

Cal Fire SCU-VIP Meeting Minutes – 10/2015

10/17/2015, Attendees: 12

Meeting Topics:

- “Turkey Training Day” will be Nov. 14 at MH. A potluck meal will be offered. Pam will send an e-mail to everyone.
- Morgan Hill Police Officers Assoc will have their Fall Classic golf tournament on Oct 23rd.
 - \$150/person. Go to “mhpoagolf.org” for details.
- All 15 engines are back in the unit now,. All big fires are out!
 - 1600 more wild land fires this year than last year.
 - 306,000 acres burned in 2015 to date.
- Bark beetle infestation is at a high level.
 - New handouts will be distributed to residences next year by forestry aides during DF inspections.
 - Infestation affects mainly conifers.
- Unit leaders meetings will be conducted at the Dec 12th meeting. **NO VIP MEETING!**
- Bill Roth has VIP t-shirts for anyone needing them. \$18 each. Contact Bill directly.
- Replacement PPE available due to defects in seams. All VIPs with PPE should contact Suresh Mo-Thu or Capt Ken Myers, Fri – Sun, both at MH Sta 11, for inspection and replacement as needed, ASAP.

Events:

- Feb 12-16, 2016 Alameda County Home & Garden show at Pleasanton Fairgrounds.
 - Cal Fire Prevention planning to only attend on Sat. and Sun.
- New Fire Safe Garden sign installed at Morgan Hill Hqts.
- Copernicus Tower:
 - *All VIPS who have not worked the tower for 6 months or longer must be retrained!*
Contact John Whiteside to schedule a day.
 - Tower will be closed for this season by Nov. 16th. A work party will be needed to close the tower.
 - Sacramento has denied the new roof for this year. Chief Rajskep will continue to work on this.
- Comm Van 1620:
 - Radio coverage testing scheduling is underway once per month. Any VIP cleared for Comm Van duty can attend. This is a good opportunity for training too!
Look for Guy’s emails regarding dates.
 - Harvey Bear Ranch/Finley Ridge testing completed 9/26.
 - Dinosaur Point scheduled for 10/24.
 - Other sites will include Castle Rock/Corral Hollow Rd area and East side of unit.
- CIC:
 - Ham radio being planned for installation in Command Center. A tri-band antenna and wiring exist on the tower and in the building. Need to determine a location and what radio to use.

by: B. Roth,