



San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association

# San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers

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## Meeting Minutes

**December 1, 2010**  
**Millbrae Pancake House**

President:	Clyde Preston, North County Fire
Vice Pres./Treasurer:	Julie Parenti, Central County Fire
Secretary:	Julie Parenti
Liaison Chief:	Jim Skinner, Redwood City Fire

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

**Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance:** President Preston called the meeting to order at 0915 hours.

**Treasurers Report:** Savings: \$524.03  
Checking: \$821.71  
Dues: \$1301.63

**Approval of minutes:**

The November 2010 meeting minutes were approved without correction and with a unanimous vote.

**Executive Board Nominations/Vote**

Secretary: Jon Johnston accepted nomination. Vote approved.

Vice President/Treasurer: No nominations. Julie Parenti agreed to maintain current position.

President: No nominations. Clyde Preston agree to maintain current position.

**New business/President's report**

Parenti: FPO membership dues are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Fee is \$100 per agency.

Mapes: A task force has been developed by the SFM to determine position on ion vs. photoelectric smoke detectors. Committee members have discussed positives and negatives to both. Report is scheduled to come out next month.

**Chief's Report: Jim Skinner**

Report given in November meeting

**Ops Report: John Mapes**

No report

**Training Report: Dave Downing**

Main focus has been Target Safety; incorporating state mandates and completing the San Bruno Fire report.

**Committee Reports:**

Public Education: Uli Peretz reported that the committee has distributed winter/holiday safety messages and home heating/carbon monoxide awareness messages.

Codes/Standards: Bob Blach reported that the last time this committee met was to discuss a county-wide 13D standard/guideline. Action and implementation has not yet occurred. Chief Skinner has provided direction to move forward with this as soon as possible.

**Roundtable:**

Group discussion took place regarding lack of meeting attendance, participation, and interest in San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officer's Association. The past year or more has seen a big decline in meeting attendance and general involvement. All members present at this meeting agreed that not only is this organization important for education and networking, but that we will get out only what we put in. Meetings only occur every other month...members should set aside the time.

Dave Downing: Millbrae had a 4-story fire in a "B" occupancy on El Camino Real a few weeks ago. Arson was the cause. The suspect was identified on a security video camera and flammable liquid was confirmed at the area of origin. Fire sprinklers were activated!

Ron Keefer: Announced at the most recent NorCal meeting...CalChiefs is going to sponsor legislation for a fire inspection certification (similar to building inspectors). It will include certification and continuing education.

Clyde Preston: Milpitas is hosting a Fire Investigator 2A/2B class. Should our county think about sponsoring a live fire for investigation training???

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30 hrs.**

**Next meeting TBA**

## December 2010 Attendance Roster

AGENCY	NAME	PURPOSE
North County Fire	Clyde Preston	President
Central County Fire	Julie Parenti	Vice President/Treasurer/Secretary
Redwood City Fire	Jim Skinner	Liaison to County Chiefs
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Not present	
CalFire	<i>Not present</i>	
Central County Fire	Julie Parenti	
Colma Fire	<i>Not present</i>	
Foster City Fire	John Mapes	
Menlo Park Fire	Ron Keefer Geoffrey Aus Jon Johnston Bob Blach	
Millbrae Fire	Dave Downing	
North County Fire	Clyde Preston Frank Panacci	
Redwood City Fire	Uli Peretz	
San Bruno Fire	<i>Not present</i>	
San Mateo Fire	<i>Not present</i>	
South San Francisco Fire	<i>Not present</i>	
Woodside Fire	<i>Not present</i>	