

Cal Fire SCU-VIP Meeting Minutes – Apr. 2015

April 18, 2015, Attendees: 14

Meeting Topics:

- Jerry Bonner Memorial Service held 4/13. Very nice and well attended
- So. Cal CF crew member died during a fire this past month.
- Firefighter burned during fire in Amador County. Recovering well.
- BEU visit with CommVan 1629 dates pending confirmation by BEU. Expect May 2 or 9.
- New air to ground radio frequencies will start 6/1/15. 3 sets to be used.
 - SCU using freq #3 (159.3675, Tone 1).
 - Ben needs to program 1629 radios!
- Mobile Command Center Rally, Sacramento, Wed 4/8 & Thu, 4/9 - 1629 attended
By Brad, Lyon, Kim, Bill, Wayne.
 - Much interest by visitors especially those with low budgets.
 - Lyon interviewed by a video crew
 - 1629 broke down (alternator belt) along I-5 while returning to MH. Towed back to MH.
- 1629: Out of service pending inspection by CalFire mechanic for repair needs.
 - Alternator belt replaced. Unit can be used at HQ for ECC backup only.
 - Outcome of inspection will determine if permanently out of service or repairs are within budget.
 - Replacement vehicle being considered.
- Arbor Day Santa Clara Smokey/Prevention event, 4/24, 10am – 2pm.
 - Attending: Pam, John W, Bill
- Dilworth Elementary School - 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. No firm dates yet.
 - VIP work party will be painting outer window frames on Sat 4/25. Meet at Sta 12 by 9AM.
 - Garage, vault and outer cab have been painted.
- 20 year award plaque and pin presented to John Shinn.
- New metal garden sign to be installed in front of MH HQ and will show a dedication to Chris Morgan.

Training:

- Power Line Inspection training class to be conducted. VIP's are welcome. Date: tba by e-mail.
- Safety (by Chief Rajskup):
 - "New Generation Fire Shelter" video shown. Explained deployment, advantages and features over older model.
 - Ten fire ground safety rules reviewed.
 - Inmate contact rules reviewed.
 - VIP PPE inspected.
 - Annual Fire Shelter drill conducted for VIPs.

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