



California Fire Chiefs Association Southern Division Communications Section Newsletter

The Meeting Minutes

From the meeting July 10th, 2001

The meeting was held at Rancho Fire and hosted by Susan Wysong.

The Secretary's Report:

The May meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Gary Stevens (South Bay Communications) and seconded by Jeff Fehlberg (Heartland Fire).

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:

Balance: \$5415.96.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Susan Wysong (Rancho Fire) and approved on a motion made by Steven McClellan (Ventura Co. Fire) and seconded by Gary Stevens (South Bay Communications).

Training:

Don Wise of Verdugo Fire Communications will be hosting 3 different APCO training classes. If anyone is interested in the following classes, please contact Ann Russo at APCO to register. The classes are:

9/17 to 9/19 "Communications Training Officer"

9/20 to 9/21 "Fire Communications Class"

10/1 to 10/3 "Communications Center Supervisor Course"

Steve McClellan (Ventura Co Fire) reported that he had contacted PSTC with regards to some of their classes. Their fee is about \$1600 per day unless sponsored by a POST agency, and then the class should be POST reimbursable.

Steve Holtrust (Ontario Fire) with check with Ontario PD to see if they will teach a School Violence class for dispatchers. Ontario PD has a class that they have used for their officers and surrounding agencies.

Anna Olivarez of Santa Ana Fire is still soliciting ideas for a "Tech Talk for Dispatchers" class.

New Business

None

Website:

www.CalChiefsSouth.org.

Steve McClellan reported that he had a problem contacting the Webmaster through the website.

Peggy Piscopo (Torrance Fire) reported that she was unable to download the membership application.

Secretary Stevens will contact the Webmaster DeVita to correct the problems.

Susan Wysong reported that the parent organization, Cal Chiefs, now has a website and would like to know if our section would like to join their website or continue on with our own.

After some discussion it was decided that we would stay with our own website as it was already paid for and would have the parent organization put a link on theirs and we would put a link on ours for the parent website.

Old Business:

On the retirement issue, it appears that things are currently at a standstill. Several groups have been challenging the legislation. PORAC has reportedly been getting numerous calls, emails and faxes with regards to their opposition.

Committee Report:

Jeff Fehlberg reported that the Marketing Subcommittee has not met lately but would be meeting in the very near future.

Northern Update:

No Report.

Round Table:

Susan Wysong (Rancho Fire), Working on upgrading their CAD system. Rancho is fully staffed. Looking at dispatching for Carlsbad Fire.

Jeff Fehlberg (Heartland Fire) recently had a water leak in the radio room, which caused a small fire. Will be interviewing and hiring 4 Supervisors and an Operations Manager. Passed out flyers and applications for both positions. Have recently purchased and are installing a new RMS system. Installing new fire paging system (Westnet) and will be taking of fire dispatching for Chula Vista on 10/1/01.

Gary Stevens (South Bay Communications), Construction on new dispatch center is progressing. Currently have 3 dispatcher openings. Dispatchers recently received a 16 ½ % raise over 3 years.

Steve Holtrust (Ontario FD), Looking at going with a new Tiburon CAD system. With the new police facility, looking at separating police and fire dispatching.

Peggy Piscopo (Torrance Fire), Currently have 6 full time dispatchers and 6 part time dispatchers. Currently Torrance Fire has no dispatch openings.

Peter Diehl (San Diego City Fire), Went online with Magic for Vesta 1 week ago. Will be going online shortly with their new stratus system. Will be hiring 4 dispatchers.

Steve McClellan (Ventura County Fire), Will be sending out RFP's soon for radio infrastructure. Looking at either enlarging their dispatch center or building a new dispatch center on property recently acquired by the County.

2001 Schedule:

September 11– Ontario Fire
November 13 – San Bernadino County Fire

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)

Jeff Fehlberg, Heartland Fire –
(JFEHLBERG@hcf-fire.org)

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

Susan Wysong, Rancho Fire NCDJPA –
(Wysong@ncdjpa.org)

Peter Diehl, San Diego City Fire –
(SDFD911@aol.com)

Meeting Upcoming Meeting:

September 11th, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

Ontario Police Department

Directions:

From the I-10 or SR-60 Freeways, Exit Euclid Ave. Off ramp (located approx. 4 miles west of the I-15 interchange.

From SR-60, exit Euclid and proceed North (approx 3 miles) to “B” Street. Turn east (right) on “B” Street 3 blocks to the intersection of “B” and Cherry. The police station is located on the North/East corner of the intersection of “B” and Cherry.

From I-10, exit Euclid and proceed south (approx. 2 miles) to “B” Street. Turn Left on “B” street. The police department is located on the North East corner of the intersection of “B” Street and Cherry Street.

Parking is to the front of the police department, or in the north parking lot in front of the University of Laverne Law School.

Please enter at the front entrance of the Ontario Police Department and let the desk officer know that you are there for the Cal Chiefs meeting.

PAID MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:

As of September 17th, 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 Tatro, Oxnard Police/Fire

Anna Olivarez, Santa Ana Fire

Janey Hall, South Bay Communications

Gary Stevens, South Bay Comm.

Jason DeVita, South Bay Comm.

Don Wise, Verdugo Fire

Gabriela Moreno, Mercy Air

Denny Neville, Rancho Santa Fe Fire

Mark Barber, Ontario Police/Fire

Olivia Ramirez, Costa Mesa
Communications

Maria Birdsall, El Centro Police Dept.

Isabell Dean, La Habra Police & Fire

Steve McClellan, Ventura Co. Fire

Paul Wrightsman, Redondo Beach
Communications

Steve Holtrust, Ontario Fire Department