



California Fire Chiefs Association COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Southern Division ~ Newsletter

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The Meeting Minutes

From the meeting January 6th, 2005

The meeting was held at Universal Studios at Los Angeles County Fire Station #51.



Don Wise introduced Nancy Mathews, Universal Studios' Disaster Manager. Ms. Mathews gave an overview of Universal's emergency services. Ms. Mathews advised that on any given day there could be as many as 6000 employees on the premises with an additional 40,000+ guests and visitors.

The Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as written.

The Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of Treasurer Piscopo, President Acosta advised that the current balance is approximately \$5200.

Training:

The following classes have been scheduled to be presented in the next couple of months.

2/14 & 2/15/05 - Northern Division hosting on IDT class in Sacramento.

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3/14/05 – Ventura Co. Fire hosting PSTC Homeland Security Class **** This class is co-sponsored by CFCA for a reduced rate of \$50 for CFCA members ****

3/15/05 – Ventura Co. Fire hosting PSTC's "Building you Liability Shield" class.

4/20 & 4/22/05 Northern Division hosting IDT class in Santa Cruz.

New Business

A brief discussion was held as to the effects that VOIP will have on dispatch centers. Vice-President Wise stated that his dispatch center had recently received on of these 9-1-1 calls. The call was actually calling from somewhere in Los Angeles.

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.

Website (Cont.)

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:

In response to Walt Moulton's question last meeting about why when you search for our section on Yahoo, past minutes from 2002 and 2003 show up but not current newsletters and minutes.

Jason has made some corrections so that this information should now appear.

Committee Report:

Membership Committee – Brian Acosta has agreed to serve as the chair of the membership committee.

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:

Committee Report (Cont.)

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

2005 Officer Election

President – Brian Acosta

Vice President – Done Wise

Treasurer – Peggy Piscopo

Secretary (Interim)- Gary Stevens

All were motioned and approved unanimously.

Northern Update:

No Report.

Legislative Report:

The Enhanced 911 Act of 2004 (HR5419) Passed under the National Intelligence Reorganization Act (S.2845) authorizing \$250 million in grant monies for states to upgrade emergency 911 services – specifically, implementation and operation of Phase II Wireless (E911) services.

Round Table:

Due to the tour of Universal Studios, no round table was held.

2005 Meeting Schedule:

*** Note the new locations for the March meeting ***

March 3rd, 2005 – Orange County Fire

May 5th, 2005 – San Bernardino Co. Fire

July 7th, 2005 – Orange Co. Fire

September 8th, 2005 – Ontario Convention

November 3rd, 2005 – Bakersfield Fire

Meeting Attendance:

Gary Stevens – So Bay Comm.

Don Wise – Verdugo Fire

Walt Moulton- Bakersfield/Kern Co.

Brian Acosta – San Bernardino Co. Fire

Gary Bush – San Bernardino Co. Fire

Carol Castronova – SB Co. Fire

Sue Hood – SB Co. Fire

Ingrid Johnson – SB Co. Fire

Kristin Bulza – Ontario Fire

Diane Boyles – SB Co. Fire

Mark Barber – Ontario Fire

Tom Somers – LA City Fire

Robin Stanley – SB City Fire

Kathy McRaven – SB City Fire

Jeanette Lucas – SB City Fire

Leslie Aguirre - SB City Fire

Denny Neville – North Co. Dispatch

Michael Orozco – Ventura Co 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:

March 3rd, 2005 @ 1000 Hrs

Location: Orange County Fire Authority

March 3rd's meeting has been moved to OCFA's new center thanks to Lesli Wilson. I believe Lesli is going to be providing lunch as well, I'll confirm. Training topics/discussions will include the Metrolink train derailment, LA Countys dirty bomb exercise review from back in Dec and a 45-60min presentation on stress and how it effects dispatchers.

Directions :

From: Kern/Ventura/LA

Take the 5 fwy SB to Jamboree, Irvine exit Jamboree and go north towards the mountains. You will pass Irvine Blvd and Portola Pkwy. Once you are passed Portola, the RFOTC will be on the right not to far up along the Toll Rd. You cannot miss it. Turn in the first gate which is 1 Fire Authority Way. Go around the circular area where the Firefighter memorial is and turn to the right and park along the back wall adjacent to the Toll Rd.

From the LA area, you can also take the 5 fwy to the 91 EB if you want to the Toll Rd. Take the Toll Rd to Chapman/Santiago exit. Turn right on Chapman/Santiago to Jamboree. Turn left on Jamboree to the RFOTC, enter at 1 Fire Authority Rd., the main gate, which is the second gate from this direction.

