

# **CAL FIRE** SCU-VIP Meeting Minutes – Jan. 2020

**Date: 01/18/2020**

**Attendees: 23**

## **News:**

- BC 1605 Crawford retired to Hawaii.
- BC-1609 Williams transferred to Shasta Unit.
- BC-1614 Martin retired after 46 yrs. BC Leitzke to take over.
- Suresh retired from SCU Logistics. No word on replacement yet.
- New Unit engine; E-1680 for Del Puerto.
- New FF pants delivered to replace yellow Nomex pants; CalFire dropped the former double layered pants.
- New CalFire Logo in use. Red coloring in lettering eliminated.
- New Blue plastic name tags have been ordered. Silver metal nametags will not be used.
- Frank working on a new VIP website.
- Bill Roth received the Volunteer of the Year award for 2018/2019.

## **Events:**

- Request made for a VIP tour of Helitac Base at Alma Station. Maybe Feb! May not be on meeting date!
- March: Tour of Lick Observatory expected. To be confirmed later by Kostas.
- April: Annual Safety Training; Arbor Day Fair in Santa Clara (Smokey Bear and handler).
- May: Alternate date for Helitac Base tour. Sacramento Air Base tour or Cal OES tour possible. Will advise later.
- July: Holiday Patrols planned for the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Oct: Home & Garden Show - Pleasanton planned.

## **VIP Training:**

- Request made for a CPR class this year. Awaiting a response.
- SCU org chart presentation to be made at Feb meeting.
- Class being planned for VIP's establishing a Helicopter landing site.
- Need plan for hands-on portable repeater training. (Lyon)
- Need to run CIC & CommVan portable generators on a more regular basis. (Mitch/Lyon)
- Location radio testing needed by CommVan and CIC. (Lyon/Mitch)
- "Lick Fire" video shown at the meeting.

## **John: Radio Talk**

- No longer necessary to give "Unit ID" when closing a radio message.
- Use "Station Name" (i.e. Hqtrs, Masten, etc.) when returning to quarters.