



# California Fire Chiefs Association

## Southern Division

### Communications Section Newsletter

## The Meeting Minutes

*From the meeting March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001*

The meeting was held at South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority in Hawthorne and hosted by Gary Stevens.

## The Secretary's Report:

The January meeting minutes were approved as presented on a motion made by Jason DeVita and seconded by Chuck Alexander,

## The Treasurer's Report:

Balance: \$5443.36.

Treasurer Susan Wysong presented the Treasurer's report.

All members have been entered into an Access database developed by Susan.

Treasurer Wysong advised that she has received numerous membership applications in the last few weeks.

## Training:

Anna Olivarez (Santa Ana Fire) advised the group that she had been in contact with Robert Stoffel of Orange County Communications with regards to the "Tech Talk for Dispatchers" course. Robert will be more than happy to put together a training course however Anna has yet to receive any suggestions for the curriculum. Any topics you wish to have included forward to Anna. The class date will be set when the agenda has been established.

Chuck Alexander advised that Don Wise of Verdugo Fire Communications is looking into holding 5 different APCO training classes. If anyone is interested in the following classes, please contact Don. The classes are:

6/18 to 6/22/01 "Basic Telecommunicator"

6/25 to 6/29/01 "Basic Telecommunicator Instructors Course"

8/27 to 8/31/01 "EMD"

9/10 to 9/14/01 "EMD Instructors Course"

10/1 to 10/3/01 "Comm. Center Supervisor Course"

July 10<sup>th</sup> Cal Chief's Meeting, Susan Wysong is looking at offering a "Legal Issues for Dispatch Centers" class in conjunction with the meeting.

## New Business

Steve Holtrust (Ontario Fire) advised the group that Cal Chiefs had sent an email looking at the possibility of including Information Technology in the Communications section or creating a new section with in Cal Chiefs. The consensus was to create a new section.

Discussion was held with regards to NENA coming up with the standard for GIS Phase II. Although the state will reimburse agencies for equipment to upgrade to Phase II, they will not pay for the additional staffing needed.

## Old Business:

Jason DeVita (South Bay Communications) presented the design for the groups web site. Jason selected OLM Services to host the web site. Our new web site address is: [www.CalChiefsSouth.org](http://www.CalChiefsSouth.org).

Gary Stevens (South Bay Communications) advised that he has been in contact with Lorrie Camden of Sebastopol Police Dept. who has been spearheading a campaign for dispatcher retirement of 2% at 50. As of yet, she has not forwarded any information or preliminary assembly bill.

Susan Wysong (North County Fire) presented Chuck Alexander with a plaque for his past service to Cal Chiefs South as Vice-President and President

## Round Table:

Gary Stevens, (South Bay Regional Communications) – Looking at both Motorola and Orbacom radio consoles for the new dispatch center. Work progressing on the new center, currently fully staffed.

Steve Holtrust, (Ontario Police/Fire) – Have finished installing Motorola radio consoles at all positions. Ontario is currently using a Motorola trunked radio system.

Denny Neville (Rancho Santa Fe Fire) asked if anyone was selected to be on the APCO36 committee. Apparently APCO has been overwhelmed with requests to be on the committee. Denny also inquired if anyone had come up with a good solution for multi-agency incidents

where assisting agencies are on different radio bands and unable to talk to each other.

Chuck Alexander (Heartland Fire) advised that their GEAC CAD had been upgraded on 2/6/01 and that it was working well. Heartland is currently in negotiations with Chula Vista to provide their dispatch services. Chula Vista will add approximately 35,000 calls for service per year. Looking at hiring an additional 4 line supervisors. Heartland was the agency that handled the fire dispatching for the Santana School shooting in Santee. That they had difficulties in getting air ambulances.

## 2001 Meeting Schedule:

\*\*\*\* Please note the change in meeting date for the May meeting \*\*\*\*

May 15 – Ventura County Fire

July 10 – Rancho Fire

September 11– Ontario Fire

November 13 – San Bernadino County Fire

## Members in Attendance:

Anna Olivarez, Santa Ana Fire  
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Gary Stevens, South Bay Regional Communications  
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Susan Wysong, Rancho Fire  
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Steve Holtrust, Ontario Fire  
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Denny Neville, Rancho Fire  
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Chuck Alexander, Heartland Fire  
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## Upcoming Meeting:

March 15th, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Ventura County Fire  
165 Durley Ave.  
Camarillo, CA.

Directions: Take the 101 (Ventura Fwy) North to Camarillo. Exit at Las Posas Road. At the end of the off-ramp, turn left onto Las Posas. Take Las Posas to Pleasant Valley Road. Turn Right on Pleasant Valley Road to the first signal, Airport Way. Turn Right on Airport Way (onto the airport) until it dead ends at Durley Ave. Turn Right on Durley Ave., follow the curve in the road, Fire Headquarters is the first two story brown building on the left. Park in the lot across the street from the building.

## Northern Update:

Virginia Ferral advises that a web site committee member is needed for the main Cal-Chiefs body. They are requesting a bay area person.

Safety Retirement is making another run at the state legislature. Assemblyman Cedillo is sponsoring the bill, the verbiage has been modified and Virginia is still waiting for the draft copy.

Northern section has been very successful with the State Fire Marshall's office on getting the fire dispatcher curriculum approved.

## PAID MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:

As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001

Debbie Keyworth, Brea Police/Fire

Joan Klopfenstein, LaHabra Heights Fire

Pat Hammond, Carpinteria-Summerland Fire

Rhonda Roller, Carpinteria-Summerland Fire

Livia Zirkel, Carpinteria-Summerland Fire

Craig Kinoshita, Orange County Fire Authority

Lisa Mathiasen, Santa Barbara Co. Fire

Tracy Jarman, San Diego Fire & Life Safety

Bruce Cartelli, San Diego Fire & Life

Peter Diehl, San Diego Fire & Life

Susan Wysong, North County Dispatch

Chuck Alexander, Heartland Fire

Jeff Fehlberg, Heartland Fire

Denise Ziello, Torrance Fire

Lenora Duncan, Torrance Fire

Nancy Dibenedeto, Torrance Fire

Mike Sheilds, Santa Monica Fire

Mike Morlan, CDF/SLO County Fire

Ellen Price, CDF/SLO County Fire

Jim Rutledge, CDF/SLO County Fire

Judy Tatro, Oxnard Police/Fire

Anna Olivarez, Santa Ana Fire

Janey Hall, South Bay Communications

Gary Stevens, South Bay Comm.

Jason DeVita, South Bay Comm.

Don Wise, Verdugo Fire

Gabriela Moreno, Mercy Air

Denny Neville, Rancho Santa Fe Fire

Mark Barber, Ontario Police/Fire

## **Information Items**

Members are encouraged to attend the next meeting of the SouthWest CAD Consortium, to be held May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at Newport Beach. For directions and to be put on the mailing list please email Michele Palmer at MichelePalmer@OCFA.org. The consortium is a large group representing public safety communications centers throughout the southwestern United States, and is a subsidiary of the International CAD Consortium.

The International CAD Consortium meeting will be held April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Arlington, Virginia. The web site link is: <http://ww/icc2001.org/icc.html>.