From: San Diego

Take the 5 fwy NB to Jamboree and the same from there. unless you are more inland and you can take the 15 fwy NB, same as below for Riverside people off the 15 fwy.

From: Riverside

Take the 91 WB or the 15 NB to the 91 WB, then stay on the 91 fwy until you get to the 241 Toll Rd and take the Toll Rd. Stay on the Toll Rd and you can pay at the Windy Ridge Toll Plaza. Stay on the Toll Rd until you get to the Chapman/Santiago exit and exit.

You will want to turn right on Chapman/Santiago until you come to Jamboree, which is the first intersection. Turn left and take Jamboree to the main entrance of the RFOTC, which is the second gate coming from this direction at 1 Fire Authority Rd. Follow the circular driveway around the FF memorial and park along the back wall to the right.

From: San Bernardino
Take the 10 or the 60 fwy to the 15 fwy and go South on the 15 fwy to the 91 fwy WB to the 241 Toll Rd.
or you can go to the 57 fwy SB to the 91 EB to the 55 fwy SB to the 5 fwy SB to Jamboree or keep going to the 241 Toll Rd and take it to Chapman/Santiago exit.
or off the 55 fwy, you can exit Chapman in Orange and go left and take Chapman all the way to Jamboree through Orange city and turn right on Jamboree to the RFOTC.

The TB is 830H2 and I believe it is in the 2005 edition.

Anyone who is lost can call 573-6000 the main business number and ask for directions.

Annual Prize Give-away

Congradulations to Sue Hood of San Bernardino County Fire dispatch for winning the Cal Nena pass that was again raffled off this year.

Noteworthy Events

Membership - We have 32 members from 12 different agencies. There are applications from one vendor and two law enforcement agencies. The "entire" center from San Bernardino City FD has joined, kudos to their manager for getting them all on board with us.

The Northern section is working hard at boosting membership. Brian Acosta is going to try and get PSTC to work with them to build a training program that will benefit their members as it has done well for ours so far. They've asked about the possibility of hosting a joint meeting between the two divisions, we'll have to look into this. We don't have a set location for the July.

2005 Paid Members

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.
John Landstrom – Long Beach Fire Dept.
Brad Wilson – Long Beach Fire Dept.
Elizabeth Battle – Long Beach Fire Dept.
Chris Bloore – Beverly Hills Comm.
Craig Kinoshita – Orange Co. Fire Auth.
David Paschke – Orange Co. Fire Auth.
Lesli Wilson – Orange Co. Fire Auth.
Manuel Soto – Verdugo Fire
Rich Kauffman – Verdugo Fire
Dave Dowling – San Bernardino Co Fire
Diane Boyles – San Bernardino Co. Fire
Brian Acosta – San Bernardino Co. Fire
Judy Jacobson – San Bernardino City Fire
David Stoker – San Bernardino City Fire
Margaret Chandler – San Bernardino City Fire
Katherine McRaven – San Bernardino City Fire
Robin Stanley – San Bernardino City Fire
Brenda Hall – San Bernardino City Fire
Jeanette Lucas – San Bernardino City Fire
Leslie Aguirre – San Bernardino City Fire
Mona Boyce – San Bernardino City Fire
Kevin Ogrady – Philips Medical Systems
Robert Stoffel – Orange Co. Sheriff
Ken Hill – Ontario PD/FD
Mark Barber – Ontario PD/FD
Darryl Polk – Ontario PD/FD
Thomas Sommers – LA City Fire
Denny Neville – North County JPA
Pam Nollet – North County JPA
Charlie Knust – North County JPA



Southern California Fire Chiefs Association
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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Agency Name	FD[] PD[] EMS[]
Address	
City & Zip	
Phone	
Fax	

Member #1	
Title	
E-mail	

Member #2	
Title	
E-mail	

Member #3	
Title	
E-mail	

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.

www.calchiefsouth.org



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Homeland Security for the 9-1-1 Professional

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POST Plan IV

Building your Liability Shield:

POST Plan IV

A skill and education builder for public safety dispatchers

\$98 per class/per student

**** SPECIAL RATE FOR CFCA MEMBER AGENCIES ****

The Homeland Security course on 3/14 is being offered to paid CFCA member agencies at a reduced price of \$50 ea.

MARCH 14 & 15

REGISTER WITH PSTC @

<http://www.pstc911.com/registration.htm>

Or call them direct at (650) 591-7911

COURSE LOCATION:

Ventura County Fire Department

165 Durley Ave. - Camarillo, CA 93010