

Cal Fire SCU-VIP Meeting Minutes – Mar. 2015

March 21, 2015, Attendees: 14

Meeting Topics:

- Jerry Bonner death – Gov. Brown’s statement read to membership
 - Memorial service (Local) to be held in Apr (date to be announced later)
- BEU visit with CommVan dates needed for Pam – May 2 or 9 (Sat) were selected.
- New air to ground radio frequencies will start 6/1/15. 3 sets to be used.
 - SCU using freq #3 (159.3675, Tone 1).
- Mobile Command Center Rally, Sacramento, Wed 4/8 & Thu, 4/9 - 1629 will attend.
 - VIPs going are Brad, Derek, Guy, Lyon, Kim, Bill, Wayne.
 - Leaving from MH, 4/8, 5pm. Departing 4/9, 5pm.
- Arbor Day Santa Clara Smokey/Prevention event, 4/24, 10am – 2pm.
 - Attending: Pam, John W, Bill
- Dilworth Elementary Sch Smokey/Prevention event, SJ, Tues., 5/6, 9am – 1pm
 - VIP signups requested!
- Tower Opening of 4/13 delayed due to roof construction. New target date by 5/1.
 - VIP work party will be needed for painting outer window frames and interior of cab.
 - Garage, vault and outer cab has been painted.
 - Waiting dates for roof repair from contractor.
- Whiteside reviewed the Station/Unit ID list for all battalions to explain how numbering correlated to battalions. List will be posted to VIP website.
 - New Type 3 rig ordered for SCU . To be assigned a 3__ Unit number. Will be delivered soon.

Safety Training

1. Clothes dryer safety tips:

Have serviced by a professional	Use metal piping for exhaust venting
Use lint filter	Check outside vent flap for clear movement
Clean lint filter regularly	Shut off dryer if leaving home or at bedtime
Be sure electrical hook-up is to code	Keep area around dryer clear and open.

2. 9 volt battery safety:

Used batteries have a residual charge that can cause overheating and fire if contacts are shorted.
Do not store such that contacts can touch other conductive (metallic) materials.
Store new batteries in original packaging and upright.
When disposing of, place electrical tape securely over contacts. Check local requirements for how to recycle.

3. Blackout Preparedness:

Practice energy conservation
Store extra water for various uses
Keep auto fuel tank ½ full
Know how to manually release your garage door, if so equipped
Have flashlights with extra batteries available

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