

Cal Fire SCU-VIP Meeting Minutes – 07/2016

07/16/16, Attendees: 14

Meeting Topics:

- “National Night Out” event will be held in Morgan Hill, Tuesday, Aug. 02 from 5:30PM – 8:30PM.
 - Comm Van 1629 will be attending. Contact Guy Martin if you would like to attend.
 - Full VIP uniform is required!
 - We plan to conduct recruitment for new VIPs.
- Alameda Home and Garden Show will be attended by CAL FIRE Prevention on, Fri-Sun, Sep. 30 – Oct. 02. At the Pleasanton Fairgrounds.
 - VIPS should contact Pam if interested in attending for booth duty or setup (Thu, 9/29).
- We are planning an open-house at the MH station one weekend during the October Fire Prevention month. More details to come later.
- On July 20th Michael Borelli became new SCU Ass’t Division Chief 1602. Chief Crawford became Chief 1601. BC-1609 interviews are being conducted now to fill this opening.
- Pam received okay to purchase new pop-up canopies with CAL FIRE logos for use at public events.
 - Also, new table cloths will be ordered as well for booth tables. VIP logs may be added if approved.
- VIP general membership roster was purged to remove inactive members. Also each Unit Leader purged his respective roster. Those members removed will no longer receive communication.
- VIP Leadership was proposed to run future meetings. The attending membership agreed. Each U/L will also participate starting with the Aug. meeting..
- Ham radios for the ECC need to be purchased ASAP. Suggested models with pricing to be provided to Pam from Ben V.
- Updated VIP membership cards should be obtained from Pam.
- July 4th Patrols were not very active with only 4-5 reports back to CIC. Thanks to those VIPs attending.
- Comm Van 1629 (G. Martin):
 - An “Alert Crew” concept has been adopted with a crew of two anticipated for each weekend during fire season. Contact Guy for more details and participation. This will show commitment to CF leadership.
 - Location radio coverage/training will be continued. 1629 roster members are encouraged to participate. Guy will email all members with dates and locations.
 - Ham Radio Field Day on Sat, June 25th was successful with several VIPs participating along with several residents attending and two BC;s stopped by for a tour of 1629’s capabilities.
 - Also the fire safe garden was opened for public viewing.
- Lookout Tower (J. Whiteside):
 - New roof still planned for August. No exact dates announced yet.
 - VIPs who would like to man the tower or who may need training should contact John W.
 - Tower was manned on two days last month.
- CIC (Mitch Marinovich):
 - Training on activation is encouraged for all interested new VIPs and those existing VIPs needing refresher training.

Training: “Air Drop Precautions”

- Pam gave a talk about what precautions should be taken when exposed to a fire where air drops are deployed. A handout is available from Pam.
- “Media Center” training will be a topic of a future meeting.

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