

Cal Fire VIP Training Meeting – Santa Clara Unit
January 21, 2012

Called to order 9:00AM by Chris Morgan

- Bring a coffee cup with you as paper cups have disappeared.
- Chris's job is safe for now.
- No longer will be getting pocket calendars. Chris has one from the union.
- Introduction of volunteers
- Breaking news: garden project - Gavilin Crew #5 working planting and cleaning. They will be back to finish in the next couple of weeks.
- They are taking out dirt between the gashouse and the garden February 9th due to the old tanks and they no longer want to spend the money monitoring.
- Gavalin Crew #5 will be coming once a month to trim and keep up the garden.
- Passing out the VIP meeting schedule.
- Chris looking into Information Security class as it is being required for Cal Fire employees.

- Budget: 15M hit to Cal Fire. Control burn program gone. Not expecting to have layoffs until after election in November. No engines going away. Some city contracts going away. Contract being put together for City of Morgan Hill. Small cities going to Cal Fire as they cannot afford to have their own department.

- Lost the Cal Fire Police Academy. Now future LEO's have to attend community college for POST training.
- Numerous fires in the unit due to the dry weather
- Unit leaders - need the badges back next month.
- New RAS station in Coe Park is joint project between San Jose State and Cal Fire.
- Requested any volunteers that may want to do training session or a guest speaker. Some training where there is a certificate given.

Unit Leaders Reports:

- Tony Bamberger: generator pad needs to be poured and the generator mounted before fire season. Chris will have Gavalin Crew pour the pad. Par Course up front for communications training before fire season starts.
- Guy Martin: taking C1629 on a unit tour. Take it to the unit stations to show the Captains what the unit can do. Guy is planning another training session to simulate an incident – more info later. Still scheduled for maintenance in the garage. New decals need to be put on as well
- John Shinn: training at Look Out in late April and May. Also work party to set it up for the season. Needs to be painted this year. Fix the catwalk. Trail work. Mt. Oso Look Out - try to get online this year. Power line inspection training and inspections done this year (we haven't done them for several years now).

10:00 – break (coffee, cookies, Krispy Cream donuts in the Fire Prevention Office)

10:35 - break over

- Henry DeKruyff: Fire Safe Garden see above. Needs to be weed sprayed. PG&E still working on putting together a new book. New sign being made with sponsors on it with both CDF and VIP logos. Santa Clara water district will make new signs for the plants and information on the garden. It is costing \$10K to bring it up to where it needs to be. Dedication on the last day of Fire Prevention Week.
- Becky Bamberger: AIO training in May.
- John Whiteside: call out list updates

- Pass out of new ID card blanks and forms for new ID cards. Staple cards to forms.

Priorities for this year:

- VIP recruitment
- Tower - need more people that can work up there
 - Basalt Tower - Chris has not heard from them
- Garden - putting in veggie garden again this year
- AIO / PIO call takers
- LE100 program money going away. Literature cannot be printed.

Public Education Programs:

- School programs - not sure how many not heard from them
- Home Depot - we will be doing them as they want us
- Hellyer Park - nothing heard yet (might be cancelled for city budget issues)

Planned VIP Training Sessions:

- Basic first aid and CPR training for the VIPs
- Defensive Driving for the VIPS (Chris will try to set up a class again this year)
- Fire Lookout training
- ICS 100 (Everyone must take this – it is available via online training).
- Chris needs suggestions for programs

- Burn ban rescinded here still in effect in So California

Home & Garden show - Feb 18 - 20.

- Need at least 1 person with Chris
 - Ben – Saturday, Sunday, Monday
 - Diane to help with set up on Friday
- Send email to Chris if you can work

TODAY'S TRAINING:

- Safety - wet weather driving
- Green Sheet - 12/1/11 toilet paper incident
- Blue Sheet - fire retardant hits firefighter

Chris will be at the Home & Garden show in February. Tony Bamberger will be running the meeting. Dianne Hall will be the speaker. She will be doing the second part of the training class she offered last year. This should cover the IAPs (Incident Action Plans).

Meeting over at noon

/s/ Becky Bamberger, for Robert Gundrum