

## SCU - VIP TRAINING MEETING

21 July 2012

### OPEN MEETING: Chris Morgan - 0900 hrs

- House rules
- VIPs needed to clean up after meeting
- Next Meeting may be canceled or moved to a time earlier Chris will be on Vacation.

### **“WARNING”**

#### **5MPH Speed Limit on the compound!!!!**

from Chief VanWormer

### STATE UPDATE

- We're trying to burn down the state again
- Status Quo budget wise. If .0025¢ sales tax passes we are OK if not ????
- No more hiring for state employees
- Press Release - talking points about no night helicopter operations

### Region Update

#### *Other Units*

- Amador Co. no longer contracting w/Cal-Fire for off season protection
- USFS signed a contract to get new air tankers over next couple of years.

#### *Fires*

- There have been several fires, 44,538 acres burned by 8 fires in last 14 days
- There have been several smaller fires that have been handled quickly

#### *Etc*

- USFS sued Sierra Pacific Logging Company over the Moonlight Fire (2007 burned 60,000 acres) won \$50M plus 22,000 acres

### SCU Update

- Station(s): Morgan Hill will contract for fire protection from Cal Fire effective 01-21-13  
Del Puerto station should be completed in September
- Personnel: Jim Rasco back from POST and working as Prevention 1622

### SCU VIP

- COMMENTS: Chief VanWormer indicated that SCU-VIP program is the most active in state. He THANKED us for all our efforts to make this happen. At least one of his counterparts would like to know the secret.
- INSPECTIONS: 497 hours for June with 484 structures inspected.
- PROGRAM: Bear & Handler needed - 27 or 28 July
- TOWER: Chief VanWormer would like tower open every couple of weeks unless it is activated for an event.
- Budget No buying of the SWAG
- Landscaping will get about \$2K
- Lookout maintenance

- \$900 for travel (use of POC to drive to tower)
- Chris is going to try and get 50 baseball style caps and lookout tower patches and lapel pins for those who are working up at the tower
- Replace Sat Phone and printer in 1629 as well as new tires, batteries, and other repairs

#### **4 July Debrief**

##### **Unit Leader Reports**

- Chris Morgan - VIP/SCU Coordinator
- Mitch Marinovich - Communications / CIC U/L
- John Whiteside - Activation - U/L
- George Hoyt - Media/FIO - U/L
- Guy Martin - CommVan 1629 - U/L (or AU/L)
- John Shinn - Lookout - U/L
- Ben Vickers - VIP Communications & Tech Support
- Herman DeKruyff - Inspection Program - U/L
- Chris Morgan - Fire Safe Landscape Garden - Update
- Any other VIP updates or announcements

##### **Up coming Programs :**

- Chris needs a bear Crew for 270 Kids in Niles District 27 September 11:00-12:00
- Next weekend and the weekend after the Tower needs to be staffed 28 July 4 Aug
- The Tower needs the railing painted THIS SUMMER!
- Volunteer Fair ~ Morgan Hill Sept 8. Lets take 1629

#### **GREEN SHEET**

Copter 101 (Super Huey) took a hard landing and is out of service. They may be able to put it back in service but that is questionable

The report stated that copter 101 was returning from Iron Mt Incident and suffered an un-commanded yaw of 30 degrees, the rotor RPM light came on and a high pitch noise was heard. The heliattack crew performed their emergency procedures and the pilot took the aircraft to an altitude that would allow for an auto rotation landing. As they made the approach at the station the helicopter engine lost power. They made a hard emergency landing via auto rotation. No injuries

##### **6 MINUTES FOR SAFETY**

- Heat Stress and Fatigue.
- Poison Oak and Rattle Snakes

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