from; funding, training citizens, liability, maintaining the program, and interaction with professional firefighters.

Mike requested that the group forward any other comments back to President Palisi by 01-28-09, so Mike can include the comments with a report to CAL-Chief's. Great job by all and special thanks to Mike.

1. **Update/status on ICC Chapter:**

The process is just about complete. Some final signatures are required to wrap up the application submittals. Santa Clara County FPO's have asked to join our new ICC Chapter, and this has been fully supported by their Fire Chief's Association. SMCO FPO's are not opposed to them joining. Santa Clara County FPO's will be submitting names and ICC information to be included in our new chapter.

2. **Committee Membership:** (Training, Standards, PUB Ed)

Pub Ed Committee: Selena Brown, John Johnston, Julie Parenti

Standards Committee: Bob Blach, George Devondorf, Denise Enea, Ron Keefer, Rocque Yballa

Training Committee: Dave Downing, Lisa Guerrero, John Mapes, Clyde Preston, Jim Palisi

3. **2009 Calendar:** The 2009 FPO meeting calendar was confirmed with the group. There are no changes; January, March, May, July, September, with November being the annual planning meeting, committee reports and board nominations for 2010. February, April, June, August, October, is set for Fire Marshal meetings if necessary. December will be the December breakfast, awards, and new board assignments. **All meetings at Station 19 as normal.**

4. **Inert Gas Policy:**

Ron Keefer gave the group the final overview of the proposed changes to the Inert Gas Policy for SMCO. Ron did an outstanding job with the changes and the group all concurred with his evaluations and changes. New text has been sent to SMCO Environmental Health for re-write. GREAT JOB RON!!! THANK YOU!

5. **Chiefs Report:**

There is a possible digital mapping process being explored. Nothing else new to report to the group except keep up the good work.

6. **Ops/Training:**

The new tunnel along the coast is moving forward as is the proposed new tunnel under the bay for Hetch Hetchy water project. There will be a new firefighter academy in September of 2009. A BART tunnel is planned for this month. FPO reps for Ops Group is John Mapes primary and Jim Palisi as his back up, Training reps from FPO's are Dave Downing as primary and Rocque Yballa as his back up.

ATTENDANCE

Agency/Board	Name	Purpose
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Jim Palisi	FPO-President
Woodside Fire Prot. Dist.	Denise Enea	FPO-Vice President
Central County Fire Dept.	Julie Parenti-Absent- Training	FPO-Secretary
Representatives	Name/Attended	Purpose
County Chief's	Chief Jim Skinner	Liaison to Chiefs
County Ops.	John Mapes	Liaison OPS Rep.
County TO's	BC Maupin	Liaison Training Rep.
Agency	Name/Attended	
BSCFD	J. Palisi	
CAL-FIRE	Clayton Jolley Rich Sampson Kay Price	
CENTRAL COUNTY FD	Christine Reed Rocque Yballa	
COLMA	Not Present	
FOSTER CITY	John Mapes	
COASTSIDE FIRE	Clayton Jolley	
MENLO PARK FIRE	Ron Keefer	
MILLBRAE	David Downing	
NORTH COUNTY	Frank Panacci Clyde Preston	
REDWOOD CITY	Not Present	
SAN BRUNO	George Devondorf	
SAN MATEO	Not Present	
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO	Not Present	