



# California Fire Chiefs Association Southern Division Communications Section Newsletter

## The Meeting Minutes

*From the meeting November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001*

The meeting was held at Ontario Fire Department and hosted by Vice President Steve Holtrust.

## The Secretary's Report:

The July meeting minutes were approved as written.

Secretary Gary Stevens advised that the minutes are being sent out almost entirely by email with the exception of 2 members.

## The Treasurer's Report:

No Report.

## Training:

Steve Holtrust (Ontario Fire) is going to try and schedule the School Violence class that is taught by Ontario PD for mid January.

Mark Barber of Ontario Fire will be putting on a Fire Communications Class in the future. The dates will be announced at a later date.

## New Business

None

## Website:

[www.CalChiefsSouth.org](http://www.CalChiefsSouth.org).

## Old Business:

On the retirement issue, it appears that things are currently at a standstill. Several groups have been challenging the legislation.

After some discussion about changing the meeting dates, a Motion was made by Mark Barber and seconded by Steve McClellan to change the meeting dates for the Cal Chiefs meetings to **the first Thursdays of the odd months.**

## Committee Report:

No Report.

## Northern Update:

No Report.

## Round Table:

Mark Barber - (Ontario Fire), reported that since they have went to fire only dispatchers, with fire only supervisors, the quality of supervision as well as the quality of fire dispatching has risen. Mark also reported that recently he has become an APCO certified instructor for Fire Communications classes.

Gary Stevens - (South Bay Communications), reported that So. Bay is currently looking at having fire dispatch specialists. Gary also reported that the new dispatch center is progressing and is scheduled for completion in February of 2002.

Peggy Piscopo - (Torrance Fire), reported that two of their part time operators have left recently leaving them with a staff of six full time and 6 part time operators.

Steve McClellan - (Ventura Co. Fire), reported that they have four operators currently in training and have hired three lateral employees. Ventura currently has eight openings. Ventura is currently in the process of working on building a new dispatch center and replacing their CAD system.

## 2002 Meeting Schedule:

January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Torrance Fire  
March 7<sup>th</sup> - To Be Announced  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> - To Be Announced  
July 11<sup>th</sup> - To Be Announced  
September 5<sup>th</sup> - To Be Announced  
November 11<sup>th</sup> - To Be Announced

## Members in Attendance:

Gary Stevens, South Bay Regional Communications- (KVUL88.CS.COM)

Peggy Piscopo, Torrance Fire - (Fdispatch@torrnet.org)

Steve Holtrust, Ontario Fire – (Sholtrust@ci.ontario.ca.us)

Steve McClellan, Ventura Co. Fire – (Steve.McClellan@mail.co.ventura.ca.us)

Mark Barber, Ontario PD/FD – (Mbarber@ontariopolice.org)

## Other News:

Chief Nelson (Ontario Fire) visited the meeting and advised that he would be retiring in the next year. Chief Nelson advised that the Annual Cal-Chiefs meeting will be held in either September or October of 2002. Chief Nelson reported that during the annual meeting the Southern Communications section can make a presentation to the general body. Chief Nelson was asked what he thought could be done to increase attendance at the meetings. He responded that there was a need for good training classes and that with the good training classes, the attendance should increase.

Steve McClellan- Ventura Co. Fire, reported that he had recently attended a seminar in Burbank given by Plant Equipment. Steve advised that the seminar was very good and that Plant will be unveiling some new equipment in the near future.

Steve also advised that the State 9-1-1 fund has selected the vendors that will be participating.

## Board Elections :

Due to the small turnout, the election of board members was tabled on a motion made by Steve Holtrust and seconded by Steve McClellan.

Steve Holtrust will be serving on the Nomination Committee and will present nominations at the January meeting to be voted on at the March meeting according to the bylaws. If you are interested in either serving on the committee or holding a board position, please contact Steve Holtrust.

## Upcoming Meeting:

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

Torrance Fire Department Headquarters  
1701 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90501  
(310) 781-7042

The meeting will be held in the conference room of the fire departments headquarters.

### Directions:

From the 405 Fwy.- Exit Crenshaw Blvd. and go south to Carson St. The fire department is located at the southwest corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and Carson Street. Parking is on the North side of the building.

## Membership Notes:

### Reminder:

Attached is the new membership renewal form.

Membership dues are January to January.

## PAID MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:

As of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001

Debbie Keyworth, Brea Police/Fire

Joan Klopfenstein, LaHabra Heights Fire

Pat Hammond, Carpinteria-Summerland Fire

Rhonda Roller, Carpinteria-Summerland Fire

Livia Zirkel, Carpinteria-Summerland Fire

Craig Kinoshita, Orange County Fire Authority

Lisa Mathiasen, Santa Barbara Co. Fire

Tracy Jarman, San Diego Fire & Life Safety

Bruce Cartelli, San Diego Fire & Life

Peter Diehl, San Diego Fire & Life

Susan Wysong, North County Dispatch

Chuck Alexander, Heartland Fire

Jeff Fehlberg, Heartland Fire

Denise Ziello, Torrance Fire

Lenora Duncan, Torrance Fire

Nancy Dibenedeto, Torrance Fire

Mike Sheilds, Santa Monica Fire

Mike Morlan, CDF/SLO County Fire

Ellen Price, CDF/SLO County Fire

Jim Rutledge, CDF/SLO County Fire

Judy Tatros, Oxnard Police/Fire

Anna Olivarez, Santa Ana Fire

Janey Hall, South Bay Communications

Gary Stevens, South Bay Comm.

Jason DeVita, South Bay Comm.	Olivia Ramirez, Costa Mesa Communications	
Don Wise, Verdugo Fire	Maria Birdsall, El Centro Police Dept.	David McClees, San Bernardino Co. Fire
Gabriela Moreno, Mercy Air	Isabell Dean, La Habra Police & Fire	David Dowling, San Bernardino Co. Fire
Denny Neville, Rancho Santa Fe Fire	Steve McClellan, Ventura Co. Fire	Thomas Barnes, San Bernardino Co. Fire
Mark Barber, Ontario Police/Fire	Paul Wrightsman, Redondo Beach Communications	
	Steve Holtrust, Ontario Fire Department	



# California Fire Chiefs Association Communications Section, Southern Division

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 -- Due Date: January 31, 2002  
INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP MEMBERSHIP

<u>TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP</u>				<u>DUES</u>
NEW MEMBER(S)	<input type="checkbox"/>	REGULAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00
RENEWAL MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	ASSOCIATE	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00
		LIFE	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00
		GROUP*	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00
		COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Communications Center: Fire  Fire/EMS   
Fire/Law  Fire/EMS/Law

**Make check payable to: Cal-Chiefs Communications Division**

**Mail application and check to: Cal-Chiefs Communications Division  
C/O Susan Wysong  
North County Dispatch JPA  
P.O. Box 410  
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 90267**

\* Each group will consist of three (3) people.  
Each group member must qualify for REGULAR membership (see by-laws).  
If you have more then one (1) group in four agency just duplicate this form.