



California Fire Chiefs Association
Fire Preventions Officers Section
Southern Division
General Membership Meeting
El Segundo
August 10, 2005
Minutes

The following minutes were documented as noted below. The minutes are not intended to be an exact notation but are general in nature.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

- Karyn Vaudreuil President
- Kevin Scott 1st Vice President
- Ken Quick 2nd Vice President
- Ken Kraus Treasurer
- Hank Teran Secretary
- Robert Nolan Operations Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

- Laura Blaul Judge Advocate

I. Meeting Called To Order: President Vaudreuil opened the August FPO meeting with an estimated 45 in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Pettigrew of Ontario Fire Department led the pledge.

Welcome: Those in attendance conducted self-introductions.

Greeting From Host City: Battalion Chief David Sharp of El Segundo Fire and Fire Chief Mike Gary of Xerox Corporation welcomed the membership.

Past President Recognition: Don Oaks and Dennis Stangland were in attendance.

II. Order of Business:

A. Minutes: Minutes of the July meeting in Los Angeles were approved.

B. Board & Standing Committee Reports

Presidents Report- President Vaudreuil called the meeting to order. Today's meeting was a Joint meeting with Southbay FPO's. President Vaudreuil introduced Southbay President Brad Dotts.

- Karyn provided an update on the proposed legislation pertaining to residential fire sprinkler water meters. Karyn explained the true cost of residential fire sprinklers with regards to monthly meter fees.

- Karyn informed the membership that a joint meeting of both the Northern FPO and the Southern FPO's will take place on September 15, 2005 with the State Fire Marshal in Monrovia.

1st Vice President Report- Kevin gave a very timely and informative overview on the importance of staying involved in the code process. Kevin reminded the membership of the importance of staying active and involved with NFPA.

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2nd Vice President Report- Ken gave the membership information on the next scheduled membership meeting. Meeting information will be posted on the website at www.firepreventionofficers.org.

Treasurer- Ken informed the membership that the tax payment has been made of \$400 dollars. The cost was reduced from an estimated \$600.

- Current estimated balance in reserves is \$30,000 dollars.
- A \$10.00 fee per 172 members will be paid to Cal Chiefs.

Secretary Report- Hank mentioned that the minutes are posted on the website and welcomed comments regarding the website.

Director of Operations- Robert provided the membership an update of various classes and training that will be available in the very near future for the membership. Classes will include training in fire protection systems, high piled storage and hospital inspections. Robert asked the group to inform him of any classes or subject recommendations for future training.

Fire Service Education Committee- See the Director of Operations report.

Fire Code Committee- Ken Kraus provided the group with an informative update on the code adoption process and explained the workings of the California Amendment package review. Ken explained that CALBO, North and South FPO's would be working closely on this issue.

UWI Committee- An update was provided by Rolland Crawford and Don Oaks and a very informative discussion ensued regarding the issue of "shelter in place." The issues of roof covering assemblies, ratings, flying brands and testing of assemblies were also discussed.

C. Allied Committees/Organizations

OSFM/CDF- Joe Garcia informed the membership that the State Fire Marshal Ruben Grijalva has resigned as the Fire Chief of Palo Alto.

- ❑ Joe gave an update regarding the code adoption process and that a kickoff meeting will be held soon for the 14 working groups that will be reviewing the California Amendment package.
- ❑ Joe explained the process of hiring additional staff members. He further explained that the responsibility of plan review would be rotated among the existing deputies until additional staffing is provided.

CSFA Report- Estelle Ford informed the membership that the next CSFA meeting would be held in Ontario on August the 18th at the Marriott Hotel.

ICC Report- Kevin reminded the group that the hearings would be in Detroit from September 25-October 2, 2005.

- ❑ Kevin explained the history of code hearings and advised the membership that although you cannot vote online you can view the hearings on ICC website.
- ❑ Election of Officers is in the process of being conducted.
- ❑ ICC has an evaluation service that goes beyond just reviewing a product to see that it meets the testing standard but also reviews the product to verify that it is Code compliant.
- ❑ ICC now has a Certification for the Building Official. Fire Official certification will be offered in the near future.

III. Exchange of Ideas

- ❑ Brian Heyman of SCE announced that Southern California Edison (SCE) is hosting State Fire Marshal Advisory Committee meetings at its Corporate Technology Application Center (CTAC) in the City of Irwindale. The Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 23rd, followed by the Fire Sprinkler Advisory Committee on Wednesday, August 24th. SCE would be pleased to have SoCal FPO members in attendance at these meetings, as they are usually held in Sacramento.
- ❑ San Bernardino County Fire Prevention Officers will be hosting a training seminar titled "What's in the Box". The seminar will review the hazards associated with large "box" warehouses. Information will be posted on the website.
- ❑ The membership discussed the use of interior elevators for the use of automobiles within a structure.
- ❑ NFPA 101 was discussed in relationship to its applicability for occupancy's.
- ❑ Fire alarm upgrades in public schools and method of issuing approvals was reviewed.

IV. Lunch- Membership adjourned for lunch at 1130 hours.

Program: A very informative PowerPoint presentation was provided by ENVIROGAURD on new battery technology, storage, use and associated hazards.

Next Meeting:

Date: September 14, 2005

Joint Meeting: Southern California Fire Prevention Officers Association and the Orange County Fire Prevention Officers Association and Southern California Fire Sprinkler Industry.

Location: Orange County Fire Authority Headquarters

Subject: Fire Sprinklers for Miscellaneous Storage

Presenter: John Corso, NSFA Manager of Training and Education

V. Raffle and Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1445 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Teran, Secretary, South Division