

Cal Fire SCU-VIP Meeting Minutes – August 2015

08-15-2015, Attendees: 19

Meeting Topics:

- Rocky fire contained
- Jerusalem fire 25,000 acres, 78% contained
- Contra Costa County arsonist arrested – 15 counts, \$2M bail.
- Ken Hewlett – new VIP. Will work for Chief Norton.
- Replacement PPE: VIPs need to have their PPE gear checked by Capt. Ken Myers at Sta 11 for possible replacement due to faulty seams. Also, See Pam for a new helmet (bring your old helmet with you).
 - Myers is available on Fri, Sat and Sun's at Sta 11 – or – see Pam during the week (Mon-Thu).
- Tower:
 - Still waiting for new roof.
 - VIPs needing training; Frank Kibbish, Tony Jimenez (FA) others should contact J. Whiteside.
 - Qualified VIPs who haven't worked the Tower for 6mos. or longer need to be retrained and should contact J. Whiteside.
 - A new key box was installed at Sta 12 for accessing the Tower. Only VIPs who are cleared to open the tower can access the keys.
 - Pam and Diane advised that they can return to tower duty.
 - Some interest in reopening the Mt Oso Tower has been expressed by Chief Witmer.
- Google Calendar: A Google calendar is now available on the VIP website (www.cdfscu.org/vip, user id: scuvip, p/w: smokey).
 - Here you can view the dates that tower will be manned or to choose dates you would like to man the tower. You must contact Unit Leader John Whiteside for approval.
 - Also, a Public Events calendar will be established for VIPs to sign up to attend.
- Comm Van:
 - 1629 has now been released for deployment in the Unit.
 - MH Shop has inspected and released the van for use.

Training:

- Power line Safety video shown and discussion given by Pam Temmermand.

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