

SLU Health and Safety Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2010

The meeting was held at Paso Robles AAB. Members present; John Richardson (Chair), Rick Swan (HQ/VYCC), Geoff Money (Training), Kurt Petrie (Battalion 16), Chad Zerelek (Prevention), Jeff Smith/Jim Riggio/ Eric Carrero (Battalion 13), Matt Mihalco (Airbase), Harvey Salazar (Battalion 14).

Minutes were read from the October 28, 2009 meeting.

Old Business

- Turnout replacement and inspections. **Supervisors and company officers need to monitor employees PPE. PPE should be inspected at the company officers training also.**
- N1H1 updates. **FC Money explained that we are still in flu season and the counter measure (shots, washing stations) have been working. Keep it up.**
- Vehicle accident review. **There have been numerous incidents with vehicles that can be avoided and/or minimized, (golden circle, back-up personnel, etc.).**
- 2009 Focus on Safety compliance. **2010 Focus on Safety will be included in the April Target Safety requirements.**
- PPE committee report. **See new business.**
- MRE inspection for contamination.
- Heat related injuries. **Supervisors are reminded to ensure employees are hydrating and exercising. ALL personnel should have submitted a PT plan to their supervisor and documenting their progress.**
- **All employees need to recognize and act on signs and symptoms of heat emergencies.**
- New chain saw chaps requirements.
- Eye protection for sawyers. (in use at the camps)
- Nomex gloves for driver operators (in stock at service center)
- Reviewed "3-Stripe and your out" policy. **This will be included in the March Target Safety requirements.**

New Business

- **Earthquake Plan. All stations should have an earthquake plan. It should be in the IIPP folder and include; utility shut-offs, where to stage apparatus, contacts, etc.**

- **CalFire Safety Web Page.** Employees should know how to access this site. It has; green sheets, blue sheets, contact #'s, Advisories, Alerts, safety bulletins, etc. It is located on the intranet and has a lot of good info.
- **Tree Snags.** Reviewed the safety advisory that was sent out.
- **Fire Shelter Deployment in the Water.** Reviewed the safety alert.
- **Haz-Mat Suicides.** Reviewed recent incidents.
- **Structure Boot Issue.** FC Swanson turned in an issue paper last month to 3401 dealing with the structure boot brand and SLU's policy. AC Swan told the group that there were statewide changes coming down concerning non-department issued PPE. Until this is resolved there will be no change in the boot policy. This means NO non-department issued structure PPE including boots will be worn by SLU employees.
- **Shields/Goggles.** There is no change in SLU's policy. You must wear both when required by policy
- **Radio Frequency Issues.** There is a concern that with the new radio policy some personnel will not be able to hear critical info if it is only broadcasted on one channel, (PCF with pagers). I will work with the ECC to resolve this issue.
- **Rehabilitation.** FC Money presented a scene rehabilitation plan that is being used in other areas. He will present an issue paper to management for their approval.
- **PPE.** AC Swan gave a summary of the changes being looked into by the state. Including; double layered wildland safety uniform, new fabrics being considered, and a new t-shirt material.
- **Driving in Wet Conditions.** Reviewed the safety alert sent out about associated issues; speed, getting stuck, retarder use, and safety equipment (wipers, lights, etc.).
- **Medical Helicopters.** FC Money talked about the county policy.

Round Table

FC Petrie explained the need for emergency locator devices on all of the watercraft. AC Swan advised him to write an issue paper on the problem. Sounds like they will be ordered and placed on a water going apparatus.

Money has been given to the unit for the safety vests for incidents on the roadway.

Accident/Injury Summary

The reports were not available at the time of the meeting.

Next SLU Health and Safety Meeting

Thursday April 22, South County, Location to be determined. 0930hrs.

