

SCU ~ VIP Meeting

9 August, 2008

0900 Called to order by Chris Morgan, FPS III

Handouts

- #1 - Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory
- #2 - Santa Clara Unit Class 'C' Driving Policy and Sign Up procedure (Rev. 10/16/07)

State Update

Iron & Alps Complexes - Buckhorn Fire - Helicopter crash on 08/05/2008
names of all involved released - 13 on board - 9 fatalities and 4 survivors
11 FF have died this year / over 300 injuries
Active fires - 33 USFS fires (8 major fires not yet contained being allowed to burn - to be monitored until rainy season begins (in extremely remote areas-unable to reach))
1.2 million acres total so far this year (not yet ½ way thru fire season)

SCU Update

Shop is "that close" to being completed. Building is 9 months behind schedule
4th Fire-Fighter Academy finished Friday, 8 August, 2008
1 Strike Team on Craig Fire
1- mechanic on Telegraph Fire
5 people on Overhead positions at various locations in state
Budget - NONE - emergency expenses only

SCU VIP Update

Line item purchasing - for future projects - must be justified
Chief would like Fire Safe Garden project completed
Ruth Ferziger passed away after a short illness
Wally Borlase update on Cancer treatment progress
ID Card photos for new members in attendance

VIP Unit Leaders Report

Activation Unit - recent tower staffing - John Whiteside will be primary contact during Chris' vacation

Tower Unit - Staffed for 2 days - handcrews have worked the area - Firefinder parts located - Need drinking water in tower - tower practical training 9/6 - tower work party 9/27 (sturdy shoes, work gloves, hard hat required) - State radio to be installed 9/27 - Mt. Oso install door during October

Comm 1629 Unit - New Weekly Maintenance Check List - thanks to folks that have washed the van - batteries need checking - leave vents open & windows cracked - satellite phone still OOS (needs repair or upgrade after new budget passed) -

Chief

wants a "Mobile" satellite in the unit - also satellite antenna housing appears

loose

VIP Unit Leaders Report (cont.)

Fire Safe Garden Unit - veggies growing good, large oak tree removed, other trees trimmed - Ben Lomond crew has request to do work in garden area

CIC Unit - handrails and landscaping in place - when providing tower support, remember to complete the log sheet(s) *remember these are legal documents* & time sheets - simplex frequency '146.445' now used a 100.0 Hz tone - 443.550 + 100.0 Hz is secondary frequency

AIO Unit - Whenever staffing Media Center *look busy!!!* - Currently area being used as a warehouse, not able to use Media Center if fire incident breaks

Inspection Unit - VIP Inspection hours for month of July, 733.5 hrs July - 377 home inspections for July with 89 violations (June - 440 inspections, May - 300 inspections) - Fire Capt on light duty so Battalion 15 area inspections - Battalion 14 area inspections are not done by VIPs - Battalions 11,13,16 & 17 have been covered - Battalion 12 must determine how to handle that area - averaging 350 to 450 inspections per month

Area Coordinator - reminder for VIPs to provide current e-mail addresses

Public Information Programs -Upcoming-

Gilroy Costco - Safety Fair - Sept. 15th - 19th - Comm 1629 and Smokey the Bear - 1 day
Baker School -Tues. 7 Oct (#1 @ 9:00 a.m. & #2 @ 10:15 a.m.) Bucknell Rd. - Bear
Country Lane Sch. - Fri. Oct 10 (#1 @ 9:10 a.m. & #2 @ 10:20 a.m.) Country Ln - Bear
Alameda Co. Home & Garden Show - 3 - 5 Oct.
Youth Science Institute Program - late October or early November in Alum Rock Park

6 Minutes for Safety

Wildland Urban Interface Hazards

Priorities while Chris on Vacation

AIO center staffing - 8 hr shifts - 4 staff (3 phone positions - 1 supervisor)

Copernicus Peak - John Shinn for staffing

Comm Van 1629 - ready to respond - operators MUST know how to operate state radio
&
complete 101 cards

CIC - to be staffed during hours tower staffed

Training Video

The Burning Cycle