



# California Fire Chiefs Association Southern Division Communications Section Newsletter

## The Meeting Minutes

*From the meeting January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003*

The meeting was held at South Bay Communications in Hawthorne, CA. and hosted by Gary Stevens.

## The Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the November meeting were submitted and approved on a motion from Don Wise and seconded Steve McClellan.

## The Treasurer's Report:

No Report.

## Training:

Don Wise of Verdugo Fire is looking to host an ICS class in March or April. The class will consist of two 8 hour days. If you are interested in attending, contact Don at Verdugo.

Steve McClellan of Ventura Co. Fire is looking to host PSTC's "Customer Service for Dispatchers" class in May or June. If you are interested in attending, contact Steve at Ventura Co.

Don Wise is also going to contact Kevin Willett of PSTC to check on the availability of classes for 2003.

## New Business

Extensive discussion was held on the proposed Statewide EMD standards. Many concerns were related with regards to the proposed guidelines, of those were, 1) Although the standards are statewide, participation in the program is voluntary, 2) Certification would not be done by the stated, but instead by the entity that is conducting the training, 3) As of yet, there is no immunity or limited immunity provided to those agencies or dispatchers providing the EMD instructions. It was decided that each agency would write a letter for the public comment period with regards to the guidelines. Don will also write a letter on behalf of our organization.

It was also learned that the State of California is transferring \$51 million dollars from the state 9-1-1 account into the general fund. Several groups are challenging the transfer of funds.

## Website:

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

No old business.

## Committee Report:

Membership Committee – No Report

Nominating Committee – Steve McClellan of Ventura Co. Fire Department has volunteered to serve as the nominating committee for the elections to be held at the March meeting. The following offices are open for election this year:

President

Vice President

Secretary

If you have a nomination, please forward it to Steve at :  
[steve\\_mcclellan@mail.co.ventura.ca.us](mailto:steve_mcclellan@mail.co.ventura.ca.us)

## Northern Update:

No Report.

## Legislative Report:

No new news on dispatcher retirement issues.

## Round Table:

Don Wise – Verdugo Fire, Verdugo is currently shopping for a new CAD system, They are replacing current radio system with a new Motorola system. Verdugo is down one supervisor position but are fully staffed with operators.

Walt Moulton – Kern Co. Fire, Kern Co. is replacing their current radio system with a new Motorola system in March, currently, down between one to two dispatch positions. Dispatchers work 12-hour shifts and when required to be on call for overtime, they are given a pager to be contacted on and also receive on call pay.

Steve McClellan – Ventura Co. Fire, Currently in the midst of developing, designing and building a new dispatch center. The current plans call for a building the is 16,000 sq. ft. Ventura is currently doing research into a new CAD system and intend on releasing an RFP for a new radio system in February. Currently, Ventura has 7 operators in training and including those 7, are fully staffed. Ventura is using the CritiCall applicant testing system for new hires.

Gary Stevens – South Bay Communications, reported that they are fully staffed and that everyone is still learning the new building and settling in. South Bay moved to their new dispatch center in October.

## 2003 Schedule:

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003- Kern Co. Fire/Bakersfield  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003 – LACO Camp2/Verdugo  
July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003 – Verdugo Communications  
September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 – Ventura Co. Fire  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003 – South Bay Communications

## Meeting

**Please remember if you have not done so already, dues for 2003 membership are due the first of the year. To continue receiving the newsletter you must renew your dues for 2003. The membership application can be obtained off of the website.**

## Upcoming Meeting:

March 6th, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Kern County Fire Dept.  
2601 Panorama Dr.  
Bakersfield, CA  
(661) 861-2540

From Southern CA Take I-5 North to 99 North to Highway 58 East. Take the Mount Vernon Exit and go north approximately four miles to Panorama Drive. Turn Right to 2601 Panorama Drive. You can't miss the Radio Towers.