

CAL FIRE SCU-VIP Meeting Minutes – 03/2017

03/18/2017, Attendees: 14

Meeting Topics:

Tower:

- Per Chief Witmer new t-shirts for tower volunteers can be ordered.
Pam Rhoten will draw-up a design ASAP.
- B. Ulmer emailed Pam T. a list of 15 new volunteers interested in tower training.
This came as a result of advertising in a news release, flyer handouts and a banner displayed at MH Hqts.
- Tower training classes for the new volunteers will be conducted by Ulmer at MH-expanded Fri 3/31 and Sat 4/1, 8-5pm. Whiteside and Roth will create the practical training schedule at the Tower and will need experienced tower VIPs to assist. An email will be sent out to all VIPs when the schedule has been created for sign-ups.
- A survival (bug-out-box) will be established for the tower.
- Two additional fire finders were found at MH and will be refurbished for training use.

Personnel:

- Cliff Allen has become the new BC-1611. He comes from the fire academy.
- Scott McLean is the new PIO Chief for CAL FIRE.

Events:

- City of Santa Clara Arbor Day celebration will be held Fri. 4/28, 10-2. Smokey will be there and possibly a Prevention booth. If interested contact Pam T.
- Santa Cruz "Big Sur Marathon" will be held Apr. 29, 30. VIPs have been requested along with the Comm Van. See Pam's Mar 16 email for details. Contact Pam T. This requires an overnight stay and an early morning start time along coastal Rte 1.
- ECC-MH support training was held 2/19-21 with 5 VIPs attending. Their main job was handling non-emerg phone traffic.

Training:

- April's VIP meeting will include annual Safety Training; Wildland fire training, PPE inspection and Fire Shelter training.
- Comm Van: portable repeater setup training will be conducted at the VIP May meeting.

Misc:

- The portable generator for the CIC will be installed in the doghouse at the start of the fire season and secured there for the duration.
- The Prev office has been remodeled with new work stations/ cabinets, wall hanging white boards and tv's. This will provide a more work friendly environment for Media Center operations as well sprucing up the interior.

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