



# California Fire Chiefs Association

## Southern Division

### Communications Section Newsletter

#### The Meeting Minutes

*From the meeting November 6th, 2003*

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

Gary Stevens introduced Battalion Chief Ken Shuck of the Manhattan Beach Fire Department. Chief Shuck gave an overview of the ICS system. Chief Shuck also showed a videotape of the ICS system in use. This was a good review for all members present.

#### The Secretary's Report:

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

#### The Treasurer's Report:

As of 10/7/2003, the balance in the checking account was \$5633. This included a \$50 deposit of dues. Treasurer Moreno reported that the fees for the website have been paid to Webmaster DeVita.

#### Training:

President Don Wise is going to try and schedule a PSTC class on Homeland Security for March. Further details to follow.

#### Training (Cont)

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

South Bay Regional in Hawthorne is hosting an Emergency Medical Dispatch course through PowerPhone. Jan 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. A 2-year national certification upon completion and course cost is \$349 per person. Contact PowerPhone at [www.powerphone.com](http://www.powerphone.com) or 1-800-537-6937 to enroll.

#### New Business

Currently, Universal Studios is offering a free year's pass to the park to all fire and police personnel with proper identification. The program extends this special gift to badged and other credentialed emergency personnel, redeemable by showing identification at the theme park's box office. All personnel with current photo employee identification are eligible. The annual pass will be issued on the date of their arrival any time before March 31 and will be effective for a full year following that date.

Discussion was again held on how to increase the membership and involvement with in the group. It was decided to look into raffling off a pass to the CalNena conference in January to a paid member in attendance at the January meeting. It was also decided that we would contact CalNena and try and place a flyer in the gift bags that they hand out to all attendees. Gabby Moreno volunteered to contact CalNena and coordinate the campaign.

#### Website:

[www.CalChiefsSouth.org](http://www.CalChiefsSouth.org).

The website has been updated with the 2004 membership application. Reminder, Dues are due in January.

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 any training classes scheduled, email Jason with the information and he will post them on the website also.

#### Old Business:

The lawsuit involving the City of San Francisco was settled out of court with prejudice towards the City/County of San Francisco. This was the case regarding dispatcher immunity and potential outcomes for the dispatch community upon direction of settlement.

#### 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 positions are still up for election.

President

Vice President

Secretary

If you have a nomination, please forward it to Steve at :

[steve\\_mcclellan@mail.co.ventura.ca.us](mailto:steve_mcclellan@mail.co.ventura.ca.us)

## Northern Update:

No Report.

## Legislative Report:

The House of Representatives passed bill HR2898. The bill is the E911 Implementation Act of 2003. This bill will provide matching funds to agencies to implement E911 service. The caveat in the bill is that the state must not divert 9-1-1 fees to other uses.

## Round Table:

Gabby Moreno – Mercy Air, Mercy Air no longer has a dispatch center at it's Rialto location. The dispatch center was moved to Omaha, NE. Mercy Air donated it's radio consoles to Desert Comm.

Don Wise – Verdugo Fire, Verdugo started with 52 candidates for 2 positions, they are currently down to having 23 of those candidates left. Verdugo's MDT cutover is scheduled to occur within the next couple of weeks. New voice radio cutover will be in the near future to a UHF trunked system.

Janey Hall – South Bay Comm., Currently South Bay has 7 new hires in training. South Bay recently cut Verizon Wireless calls over and are now receiving ANI/ALI information.

Walt Moulton – Kern Co. Fire, Kern Co. will be doing open and continuous testing using the CritiCall system. Soon Kern co. will be cutting over to the Vesta Palace system. In May of 2004, Kern Co. is scheduled to migrate fire to the VHF band. Kern Co. is also scheduled to have their mobile data system on and upgrade their CAD by 10/1/04.

## 2004 Meeting Schedule:

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 – Universal Studios  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 – Verdugo Fire  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004 – Mercy Air  
July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 – Ventura Co. Fire  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004 – Bakersfield/Kern Co. Fire  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 – South Bay Communications

## Members in Attendance:

Gary Stevens – So Bay Comm.  
Don Wise – Verdugo Fire  
Janey Hall – So. Bay Comm.  
Walt Moulton- Bakersfield/Kern Co.  
Desiree Drescher – Bakersfield/Kern Co  
Gabby Moreno – Mercy Air  
Bonnie Agee – So. Bay Comm.  
Ken Shuck – 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 2004. The membership application can be obtained off of the website.**

## Upcoming Meeting:

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 @1000 Hrs

### **Location:**

Saddleranch Restaurant 10am-11am  
At City Walk – initial meeting point  
(818) 760-9680

Universal Studios Hollywood 11am  
100 Universal City Plaza  
Universal City, CA 91608

### **Directions:**

#### **From Hollywood:**

Take the 101 Hollywood Freeway North to Universal Studios Blvd. and follow signs to Universal Studios Hollywood.

#### **From Santa Monica:**

Take the 10 Santa Monica Freeway East to the 405 Freeway North. Exit to the 101 Ventura Freeway East/South. (Signs to Los Angeles.) Continue on the 101 Freeway and exit on Lankershim Blvd. Turn right and follow the signs to Universal Studios Hollywood.

#### **From Disneyland:**

Take the 5 Golden State Freeway North. Exit to the 101 Hollywood Freeway North. Continue on the 101 Freeway and exit at Universal Studios Blvd.. Turn right on to Universal Studios Blvd. and follow the signs to Universal Studios and our parking areas.

### **Parking:**

General parking \$8.00

## 2003 Paid Members

Anna Olivares – Santa Ana Fire Dept  
Susie Dix – Santa Ana Fire Dept.  
Samara Barnes – Santa Ana Fire Dept.  
Don Wise – Verdugo Fire  
Janey Hall – South Bay Communications  
Gary Stevens – South Bay Comm.  
Bonnie Agee – South Bay Comm.  
Olivia Ramirez – Costa Mesa Comm.  
Gabby Moreno – Mercy Air Service  
DeAnn Pressley – Mercy Air Service  
Lisa Matiansen – Santa Barbara Co. S.O.  
Tom Barnes – San Bernardino Co Fire  
Dave Dowling-San Bernardino Co Fire  
Cliff Ellis – San Bernardino Co Fire

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Communications Section, Southern Division**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 -- Due Date: January 31, 2004

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP MEMBERSHIP

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP**

		<b>DUES</b>	
NEW MEMBER(S)	<input type="checkbox"/>	REGULAR	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00
RENEWAL MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	ASSOCIATE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
		LIFE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
		GROUP*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00
		COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Communications Center: Fire  Fire/EMS   
Fire/Law  Fire/EMS/Law

**Make check payable to: Cal-Chiefs Communications Division**

**Mail application and check to: Cal-Chiefs Communications Division  
C/O Gabby Moreno  
Mercy Air Service, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2532  
Fontana, Ca. 92334**

**\* Each group will consist of three (3) people.  
Each group member must qualify for REGULAR membership (see by-laws).  
If you have more than one (1) group in four agency just duplicate this form.**