



# Shasta Fire Protection District

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes August 20, 2025

### Board Members Present:

Stanley "Rusty" Swayne  
Cynthia MacDonald  
Susan Weale

### Staff Present:

Chief Steineke  
Assistant Chief Varnum  
Battalion Chief Ohde  
Administrative Assistant Hughes

### Community Members Present:

Tim Weaver, Joyce Brown

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Board Member Swayne at 6:00PM
- 2.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Flag salute
- 3.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Board Member MacDonald motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Board Member Weale. Vote to approve was unanimous
- 4.0 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES:** Board Member MacDonald motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Board Member Weale. Vote to approve was unanimous
- 5.0 **PULBIC COMMENT:** Community Member Brown thanked the Fire Department for helping with her accident and all we do for the community
- 6.0 **BUDGET VS ACTUAL:** Administrative Assistant Hughes provided a current Budget vs Actual to the board which they accepted. Board Member MacDonald asked about a transaction list by month such as a check register. Administrative Assistant Hughes said she would check with the County and see what is available to us
- 7.0 **ROLLING STOCK REDUCTION:** Chief Steineke wants to explore the reduction of our rolling stock due to maintenance costs. Replacing Engine 256 and Rescue 56 with a Type 6 dual purpose apparatus

Board Member Weale asked for biggest downside to selling some of our stock. Assistant Chief Varnum said we have an ISO 5 rating, best in the area and it does affect insurance. Battalion Chief Ohde said he spoke to two insurance companies and they said they do not take ISO ratings into account for insurance rates. He also spoke to Chief O'Hara about ISO and was

told that there is no ISO ratings in the county that affects insurance. Insurance rates within the unincorporated areas of the county are affected by the fire hazard zone ratings

Verisk is the new replacement rating system for ISO

Community Member Weaver asked about the pump capacity of a type 6. Chief Steineke said they vary but the average is about 200gpm. \$200,000 is the estimate for new Type 6

Board Member Swayne said he would like to see real numbers used vs new...Shasta Lake selling their type 6 for \$143,000

Board Member Weale would like a pros and cons to try and determine if we should fix our equipment or sell and buy new/used equipment

**8.0 GRANT UPDATE:** Administrative Assistant Hughes informed the board that we did not get awarded the State Farm Good Neighbor Grant. She and Chief Steineke also applied for the Leary Firefighters Foundation Grant. This grant, should we be awarded, would be used for equipment, training and technology up to \$25,000. There are two grants we are looking to apply for, Firefighters Charitable Foundation and the Gary Sinise Foundation-First Responder Outreach

Suggestions for future grants, McConnell, Sierra Pacific, Rancheria

Chief Steineke updated the board on getting ESO up and running. We are working on getting the incidents keyed in so we can apply for bigger grants

Battalion Chief Ohde mentioned trying to contact PG&E to get a generator

## **9.0 CHIEF STEINEKE UPDATE:**

9.1: Safety Gear – turnouts still have not been received

9.2: SCBA's Still the end of August

9.3: Pinnacle Health is up and running

9.4: PSFA Training 8/24, 9/13, 9/14

Initial participants \$268/ea

Renewals \$125/ea

9.5: MARS income - \$14,784.08 has been earned after expenses for the Water Tender rental

9.6: Staff update: Chief Officers (3), Firefighters (10), (-1) Josh Rogers resigned having moved to Mineral

9.7: Statistics, January 1<sup>st</sup> - June 16<sup>th</sup> - July 16<sup>th</sup> - Aug 20<sup>th</sup>

Calls for service YTD—  
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69 – 100 - 130  
6/16 – 7/16 – 8/20

Calls for service current month – 31

Medical –	10 last month – 12 past month – 14 current month
Public assist –	0 last month – 0 past month – 0 current month
Motor vehicle accident –	4 last month – 4 past month – 3 current month
Smoke check –	2 last month – 1 past month – 2 current month
Vegetation fire –	5 last month – 11 past month – 7 current month
Structure fire –	0 last month – 2 past month – 1 current month
Vehicle fire	0 last month – 1 past month – 0 current month
False alarm –	0 last month – 0 past month – 3 current month
Other –	1 last month – 0 past month – 0 current month

School Programs –	2 hours
Training Hours YTD–	541 total man hours
Training Hours Month –	108 man hours

Community Member Weaver asked once volunteers are done with PSFA what is next.....Chief Steineke said that would make them qualified to be limited responders. At which time some Volunteers may choose to become a full responder which includes the Fire Academy

**10.0 ORAL COMMUNICATION:** Board Member MacDonald asked about what is going on with the Guild

Community Member Weaver said Kim Pike, a Paralegal for Prentice & Long, is going to help get the 501(c)(3) back in place

Community Member Weaver said Kim Pike and he are also working on getting the bank accounts accessible. The money is being held – we need to prove the Gild is who they say they are before releasing funds

Bank of Commerce and Bank of America is where the two accounts are held

Board Member MacDonald wants to restore the siren we have or at least see if it's worth repairing. Chief Steineke said he would take a look at what it would take to get it running again

Community Member Weaver asked if there are any county restrictions to have the siren again

Battalion Chief Ohde is going to take the Defensible Space and Home Hardening class this Saturday and Sunday

Battalion Chief Ohde acknowledged the long process to getting this department up and running. Gave recognition and thanks to Chief Steineke and Administrative Assistant Hughes

**Meeting adjourned by Board Member Swayne at 7:59pm**