



California Fire Chiefs Association

Southern Division

Communications Section Newsletter

The Meeting Minutes

From the meeting May 2nd, 2002

The meeting was held at Verdugo Fire Dispatch and hosted by Don Wise.

The Secretary's Report:

The March meeting minutes were approved as written, on a motion made by Don Wise and seconded by Gabby Moreno.

The Treasurer's Report:

Balance: Not available at meeting time.

Treasurer Gabby Moreno advised that as of this meeting date, there are 16 paid members for the year 2002. Gabby is currently in the process of having the names on the account transferred.

Training:

Dave Dowling is trying to put together a two hour "Technical Issues and the Dispatcher" class for the November 7th Cal Chiefs meeting that he is hosting at the San Bernardino Comm. Center in Rialto. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions on what they would like to see covered, contact Dave at ddowling@fire.sbcounty.gov.

Jeff Fehlberg will host a PSTC class later in the year but is still working on the details.

New Business

Jeff Fehlberg reported that Susan Wysong of Rancho Fire (Cal Chiefs South past Treasurer) is retiring at the end of May. A reception is planned for June 27th, 2002 at the Jolly Roger Restaurant in Oceanside. If interested in attending, contact Debbie Garcia at Garcia@ncdipa.org for further details.

Website:

www.CalChiefsSouth.org.

If anyone else has links that they would like added to the website, contact the Webmaster Jason DeVita on the website.

A suggestion was made to have Webmaster DeVita add a "Help Wanted" page to 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 a downloadable form, please have the form in PDF format.

Old Business:

Discussion was held with regards to the liability of having fire units stage awaiting police arrival to an incident. Don Wise had talked to Randall Larson and he suggested that we continue to look at the dispatcher liability and possibly start a letter writing campaign to legislators. After discussion, a motion was made by Don Wise and seconded by Steve Holtrust to pole our members, get their input on the issue,

see if it is of concern and should we pursue the issue.

Jeff Fehlberg will forward the basic information to Secretary Stevens to send out a questionnaire to the membership.

Committee Report:

Membership Committee – No Report

Northern Update:

No Report.

Legislative Report:

No Report.

Round Table:

Gabby Moreno (Mercy Air) – Mercy Air is busy remodeling their dispatch center. Currently, they are fully staffed.

Don Wise (Verdugo Fire) – Looking at 2.7% @ 55 retirement. Currently one supervisor short. Verdugo's website now has their dispatch frequency broadcast online. Don is currently enrolled in the APCO College Virtual Institute and will keep the group updated on the program.

Steve Holtrust (Ontario Fire) – Fire Chief Nelsen will be retiring on 5/16/02 after 35 years of fire service.

Gary Stevens (South Bay Comm.) – Their new dispatch center is progressing

with the grand opening scheduled for June 6th, 2002. So. Bay currently has 3 supervisor openings.

Jeff Fehlberg (Heartland Fire) – Heartland will be adding two positions on 7/1/02 to help balance the workload in the dispatch center. Jeff is forming a group to start looking for a new building to house their dispatch center. Heartland is currently deploying an RMS system that will be NFIRS compliant. Currently Heartland has 9 member cities in their JPA, 3 contract cities and 2 fire protection districts that their serve.

2002 Meeting Schedule:

July 11th – Mercy Air
September 5th – South Bay Comm.
November 7th – San Bernardino EOC

Members in Attendance:

Gary Stevens, South Bay Regional Communications-
(KVUL88@CS.COM)

Gabriela Moreno, Mercy Air Service –
(GMORENO@Mercyair.net)

Steve Holtrust, Ontario Fire
(SHOLTRUST@ci.ontario.ca.us)

Don Wise, Verdugo Fire-
(Dwise@glendale.ca.us)

Jeff Fehlberg, Heartland Fire –
(jfehlberg@hcf-fire.org)

DeAnn Pressley, Mercy Air –
(dpressley@mercyair.net)

Upcoming Meeting:

July 11th, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.
Location: Mercy Air
1670 Miro Way
Rialto, CA 92376
(888) 499-9495

Directions: From the northbound I-15, exit on Baseline east approximately 7 miles. Turn left on N. Maple and you will see a driveway directly in front of the stop sign. Enter the driveway to the right. The building has a Mercy Air sign in front of the building.

From the Northbound 215, exit on W. 13th Street/Baseline. Turn right on N. “H” Street. Turn right on W. Baseline Street. Go west approximately 6 miles. Turn right on N. Maple Ave. Enter the driveway to the right. The building has a Mercy Air sign in front of the building.

**** **REMINDER** ****

2002 Dues are due on or before January 31st. If your dues have not been paid, this will be the last newsletter that you will receive !!!!!

2002 PAID MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:

As of March 23rd, 2002:

Gabby Moreno – Mercy Air
Steve McClellan – Ventura Co. Fire
Don Wise – Verdugo Fire
Olivia Ramirez – Costa Mesa Fire
Deborah Keyworth – Brea Fire
Brian Acosta – San Bernardino City Fire
Denny Neville – Rancho Santa Fe Fire
Janey Hall – South Bay Communications
Gary Stevens – South Bay Comm.
Jason DeVita – South Bay Comm.
Isabel Dean – La Habra Fire
Tom Hayward – La Habra Fire
Sheryn Ballard – La Habra Fire
Susan Wysong – North Co. Disp. JPA