



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: CAL FIRE Headquarters
Highway 9 in Felton, CA 95018
DATE: May 23, 2012
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

APPROVED Minutes for May 23, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

First District Representative/FDAC Chair: Alex Leman
Second District Representative: John Willett
Third District Representative: Tom Scully
Fifth District Representative: Arnie Wernick
Office of Emergency Services Manager: Paul Horvat
Volunteer Firefighters Representative: Position Vacant

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fourth District Representative: Bob Stokes

- 1.0 Introductions/Call to Order
Meeting began at 4:03 p.m.
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes from 3/21/2012
 - **Motion:** To approve amended draft minutes made by John Willett.
Motion Seconded: Paul Horvat.
In Favor: Alex Leman, Tom Scully, Arnie Wernick
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Bob Stokes
Motion passed
- 3.0 Oral Communications (items not on agenda, 3 minutes per person)
- 4.0 Correspondence
 - 4.1 Bob Stokes emailed thanking the FDAC for their “get-well” card.
- 5.0 Business
 - 5.1 New Business
 - A. Discussion of Santa Cruz County Fire Volunteer arrest.
 - B. Friends of Bonny Doon Fire article from April 2012 was discussed at length. The FDAC addressed perceived inaccuracies in the letter and invited the Friends of

Bonny Doon to work together with County Fire in their mission. No motion or further action was taken.

- C. 2011 Santa Cruz County Firefighters of the Year Awards were presented to Andrew Seigel and Connor DiNapoli at the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 8, 2012.

Motion: To present Andrew Seigel and Connor DiNapoli with an FDAC resolution commending their service to be presented at the next meeting was made by Tom Scully.

Motion Seconded: John Willet.

In Favor: Alex Leman, Arnie Wernick, Paul Horvat

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Bob Stokes

Motion passed

- D. Volunteer Academy graduation was successfully attended by multiple jurisdictions and proved to be a cost efficient delivery of standardized training to cooperating local agencies.
- E. Discussion of new state mandated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) standards. Draft policies for new PPE and volunteer uniforms are in process.
- F. Volunteer Handbook Updates will be added as a standing agenda item.
- G. Recording FDAC meetings was discussed.

5.2 Old Business

- H. Budget Subcommittee will work together to schedule an upcoming meeting in early June.
- I. SAFER Grant policy is being developed to address coordination of purchases and events. A volunteer company project worksheet needed.
- J. Recruitment Subcommittee update to be added as a standing agenda item.
- K. Master Plan Subcommittee update to be added as a standing agenda item

6.0 Information Reports

6.1 Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report

A. County Fire Surplus

- 1) The Breathing Support was donated to Monterey Peninsula College for their Fire Academy program, and old E3921, old 3920, and old E2921 were surplus as well on May 15, 2012 BOS Item #15. County Purchasing will dispose of the vehicles and deposit any proceeds back to County Fire.

B. Governor's May Budget Revision includes further budget cuts.

C. Fire Season Preparedness

- 1) Official declared fire season will begin in CZU on June 4, 2012. In order to prepare, state engines will be fully staffed by Monday, May 28, 2012. Corresponding aircraft and equipment will be staffed as well. The Returnee Academy is scheduled for June 11.

7.0 Roundtable
No Discussion.

8.0 Adjournment and set next regular meeting – Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

- **Motion:** To adjourn made by John Willett.
Motion Seconded: Arnie Wernick
In Favor: Alex Leman, Tom Scully, Paul Horvat
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Bob Stokes
Motion passed

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