



California Fire Chiefs Association

Southern Division

Communications Section Newsletter

The Meeting Minutes

From the meeting March 6th, 2003

The meeting was held at the Bakersfield/Kern County Fire dispatch center and hosted by Walt Moulton.

The Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the January meeting were submitted and approved on a motion from Don Wise and seconded by Walt Moulton.

The Treasurer's Report:

No Report.

Training:

Steve McClellan at Ventura County Fire will be hosting a PSTC – “Customer Service for Dispatchers” class on May 15th and again on May 16th. This class has limited openings so reserve your space today by contacting PSTC at www.pstc911.com or by calling Kevin Willett at 800-348-8911 or 650-595-5202. This class should be reimbursed by POST.

New Business

Walt Moulton advised that there is currently a Senate Bill (SB911) that is pending that would establish a 9-1-1 oversight committee. Information on this bill can be found on the Cal Nena Web site.

On March 21st, Walt was going to have an informal meeting with Senator Dean Flores of Fresno. Walt was going to talk about support for dispatcher retirement.

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.

If you have any training classes scheduled, email Jason with the information and he will post them on the website also.

Old Business:

The lawsuit against the city of San Francisco is being scheduled for retrial. This is the case where the dispatcher is being sued along with the city for EMD liability.

Per Corona Fire Chief Mike Warden, the Communications section is unable to write a letter expressing our views of the proposed EMD standards. The Communications Section is viewed as a subcommittee of the of California Fire Chiefs and therefore cannot write a letter of opinion. Therefore, it is up to each individual agency to write letters.

Committee Report:

Membership Committee – No Report

Nominating Committee – Steve McClellan of Ventura Co. Fire Department has volunteered to serve as the nominating committee. Although Steve was not able to attend the March meeting, **NO** nominations were received. The following positions are still up for election.

President

Vice President

Secretary

If you have a nomination, please forward it to Steve at :
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. is having their dispatcher of the year awards on April 24th in Bakersfield.

Gary Stevens – South Bay Communications, reported that they are fully staffed and that everyone is getting adjusted to the new CAD and radio systems.

2003 Meeting Schedule:

May 8th, 2003 – LACO Camp2
July 10th, 2003 – Warner Brothers
September 4th, 2003 – Ventura Co. Fire
November 6th, 2003 – South Bay Communications

Members in Attendance:

Don Wise – Verdugo Fire
Gary Stevens – So Bay Comm.
Kristie Kennedy – Kern Co. Fire
Walt Moulton – Kern Co. Fire

2003 Paid Members

Anna Olivares – Santa Ana Fire Dept
Susie Dix – Santa Ana Fire Dept.
Samara Barnes – Santa Ana Fire Dept.
Don Wise – Verdugo Fire
Janey Hall – South Bay Communications
Gary Stevens – South Bay Comm.
Bonnie Agee – South Bay Comm.
Olivia Ramirez – Costa Mesa Comm.
Gabby Moreno – Mercy Air Service
DeAnn Pressley – Mercy Air Service
Lisa Matiansen – Santa Barbara Co. S.O.

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:

May 8th, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.
Location: Los Angeles County Fire Camp2
4810 Oak Grove Drive.
La Canada/Flintridge, CA

From the 210 Freeway eastbound 210 exit t Berkshire Ave/Oak Grove Dr. Turn left on Berkshire Pl. go past the freeway and then turn left again on Oak Grove Drive. From Westbound 210, exit Berkshire Ave/Oak Grove Dr. and turn right on Berkshire Pl. then Left on Oak Grove Dr. Camp 2 will be serving lunch for those in attendance for a nominal \$3.50. This will also include morning danish.