

CDF VIP Monthly Training Meeting - October 18, 2008

- Meeting was called to order at 9AM by Chris Morgan

UNIT NEWS

- Fires in Southern California about out. No Red Flag activity at the moment. Rotating crews to San Diego
- State Budget was signed. Chris is SPENDING \$\$\$ before the take it away...
 - The Chief has approved the budget to rebuild the garden
 - The fence is being re-installed and planting of citrus trees.
 - Chris got approval for mileage for incidents for the lookout and for the lookout patch and hats
- No high visibility highway safety vests for CDF personnel
 - They are working on a State wide exemption
 - All other state workers must wear them on Federal roadways.
- Chris is going to a Fire Prevention conference in Jackson, CA.
- The new shop has been turned over to the station. Waiting for phones and computers.
- End of October is scheduled for the end of fire season – we just need a good rain
- Eric Wood is on medical leave for up to a year
 - Chris will get a card to be signed at the November meeting.

LE-38 INSPECTIONS

- Inspections paid off with houses saved on the Deer Fire.
 - Inspections: 371 in September, 71 Citations, 807 Hours (120 hours by fire fighters)
 - VIP's have done 2,000 inspections year to date.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

- The Home and Garden show in Pleasanton had low attendance by both the public and vendors
 - CDF was inside the Hall of Commerce instead of the metal building as the vendors were condensed.
- Country Lane school program for 400+ kids
 - Guy Martin was Smokey
 - More school programs are scheduled in the November month.

COPERNICUS PEAK LOOKOUT

- Work day at the tower went well.
- Still needs some painting and winterizing
- Ben installed a radio and antenna
- There will be more training for the Lookout next year
- We need 10 more volunteers for the tower

TRAINING

- Defensive driving course
 - cancelling classes due to contract cancellations for instructors
 - Chris will figure out if/when we can get our training
 - S110 & S190 class in April – either Saturday or Sunday weekend of meeting. Diane Hall will teach
 - Basic CPR and First Aid class sometime in the summer
 - May: Field exercise – mini par course, media center, communications van and PPE check
 - Hydration: Drink Fluids! Handout: Fire fighters have been dropping in the state.
 - 6 Minutes for Safety: Weather and fire behavior question to get information
 - Africanized Honey Bees – (VIDEO)
 - 14 people killed
 - 1,000 injuries in CA
 - Bee Veil mandatory for CDF Personnel
 - Handouts:
 - Working together: Who writes the rules?
 - OSHA Fact Sheet – working outdoors
 - N.I.F.C. News – S130 & S190 Fire Courses online
- November Meeting: Annual Turkey Meeting
 - **RSVP TO CHRIS BY WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2008**
 - 408-778-8623
 - Chris.Morgan@fire.ca.gov
 - **TURKEY MEETING START AT 11AM UNTIL 2PM ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2008**
 - Meeting Adjourned at 12:05PM
Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Bamberger, AIO Unit Leader