



San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association

San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers

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

July 15, 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. A quorum was finally reached due to Chief Balton's presence....because he counts!

Treasurers Report: Savings: \$578.77
Checking: \$493.62
Dues: \$1100.42

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

President's Report/Changes & additions to agenda:

Frank Panacci/NCFPA: Head's up on the recent (and negative!) San Jose Mercury newspaper article which highlighted local pensions for fire and police personnel.

Reminder that Angelina's memorial golf tournament is on Monday, August 10th. FPO's wishing to donate \$ and sponsor a hole can bring any denomination to next meeting (Sept. 16th). Frank will float a check for us prior to sponsor the hole prior to the event.

Denise Enea/Woodside: Our first ICC Chapter meeting is TBD. Either George or Denise will attend and provide a report.

Jim Palisi/Belmont-San Carlos: A reminder that Steve Riggs is providing an electrical fire investigation class in Foster City (week of July 20th). Registration reimbursements will be decided after the course. Additionally, Jim will look into bringing a vehicle fire investigation class to the group.

San Mateo County Hoarding Task Force contacted Jim regarding proper referrals when necessary. They provided a draft form "Hoarding Assessment Referral" and would like individual PD and FD departments to use when encountering a hoarder. FPO's will send to County Chiefs to review. We may potentially have someone from the Hoarding Task Force come to our meeting to explain.

Jim Millie of Chemical Solutions, Inc. (HazMat training coordinator) contacted Jim Palisi and offered to teach a course. Jim will ask him to provide some examples of course descriptions.

Jon Johnston has a personal contact at Camp Parks who would be willing to provide a demo or training on HazMat response.

Jim Palisi brought forward a request from Clyde Preston – to bring in Bill Hopple or Art Black to teach a fire alarm class. No interest from FPO group at this meeting.

Chief's Report

Battalion Chief Geoff Balton, for Chief Jim Skinner: The County EMS/JPA paperwork is complete. All jurisdictions should receive a packet soon.

Grant money was awarded to the County for Technical/Heavy rescue equipment.

Ops Report

John Mapes: Ops is requesting agencies policy on SCBA use for fire investigators. A new overhaul policy may incorporate fire investigators.

Training Report

No report this month

Roundtable

Ron Keefer/Menlo: FYI - County OES has small aircraft for our use for FREE. Ron recently took a ride to obtain pictures of VHFSZ areas in his jurisdiction.

Menlo is in the works of adopting a sprinkler ordinance. They are utilizing the building code language. Remodels will be considered when 50% of the building is altered and the building is over 2500 sf.

Ron recently attended an Environmental Task Force meeting through the County. They are currently working with Target Stores regarding their disposal of bleach and other

liquid products. Other attendees include BAAQMD, Sewage departments, and code enforcement officers.

Rocque Yballa/CCFD: Santa Clara County has a vacancy for 2 fire inspectors.

Air Quality Control is controlling fire pump and generator testing. Denise Enea reported that she recently met with AQC regarding some testing in her jurisdiction and had to make some compromises.

Christine Reed/CCFD: Acting SFM Tonya Hoover announced at last NorCal FPO meeting to please inform her office if any fire department is getting calls from homeowners stating that insurance companies are enforcing clearance requirements above and beyond their scope of enforcement and authority.

Meeting adjourned at 1510 hrs.

**Next meeting:
Wednesday, September 16th
1330 hrs.
Station 19**

JULY 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	Jim Palisi	
Cal-Fire	Not present	
Central County Fire	Rocque Yballa Christine Reed Julie Parenti	
Coastside Fire	Clayton Jolley	
Colma Fire	Bill Pardini	
Foster City Fire	John Mapes	
Menlo Park Fire	Ron Keefer Jon Johnston	
Millbrae Fire	Not present	
North County Fire	Frank Panacci	
Redwood City Fire	Geoff Balton	
San Bruno Fire	Not present	
San Mateo Fire	Not present	
South San Francisco Fire	Not present	

Woodside Fire	Denise Enea	
Burlingame Building Dept	Joe Cyr	