



**California Fire Chiefs Association**  
**Fire Preventions Officers Section**  
Southern Division  
*General Membership Meeting*  
Los Angeles  
July 13, 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                1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Ken Quick                 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Ken Kraus                 Treasurer
- Hank Teran                Secretary
- Robert Nolan             Operations Director
- Laura Blaul                Judge Advocate

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

- None

**I. Meeting Called To Order:** President Vaudreuil opened the July FPO meeting with an estimated 77 in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Santa Monica's own Fire Marshal Jim Glue.

**Welcome:** Los Angeles Fire Department Assistant Fire Marshal Doug Berry provided a welcome to the membership and discussed many of the challenges facing the department including the conversion of downtown businesses to residential living and the expected increase in the construction of new schools.

Self-introductions were not conducted due to the large number of attendees.

President Vaudreuil welcomed the State Fire Marshal Ruben Grijalva as well as the visiting Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officer's President, Dennis Mathison.

**Past President Recognition:** Sam Husoe was in attendance.

**II. Order of Business:**

**A. Minutes:** Jim Glue of Santa Monica declared a quorum. Minutes of the June meeting in San Marino were approved.

**B. Board & Standing Committee Reports:**

**Presidents Report-** Karyn stated that today's general membership meeting would be amended to allow the State Fire Marshal, Ruben Grijalva, to provide the membership with an update and to allocate additional time for the training component of meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report-** Kevin Scott provided information on the code hearings in Detroit. Kevin also provided an update for ICC and stated that ICC is available to assist the State Fire Marshal's Office with the code adoption process. He informed the group that Page Dougherty has been transferred to the Technical Codes Division and that the ICC Western Regional position is now open for applications.

**2nd Vice President Report-** Ken Quick updated those in attendance on the next scheduled meeting. The meeting will be held in El Segundo and will be a joint meeting with South Bay FPO's.

**Treasurer-**Ken Kraus reported that our taxes are now filed and that we are using the same tax accountant as the North. He stated that we have approximately \$32,000.00 in the reserves.

**Secretary Report-** Secretary Hank Teran noted that last months minutes are on the web site as well as hard copies available at the meeting.

**Director of Operations:** Robert Nolan gave an update on future training and educational opportunities.

**Fire Code Committee-** Christina Jameson reported on the progress and goals for the IBC/IFC amendment package. She also stated that the handbook for inspecting Residential Care Facilities should be ready soon.

**Workshop Committee-** Sam Husoe provided the group with an update and reminded the group that the dates of the next workshop are March 13-17, 2006. An estimated room rate of \$85 dollars plus tax is anticipated for the workshop.

**Legislative Report-** John Haberek reported that legislation is currently in recess and reminded the members that the website has the most current information regarding legislative issues.

### **Allied Committees/Organizations**

**OSFM/CDF-** Chief Grijalva provided the membership with an update on this year's fireworks enforcement activity. Chief Grijalva also updated the group on the status of the code adoption process of the IBC and IFC. The Chief discussed the time adoption time line and encourage the involvement of the FPO's in the review process. The Chief also acknowledged the efforts of his staff for the job they are doing and for their commitment.

Chief Joe Garcia gave an overview of the Office of the State Fire Marshal's July 2005 Monthly report. Joe also informed the group that Steve Guarino has been promoted to supervisor and will be transferring to the Sacramento office.

**CSFA Report-** Ed Foster reported on the annual conference and that the dates are set for September 24-27<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Woodland Hills Marriot.

**NSFA Report-** Sam Husoe informed the group that the tax legislation is still moving forward. For a current update log on to [www.NSFA.org](http://www.NSFA.org).

**DSA Report-** Dave Casey announced that he is the liaison who will be attending future FPO meetings. Dave gave a brief overview of his responsibilities and announced that the new DSA David Thorman has established “consistency” as a goal of the administration.

### **III. Exchange of Ideas**

Due to the length of the presentation “Exchange of Ideas” was tabled until next meeting.

**IV. Lunch:** Ken Kraus coordinated a delicious Italian lunch buffet, which included very unique lasagna *meat* dish.

**Program:** Paul Armstrong conducted a code comparison between the UBC and IBC Codes. His presentation was interactive and very informative.

Next Meeting:

Date: August 10, 2005

Location: Xerox Conference Center, El Segundo

Subject: New Battery Technology for Use and Storage

Presenter: ENVIROGUARD

\*Joint Meeting with FPO and South Bay Fire Prevention Officers.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Teran, Secretary, South Division