

CAL FIRE SCU-VIP Meeting Minutes – 09/2016

09/16/2016, Attendees: 14

Meeting Topics: John Whiteside

News:

- Soberanes fire currently at 108,441 acres, 59% contained, 1942 personnel on site.
- VIP Roster 2016 updates have been completed for the general membership and individual units.
- SCU-ECC has a new chief, Matt Streck. Also, the dispatcher known as “Chopper” has returned to the ECC.
- The Prevention Office is being remodeled with new counter tops for media center use and general improvements. The two desks are being eliminated.
- Two new ham radios and a power supply have been purchased for use in the ECC by CIC-VIPs when needed for emergency events. Installation will be completed after ECC renovations later in the fall.
- Roth reported that Gilroy FD is planning a new fire station (Glen Loma) for the new housing development area off Santa Teresa Blvd across from Eagle Ridge on the West side. Expect completion in the 2019 time frame.
- Disaster Airlift Relief Team exercise will take place at South City airport, Sat, Oct 1.
 - This is a practice session of the emergency supplies distribution function during a major disaster. Cal Fire is not involved.
- A Ham Radio Licensing Test function (Ham Cram) will take place on Sat., Nov. 5 from 8am-5pm at the MH Police Sta. Training room for anyone interested in getting a ham license.
- Nov VIP meeting will be the annual Turkey Training Day a MH HQ.

Events:

- Fall Alameda Home & Garden Show, Pleasanton Fairgrounds: 9/30-10/2.
 - CalFire prevention booth. Thu setup by Pam T and B Roth. Sat & Sun covered by VIPs.
- Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Safety Fair, Sta 2, Sat, Oct 8, 8-12n. (Smokey -Roth, Handler -Whiteside).
- Morgan Hill Seniors event – Pam will attend on behalf of Cal Fire.
- Fire Prevention Week Open House at MH Hqts, Oct 9-15. Nothing from Chief Crawford yet.
- Santa Clara city ARES/RACES meeting, Wed., Oct 26 will be attended by Comm 1629 with Nick Arnett and another VIP. Nick will present an overhead presentation about the VIP program and the capabilities of 1629. STILL NEED PAM’S APPROVAL!

Tower:

- New roof installed. Expect lookout activations during October.
- Interior of cabin needs to be painted.
- Bill Ulmer from FFLA inquired about his activation for training and recruiting. Still delayed!
 - More discussion needed by CF and VIP Unit leaders.

CommVan:

- Weekend Alerts still in place with VIPs assigned. To continue throughout fire season.
- Location testing/training will resume shortly. Next location Redwood Estates area off Rte 17.

Training:

- **Media Center Operations:**
 - John talked about media center operations and some legal aspects.
 - Senior VIPs talked about their experiences.
 - A completed 209 form example was circulated for all to see.
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