

# **CAL FIRE** SCU-VIP Meeting Minutes – June 2016

06-18-16, Attendees: 18 , Pam T, Chief Rajskup

## **Meeting Topics:**

1. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Red Flag Patrols:
  - Potluck will be held starting at 5:00PM at the MH Station. We'll need main course items along with desserts and drinks if you don't want water and Gatorade.  
**Advise Pam what you can bring.**
  - Patrols will start at dusk and extend until 10 PM or later ( if a lot of fireworks activity occurs).
    - **Sign-up by contacting Pam.**
2. Santa Barbara fire currently at 7000 acres. CF strike teams deployed.
3. Ham Radio Field Day is the weekend of Jun 25 & 26.
  - Comm 1629 will participate on Sat, 6/25, 11 AM – 7 PM, at the Morgan Hill Station front parking lot. Setup starts at 9 AM. Lyon McKeil will be the coordinator.  
**Contact Lyon if you would like to help out..... All are welcome to attend!!!**
  - A news release has been written up by Pam and will be released to the public this coming week.
  - A canopy will be setup with a table for brochure hand-outs for the public and possibly an appearance by Smokey Bear.
  - Treats will also be made available.
4. John Whiteside:
  - A new ham radio is still needed for the ECC. A VIP needs to step-up to suggest a model to purchase as soon as possible.
  - Unit rosters were distributed to unit leaders for review and updating.
  - The CIC emergency generator needs to be run regularly and tested.
  - Trail weeds need to be trimmed at Copernicus Tower. Pam will try to arrange for a crew to do this.
  - Members requested that an e-mail be sent out to everyone at the time a callout is made--  
Agreed!
5. Comm 1629: A decision was reached to keep the Van in service for the 2016 fire season as long as ongoing training is maintained and it can be manned when deployed.
6. Copernicus Tower:
  - Tower re-roofing is now planned for August 2016.
  - Callout was made for 5/28 & 29 staffing of the tower. VIPs participated on both days.
7. Public Events: Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras attended by Cal Fire VIPs on 5/27-29.
  - A Cal Fire pop-up canopy was setup with many fire prevention brochures and handouts for the kids. We had many visitors.

## **Training:**

- Chief Rajskup continued the VIP safety training which included:
  - A video of proper use of the fire shelter was shown.
    - Several VIPs completed testing for use of the shelter and check of their PPE.
  - Training for working around fire crews was also presented.

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