



San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association

# San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers

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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

**September 16, 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 13:35 hours.

**Treasurers Report:** Savings: \$523.47  
Checking: \$1100  
Dues: -0-\*

\*Funds were used to pay for at least one member from each agency that attended the electrical investigation class last month.

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

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

**ICC Chapter update:** George and Denise are planning the first ICC Chapter meeting with Santa Clara County FPO's. A board will be elected and by-laws adopted at this meeting. It has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> (our regular FM-only monthly meeting). Time TBD. Ron Keefer will check to see if station 77 is available for a venue.

**2010 FPO Executive Board:** Nominations for all 3 positions (President, VP & Treasurer, and Secretary) will be open. Nominations will occur at our November membership meeting.

**Donations for Angelina Ciucci's golf tournament:** Accepting donations toward the hole we sponsored at the golf tournament last month. Over \$53,000 has been raised so far! (NOTE: \$220 was collected at the end of this meeting and given to Frank Panacci)

**Santa Clara County Investigator's meeting:** Jim Palisi recently attended SCC's investigator meeting. They are interested in opening up membership opportunity to our organization. It is a voluntary task force comprised of fire departments, ATF, CalFire, and others. Training, networking, and shared resources are all benefits. Six agencies at our meeting showed interested by hand-raise. Jim will prepare a staff report for County Chiefs as a recommendation.

**Training/classes:**

- Alameda County FPO's would like to joint-host a burns recognition class with us in early February 2010.
- A photovoltaic class is being hosted by several organizations on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Redwood City, at County Center. Flyer was circulated during the meeting and membership with emailed with details
- Brooks Engineering is hosting a PV system fire test on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in San Jose.
- Vehicle arson class coming soon...

County Policy & Standards committee: FPO's were asked to review the new policy for fire alarm response. Only change identified is with "Fire Alarm Trouble" response. Mapes will notify the committee.

**Guest speaker: Doug Eakin – Wieland Electric**

Discussion on better ways of meeting fire and pv industries' requirements. Addressed our safety concerns with regard to disconnect locations.

**Chief's Report: Jim Skinner**

Chiefs meeting was Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Jim Palisi presented our FPO's quarterly report.

South San Francisco Fire Dept. has an immediate need for 7 FF/Paramedic positions. They are interested if the county could hold an academy soon. Possible spring academy.

Budget and cut/reductions discussion

Committee formed for jurisdictional BC responses

Chief's planning meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup>. FPO's goals and objectives due before then! Jim Palisi will present at their meeting.

Negotiations w/PSC dispatch

**Ops Report: John Mapes**

Discussion about a potential spring academy

OES has tsunami maps available. Bay Area impact is minimal.

Joint FD/PD SWAT training taking place in Redwood City 10/23-10/26

Discussion about overhaul policy

## **Training Report**

No report this month

## **Roundtable**

**George Devendorf/San Bruno:** George was approached by San Mateo Community College District for an idea on building a live fire training center on CSM's campus.

**Mike Leong/San Mateo:** Incident at Hillsdale High School last month w/juvenile...bomb squad created \$40,000 worth of damage to the property during operations.

**Frank Panacci/NCFA:** Have identified 3 potential suspects for an arsonist in Daly City. Westlake Apts have suffered at least 10 fires that appear to be arson. Accelerants are usually used. NCFA working with local PD's.

**Jon Johnston/Menlo:** Menlo Park Fire District's annual pancake breakfast will be Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 0730-1100 hours at 300 Middlefield Rd. Flyers circulated at this meeting.

**Ron Keefer/Menlo:** Determined possible cause of 5-alarm fire in Sharon Heights. A very low burn pattern at the refrigerator was identified by Jon Johnston.

**Rocque Yballa/CCFD:** County JPA with OES needs improvement and change. Cities pay directly for service. Issue of return on money spent.

**Jim Palisi/BSC:** Will not be here for November membership meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 1600 hrs.**

**Next meeting:**

**\*JOINT MEETING W/SANTA CLARA COUNTY FOR ICC CHAPTER\***

**Wednesday, October 21st**

**Time and location TBD**

### SEPTEMBER 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
Redwood City Fire	Jim Skinner	Liaison to County Chiefs
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Jim Palisi	
Cal-Fire	Not present	
Central County Fire	Rocque Yballa Christine Reed Julie Parenti	
Coastside Fire	Not present	
Colma Fire	Not present	
Foster City Fire	John Mapes	
Menlo Park Fire	Ron Keefer Jon Johnston Ryan Zollicoffer	
Millbrae Fire	Dave Downing	
North County Fire	Frank Panacci	
Redwood City Fire	Jim Skinner	
San Bruno Fire	George Devendorf	
San Mateo Fire	Mike Leong	
South San Francisco Fire	Not present	
Woodside Fire	Denise Enea	
Burlingame Building Dept	Joe Cyr	