

SCU - VIP 20, Sept 2008

0900 Hrs - Meeting opened by Chris Morgan, FPS-III in Expanded Dispatch/Training Room

State Update

- State has got a budget, should be signed soon.
- New Deputy Director of Communications
Janet Upton former Fire Prevention Specialist from Butte
- Several wildland fire overhaul operations throughout the state
- Lightning strikes in Shasta, Sonoma, & Trinity units, fires kept small due to high humidity
- No major fires

Unit Update

- Shop completion - doing punch list items
- Pacheco Sta. problems hiring approved contractors due to budget. Work on interior
- No Strike Teams out at this time - probable action next week when heat arrives
- Blue Oak Ranch VMP burn 554 acres
- Letter from Chief thanking unit personnel (paid & VIP) as well as local government for their assistance on this years fires / activities.
- Fires in unit have been small.

VIP Update

- Thanks for those that stepped up during past month for assignments in tower and inspections
- Copernicus Look-Out is one of two in the SF Bay Area, only one which is staffed by VIPs. Tamalpais Look-Out has paid staffing.
- Fire Tower practical training went well. Gilroy Dispatch did a story about the tower.
- Tower Work party
 - Trail
 - Base Radio
 - Dual band ham radio
 - painting
- Tower Cell phone # 831-359-0486
- Mt Oso Look-Out Tower
 - needs door
 - needs center cabinet
 - firefinder is ready
 - AC power there
 - garage door covered by tarp
 - Should be able to rehab tower in a couple of days - prefab stuff to take to tower
- Besalt Look-Out Tower
 - Chief is anxious to get it in service

Upcoming Events

- Alameda County Home & Garden show - Pleasanton, Oct. 3 - 4 & 5. Need 2 VIPs each day. Setup on Thursday, Oct. 2.
- Youth Science Institute (YSI), Alum Rock Park, Sun., Oct. 5
- Baker School, Tues., Oct. 7 - Bear & Handler for 2 assemblies.
- Country Lane School, Fri., Oct. 10 - Bear & Handler for 2 assemblies

Inspections

- 518 hours by VIPs
- 396 structures
 - 120 violations

Fire Shelter

- New shelters have a problem, based on discoloration, flaking, mold etc., they should be removed from service. VIPs have not yet been issued these newer shelters

Six Minutes for Safety

- Fire weather & spot forecasts
- Watching for hazards in immediate area

Training Video

- Fire weather

Adjourned - 1203 hrs