



California Fire Chiefs Association Southern Division Communications Section Newsletter

The Meeting Minutes

From the meeting September 4th, 2003

The meeting was held at Ventura County Fire Department and hosted by Stee McClellan.

The Secretary's Report:

There was no minutes from the July meeting as it was canceled.

The Treasurer's Report:

No Report.

Training:

Numerous upcoming training flyers were handed out. This information for classes being held in September and October were also posted on the website.

New Business

As of the first of January 2004, CSTI, the California State Training Institute will be closing.

Possibly as soon as November, Mercy Air will be moving it's dispatch operations to Omaha, Nebraska.

Website:

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:

None

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:

Lisa Mathiason – Santa Barbara Co., Currently has 5 new hires in training. Everything else is status quo.

Steve McClellan – Ventura Co., Will have RFP's going out in the near future for a new CAD and radio system. Steve showed plans and a mock up of their new dispatch center that is being built. The building is scheduled for completion in December of 2004 with a projected move in date of April 2005.

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

2003 Meeting Schedule:

November 6th, 2003 – South Bay Communications

Members in Attendance:

Steve McClellan – Ventura Co. Fire
Gary Stevens – So Bay Comm.
Lisa Mathiason – Santa Barbara Co.

**** REMINDER ****

Dues for membership are due the first of the year. To continue receiving the newsletter you must renew your dues for 2004. The membership application can be obtained off of the website.

Upcoming Meeting:

November 6th, 2003 @ 1000 Hrs

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.

I have scheduled a 1 hour overview presentation on the ICS system to be given by Battalion Chief Ken Shuck.

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