



California Fire Chiefs Association Southern Division Communications Section Newsletter

The Meeting Minutes

From the meeting July 11th, 2002

The meeting was held at Mercy Air and hosted by Gabby Moreno.

The Secretary's Report:

The May meeting minutes were approved as written, on a motion made by Dave Dowling and seconded by Cliff Ellis.

The Treasurer's Report:

Balance: Not available at meeting time.

Treasurer Gabby Moreno advised that as of this meeting date, there are 16 paid members for the year 2002. Gabby is currently in the process of having the names on the account transferred.

Training:

Dave Dowling is trying to put together a two hour "Technical Issues and the Dispatcher" class for the November 7th Cal Chiefs meeting that he is hosting at the San Bernardino Comm. Center in Rialto. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions on what they would like to see covered, contact Dave at ddowling@confire.org.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the lack of attendance at meetings as well as the small membership. It was decided to re-institute the Membership Committee. Dave Dowling graciously volunteered to head the committee up. Discussion will be held at the September meeting on this subject.

Website:

www.CalChiefsSouth.org.

If anyone else has links that they would like added to the website, contact the Webmaster Jason DeVita on the website.

There is now a "Job Openings" page on the website. To have a job opening placed on the website, contact Webmaster DeVita by email and send him the information on the posting. If it is a downloadable form, please have the form in PDF format.

Old Business:

Secretary Stevens is still waiting for information from Jeff Fehlberg so that a questionnaire can be written on fire department staging liability.

Committee Report:

Membership Committee – No Report

Northern Update:

No Report.

Legislative Report:

No Report.

Round Table:

Gabby Moreno (Mercy Air) – Mercy Air is currently 2 positions down. Mercy Air is expecting more growth and will be opening a new base in Thermal.

Dave Dowling (San Bernardino Co. Fire) – Will be moving to a new temporary dispatch center while their current center is either remodeled or rebuilt. Expect to start looking for a new CAD system with in the next 6 months. Has been busy with fire season. On the recent Louisiana fire, had 142 engines assigned while working with 15 dispatchers. S.B.Co. FD. Has hired a new Communications Director - Rick Britt, welcome aboard Rick!

Gary Stevens (South Bay) – Recently had the Grand Opening for their new dispatch center located in Hawthorne. Dispatch will be moving to the new facility at the end of September. Currently fully staffed. Invited all to attend the September Cal Chief's meeting at the new dispatch center.

2002 Schedule:

September 5th – South Bay Comm.
November 7th – San Bernardino EOC

Meeting

Members in Attendance:

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

Gabby Moreno, Mercy Air Service –
(GMORENO@Mercyair.net)

Dave Dowling, San Bernardino County Fire Communications -
(ddowling@confire.org)

Cliff Ellis, San Bernardino County Fire Communications –
(Cellis@confire.org)

Upcoming Meeting:

September 5th, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.
Location: South Bay Communications
4440 W. Broadway Ave.
Hawthorne, CA 90250
(310) 973-1802

Directions: From the San Diego Freeway (405), Exit El Segundo Blvd eastbound. Turn Left on Grevillea (1 block west of Hawthorne Blvd). Turn Right on Broadway to the dispatch center. Parking is on the west side of the building or on the street in front.

From the Westbound 105 freeway, exit on Hawthorne Blvd. From the off ramp, turn Left (southbound) on Hawthorne Blvd. Turn Right on Broadway to the dispatch center. Parking is on the west side of the building or on the street in front.

2002 PAID MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:

As of March 23rd, 2002:

Gabby Moreno – Mercy Air
Steve McClellan – Ventura Co. Fire
Don Wise – Verdugo Fire
Olivia Ramirez – Costa Mesa Fire
Deborah Keyworth – Brea Fire
Brian Acosta – San Bernardino City Fire
Denny Neville – Rancho Santa Fe Fire
Janey Hall – South Bay Communications
Gary Stevens – South Bay Comm.
Jason DeVita – South Bay Comm.
Isabel Dean – La Habra Fire
Tom Hayward – La Habra Fire
Sheryn Ballard – La Habra Fire
Susan Wysong – North Co. Disp. JPA

