



# California Fire Chiefs Association

## Communications Section – Southern Division

### **Who We Are**

A division of the California Fire Chief's Association, the Communications Section Southern Division is devoted to assisting in, and providing leadership for the continued advancement of Fire Service Communications in California while better serving the citizens of the State, and in providing its membership with an opportunity to participate in and contribute to the enhancement of Fire Service Communications through professionalism and standardization of training throughout the State of California. The Communications Sections both North and South serve as subject matter experts for the California Fire Chief's Association in the areas of fire communications, dispatch center operations, dispatcher training, 9-1-1 operations and equipment, as well as other areas of fire service dispatch and communications.

The Communications Section Southern Division attracts representatives from the full spectrum of fire service communications -- large and small, fire/EMS, police/fire, local, state, federal, and industrial agencies. We have line dispatchers, training officers, supervisors, communications center managers, and chief officers participating in the group. Meetings are held quarterly at different locations throughout the CFCA Southern area.

Currently we have rewritten a Fire Service Dispatcher training manual and curriculum and are working with the State Fire Marshal's office to have it adopted as a voluntary baseline standard of training [Fire Dispatcher 1] for Fire service dispatchers throughout the state. We also actively monitor legislation that is introduced and advise the California Fire Chiefs Association legislative section on bills that affect fire communications centers and secondary PSAP's.

### **Our Objectives**

- to provide a collective source of information in the field of fire service communications-to provide a means for the exchange of ideas and methods in fire service communications and dispatch operations
- to remain current with technical and legislative changes that affect fire communications
- to develop a standard baseline training program adopted by the State Fire Marshal's office
- to provide training or assist in the training of fire communications personnel
- to provide information and assistance to other communications related organizations
- to develop standards of professionalism in the field of fire service communications

### **What's Happening**

We are currently in the process of our annual membership drive and are seeking corporate sponsorships. With your support we can continue to be proactive in promoting, developing, and providing training for fire service communications and any related areas that affect the fire service communications and dispatch profession.

We intend to provide more training for Fire Dispatch personnel to coincide with our meetings in order to help meet the demand for up to date training geared specifically towards dispatchers. The cost for instructors and supplies continues to increase and with the help of corporations, we are able to fund all or portions of the training so that more of our member agencies can attend. This greatly benefits our members and the fire service as a whole. Many courses are also POST certified to help accommodate our friends in Law Enforcement.

Please help support our efforts by becoming a corporate sponsor today!

### **Corporate Sponsorship**

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