

SCU - VIP Meeting 20 February 2010

0858 Hrs - Called to order by Chris Morgan

State Update

- Del Waters confirmed by California State Senate as Director of Cal-Fire
- Michael Martin promoted from MMU - Unit Chief to South Region Chief.
- 5% across the board budget cut.

Region Update

- New helicopter (H-106) assigned to Alma Station. This helicopter has a belly tank and snorkel, no longer uses a bucket. This will require H-106 to get closer to water for reload, but should allow for better flight stability and water dropping ability (without bucket hanging below).

SCU Update

- Hiring - 2000 applicants have applied for a handful of positions in unit. Due to budget cut (above) unknown if unit will have 4th FF on engines.
- Lack of 4th FF could impact ability to perform inspections. Last year SCU performed inspections on 84 roads, but were not many structures on these roads.

SCU - VIP Update

- This is the 30th year of the statewide VIP program.
- Service Awards for VIP unit members to be awarded next month - certificates will be signed by Unit Chief.
- VIP inspection support will be increased.
- Uniform (reminder) only ONE pin allowed on hat or shirt. This is the same requirement as for the full time staff.

- **ACTIVITIES**

- Public Education
 - Home & Garden show
 - THANK YOU to all the participated.
 - Hellyer Park - Festival in the Park - 26 June (?)
 - Dillworth School - Enrichment Day - May
 - Mtn. View Parade
 - Boy Scout Jamboree - 100th Anniversary - 16 April
- Fire Safe Garden
 - City has put some sort of ground markings down
- Fire Tower(s)
 - Couple of shingles on garage broke
 - Tower OK - tank lost a cover plank or two
 - Needs roof work
 - Brush piles (2) - have burn permit - possible next week
- MMU tower (Besalt)
 - Talked to BC - will meet with Unit & div chiefs.
 - Will advise FP of intent to work together
 - Get rid of bees & all it needs is paint
- Comm 1629

Radios upgraded to narrow band capable.

Sat. Phone - still waiting.

Deployment checklist.

Radio plan updated in manual.

- Future Training
 - March
 - CIC - re-orientation
 - Comm 1629 - re-orientation
 - April (8 hour class)
 - I-100 or I-110

6 Minutes for Safety

- LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, Safety Zones) Category
 - Subjective (direct control) vs. Objective Hazards (natural part of environment)
 - Communications (acknowledge & confirm understanding)
- Smokey Bear
 - Care of suit
 - Use of suit
 - Heat Safety

Handout

Glossary: Simplified Guide to the Incident Command System for Transportation Professionals (http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/ics_guide/glossary.htm)

Cal-Fire - VIP recruiting tape

Chris reviewed the beginning of the VIP program and where we have been.

Adjourn - 12:00 Noon