



# California Fire Chiefs Association Southern Division Communications Section Newsletter

## The Meeting Minutes

*From the meeting May 8th, 2003*

The meeting was held at Los Angeles County Fire Departments Camp 2 in LaCanada and hosted by Kerry Crabtree.

## The Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the March meeting were submitted and approved on a motion from Don Wise and seconded by Gabby Moreno.

## The Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gabby Moreno reported that as of April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003 the account balance is \$5495.00. Treasurer Moreno reported that the website bill for 2003 has been paid and that membership for 2003 is down.

## Training:

At the upcoming July meeting, a PSTC class will be discussed and a training date possible set. Discussion will include but is not limited to having our section of CFCA fund all or a part of the training.

## New Business

Walt Moulton advised that the National Chemical Training Center in Alabama has started incorporating dispatchers into their week long classes. The class is free of charge to those participating and is under the direction of Homeland Security.

Gabby Moreno suggested that we solicit support from corporations for sponsoring training classes. It was determined that at the July meeting we will discuss an outreach program for contacting and soliciting sponsors for training classes.

## Website:

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

If anyone 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 in 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 scheduled for retrial in May and may be settled out of court. This is the case where the dispatcher is being sued along with the city for EMD liability.

## 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 May 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 and radio system. Don happily reported that their vacant supervisor's position has b  
Finally been filled after being vacant for two years.

Walt Moulton – Kern Co., Reported that the newest Vesta product “Palace” has a partial copy of Magic included with it. Walt also advised that the State of California has put out an RFP for the FRNIS system to be upgraded and more user friendly. Walt advised that Kern Co./Bakersfield is about one year away from cutting over to their new Motorola radio system.

Gabby Moreno – Mercy Air, Reported that their radio system has been experiencing more failures recently and that it is in dire need of being replaced.

DeAnn Pressley – Mercy Air, Reported that they are fully staffed and that Mercy Air is planning on opening its 12<sup>th</sup> base this summer in Imperial County.

Kerry Crabtree – L.A.Co. Fire, Reported that the most recent cities absorbed by Co. Fire were the cities of Inglewood, Gardena and Lynwood. Kerry advised that although the three cities were absorbed, the dispatch center’s staffing was not increased. Currently L.A.Co. has 3 vacant positions. Kerry advised that the county is trying to incorporate the fire departments frequencies and the sheriffs departments frequencies into one large radio system. L.A.Co. is looking to upgrade their dispatch PC’s.

Gary Stevens – South Bay Comm., Reported that South Bay will start dispatching for the city of Hermosa Beach beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. South Bay has 1 supervisor opening.

## 2003 Schedule:

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 – Ventura Co. Fire  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003 – South Bay  
Communications

## Members in Attendance:

Don Wise – Verdugo Fire  
Gary Stevens – So Bay Comm.  
Walt Moulton – Kern Co. Fire  
DeAnn Pressly – Mercy Air  
Gabby Moreno – Mercy Air  
Kerry Crabtree – L.A.Co. Fire

**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.**

## Meeting Upcoming Meeting:

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 @1000 Hrs

Ventura County Fire  
165 Durley Ave  
Camarillo, CA 93010

(805)-389-9779

**Directions:** From the 101 Fwy, exit at Las Posas in Camarillo and go west to Pleasant Valley Road (3rd traffic light after you exit the fwy). Turn right on Pleasant Valley Road to Airport Way (1st traffic light). Turn right on Airport Way (this brings you onto the Camarillo Airport) to where Airport Way dead-ends at Durley Ave. Turn right on Durley Ave. to Fire Headquarters Administration Building at 165 Durley Ave.

## 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.  
Tom Barnes – San Bernardino Co Fire  
Dave Dowling-San Bernardino Co Fire  
Cliff Ellis – San Bernardino Co Fire

