



California Fire Chiefs Association COMMUNICATIONS SECTION Southern Division Newsletter

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The Meeting Minutes

From the meeting November 4th, 2004

The meeting was held at South Bay Communications and hosted by Gary Stevens.

Gary Stevens introduced Captain John Grimaldi of the Manhattan Beach Fire Department. Captain Grimaldi gave an overview of the LARTC regional radio interoperability system. Captain Grimaldi passed out related material and showed a short video clip on the use of the system.

The Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the previous meetings were approved as written with no changes being made.

The Treasurer's Report:

No Report.

Training:

PSTC is in the process of scheduling a training class at Ventura County Fire on Homeland Security.

Training (Cont)

The State Fire Marshall's office is reviewing the course curriculum for the Dispatcher 1A certification.

New Business

Secretary Stevens brought forward an idea of having a Vendor display/Tabletop meeting to entice vendors to display their wares and to encourage them to be a member/sponsor of the Communications Section of Cal Chiefs. We will try to set aside the September 2005 meeting for the Tabletop.

From the Blue Ribbon Commission's report on last year's wild fires, the only recommendation that was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger, was that local government must report land use to the state by the year 2010.

Due to a recent reassignment of duties within Mercy Air, Gabby Moreno is no longer able to continue in her role as Treasurer. Gabby has been our treasurer for at least the last 4 years, if not longer. Due to this turn of events, Peggy Piscopo of Torrance Fire Department has agreed to assume the role of Treasurer. Arrangements will be made to get the accounts switched over.

Don Wise has requested that all agencies Job Bulletins be emailed to him as Don is attempting to compose a database of salary ranges, skills requirements, benefits etc. It will be a good starting point for salary surveys – soon available on the website!

Website:

www.CalChiefsSouth.org.

The website has been updated with the 2005 membership application. Reminder, dues are due in January.

Jason has added a message board to the website for the easy exchange of information. Jason is also looking into having a member's only section that will be accessible with a password.

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 set up any training classes for next year, email Jason with the information and he will post them on the website also.

Keep up the good work Jason !!

Old Business:

Walt inquired as to why when you search for our section on Yahoo, past minutes from 2002 and 2003 show up but not current newsletters and minutes. Gary referred the question to Jason who will look into the matter.

Committee Report:

Membership Committee – Brian Acosta has agreed to serve as the chair of the membership committee. He recently was hired by San Bernardino Co. Fire from City fire. He has the full support of Dave Dowling in this endeavor.

Nominating Committee – Steve McClellan of Ventura Co. Fire Department has volunteered to serve as the nominating committee. The following nominations have been submitted for election:

President – Brian Acosta, San Bernardino Co. Fire

Vice President – Don Wise, Verdugo Fire.

Secretary – Yet to be determined

Treasurer – Peggy Piscopo, Torrance Fire Dept.

If you have any further nominations, please forward it to Steve at: steve_mcclellan@mail.co.ventura.ca.us

Northern Update:

No Report.

Legislative Report:

No Report.

Round Table:

Don Wise – Verdugo Fire, Verdugo currently has one opening for a Lateral dispatcher. Will be upgrading their current PRC CAD system with the latest GUI version. Looking at Intergraph for the Radio interface.

Walt Moulton – Kern Co. Fire, Kern Co. is in the middle of the VHF radio acceptance test. If all goes well, they will begin to cutover to it around the 15th of November. Installing the newest version of Vesta and looking at replacing their console furniture around January or February.

Gary Bush – San Bernardino Co., Went to the Vesta Symposium in July with only a few bugs with the system differentiating between call takers, dispatchers and supervisors being logged on at the same time. Will be looking at new console furniture with in the next 6 months to a year.

Tim Maloney – CDF-South Ops, CDF is installing PRC Altaris CAD system statewide. They are only in Phase 1 of the install at the present moment. Upgrading to the new “ROSS” Resource Ordering and Staffing System by next May. MIRPS will be available in California for the next year.

