



San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association

# San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers Section

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## 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

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Station 19, Woodside Fire Protection District**

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

**Call to order/Introductions/Pledge of Allegiance:** President Palisi called the meeting to order at 13:40 hours.

**Treasurers Report:** Savings: \$578.67  
Checking: \$493.62  
Dues: \$1402.02

**Approval of minutes:** The March 2009 meeting minutes were approved without correction and with a unanimous vote.

**President's Report/Changes & additions to agenda:**

President Palisi gave the group a final report on the status of the ICC Fire Code Chapter with Santa Clara County FPO's. It's a done deal! We were approved by the governing board of the ICC. Kevin Scott with the ICC made telephone contact with President Palisi advising him of the approval Final paper will be forthcoming. President Palisi gave a report to the group regarding the FPO presentation made to the County Fire Chief's by Vice President Enea and President Palisi.

President Palisi reported back to the group the changes in language that was made to the FPO by-laws, in December 2008, January 2009. New by-laws were disseminated to the group and changes were approved. President Palisi discussed the upcoming PATC Electrical Fire Investigation that is to be held July, 21, 22, and 23 in Foster City.

The FPO group will assist SMCO FPO members that need financial assistance to attend the class. We will also be receiving five free spots for hosting the class. There will be more to come on this once we determine who need assistance. All those that wish to attend the class must register on their own.

### **Guest speaker: Norm Verboort, Clear Edge Power**

Norm gave the group a presentation on new hydrogen fuel cell system. How the systems function and safety concerns.

### **Chief's Report**

Chief Jim Skinner reported that they are some changes forthcoming with dispatch assignments, overhaul policy, and high-rise structures.

### **Ops Report**

John was not able to attend the meeting but he submitted meeting minutes from the OPS group:

- 1) On October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of 2009, the Urban Shield State disaster exercise will occur as planned.
- 2) Some department brown outs may occur and the Ops group will be looking into how it may impact other departments.
- 3) The highway vest policy will be coming from the Ops. Vests have already been issued to numerous agencies for use on highway related incidents with the exception of fires.
- 4) Fire Academy may occur in the fall, but its not likely going to happen until the spring.
- 5) Some airport radio problems have occurred between SFO and SSFD. To be rectified soon.
- 6) The JPA and AMR negotiation about new EKG machines, part of the JPA fines will be going to new technology fund for new special EKG equipment. There is also a possibility the some AMR units will be housed in fire stations.
- 7) There is a review taking place regarding the CO monitoring for firefighter and investigators during overhaul/investigations.

### **Training Report**

Dave Downing reported that a High-rise training program will finalized soon.

### **Roundtable**

**Nothing to report**

**Next meeting:  
Wednesday, July 15th  
13:30 hrs.  
Station 19**

## MAY ATTENDANCE ROSTER

AGENCY	NAME	PURPOSE
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Jim Palisi	FPO President
Woodside Fire	Denise Enea	FPO Vice President/Treasurer
Central County Fire		
Redwood City Fire	Chief Jim Skinner	Liaison to County Chiefs
Foster City		OPS Representative
Millbrae Fire	Dave Downing	Training Representative
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Jim Palisi	
Cal-Fire	EXCUSED ABSENCE	
Central County Fire	EXCUSED ABSENCE	
Coastside Fire	EXCUSED ABSENCE	
Colma Fire	Bill Pardini	
Foster City Fire	EXCUSED ABSENCE	
Menlo Park Fire	Ron Keefer	
Millbrae Fire	Dave Downing	
North County Fire	Clyde Preston Frank Panacci	
Redwood City Fire	Not Present	
San Bruno Fire	George Devendorf	
San Mateo Fire	Not Present	
South San Francisco Fire	Luis DeSilva	
Woodside Fire	Denise Enea	