Peggy Piscopo – Torrance Fire, Fire will be combining their dispatch center with the police departments dispatch center operating out of the police station. The move will take place around March or April. Essentially they will be running 2 different CAD systems with in the same dispatch center. Fire has just upgraded their Vesta system. Currently down 1 full-time position due to Lauren retiring after 35 years of service.

Gary Stevens – South Bay Comm., Currently have 4 new operators in training. Is currently working with the state for the replacement/upgrade of their current Vesta system to the newest version. Hoping to add positions and acquire MagIC.

2004 Meeting Schedule:

January 6th, 2005 – Universal Studios
March 3rd, 2005 – Torrance Fire
May 5th, 2005 – San Bernardino Co. Fire
July 7th, 2005 – Orange Co. Fire
September 8th, 2005 – Ontario Convention
November 3rd, 2005 – Bakersfield Fire

Members in Attendance:

Gary Stevens – So Bay Comm.
Don Wise – Verdugo Fire
Walt Moulton- Bakersfield/Kern Co.
Desiree Drescher – Bakersfield/Kern Co
Peggy Piscopo – Torrance Fire
Brian Acosta – San Bernardino Co. Fire
Tim Maloney – CDF-South Ops
Gary Bush – San Bernardino Co. Fire
John Grimaldi – Manhattan Beach Fire

**** REMINDER ****

Dues for membership are due the first of the year. To continue receiving the newsletter you must renew your dues for 2005. A membership application can be obtained off of the website/or below.

Upcoming Meeting:

January 6th, 2005 @0930 Hrs

Location: Universal Studios

Directions : Forthcoming with RSVP

Annual Prize Give-away

Again this year at the January meeting we will be raffling off to one person in attendance a 3-day pass to the annual Cal-Nena Exhibit Hall. Be sure to attend the January meeting for your chance to win !!!

2004 Paid Members

Brad Wilson – Long Beach Fire Dept.
Don Wise – Verdugo Fire
Janey Hall – South Bay Communications
Gary Stevens – South Bay Comm.
Bonnie Agee – South Bay Comm.
Lisa Mathiasen – Santa Barbara Co. S.O.
Chris Albers – Long Beach Fire Dept.
Chris Bloore – Beverly Hills Comm.
Craig Kinoshita – Orange Co. Fire Auth.
David Paschke – Orange Co. Fire Auth.
Debra Zinskey – Ventura Co. Fire
Dona Norris – Beverly Hills Comm.
John Landstrom – Long Beach Fire Dept.
Julie Fuchs – Ventura Co. Fire
Ken Shuck – Manhattan Beach Fire Dept
Lesli Wilson – Orange Co. Fire Auth.
Manny Soto – Verdugo Fire
Michael Dickerson – Ventura Co. Fire
Nick Tatone – Beverly Hills Comm.
Rich Kauffman – Verdugo Fire
Robert Heaton – Ventura Co. Fire
Robert Stoffel – Orange Co. Comm
Steve McClellan – Ventura Co. Fire
Theresa Taylor – Beverly Hills Comm.
Jerry Johnson – West Covina Fire
Dave Dowling – San Bernardino Co Fire
Diane Boyles – San Bernardino Co. Fire
Brian Acosta – San Bernardino Co. Fire
DeAnn Pressley – Mercy Air
Gabby Moreno – Mercy Air



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Communications Division – Southern Section

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
January 1 – December 31, 2005

- New Member

- Renewal

- Individual Membership
\$25 - per person

- Group Membership *
\$50 – per group of 3

- Associate Membership
\$15 – non fd/pd/ems

- Life Membership
\$15 – retired fd/pd/ems

- Commercial Membership
\$100 – commercial vendors

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Dues Payable To	CalChiefs Communications Division
Mail To	Brian Acosta c/o ConFire Communications 1743 W Miro Wy - Rialto CA 92376

*each group member must qualify for membership, see bylaws.

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