



California Fire Chiefs Association
Fire Prevention Officers Section
Southern Division

General Membership Meeting

Date: May 16, 2007

Location: Quiet Cannon Country Club, Montebello

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:

Hank Teran	President
Ken Kraus	1 st Vice-President
Robert Nolan	2 nd Vice-President
Jill Perumean	Secretary
Ken Quick	Judge Advocate
Mike Macey	Liaison Chief

I. CALL TO ORDER:

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1010 HOURS.

Flag Salute: Led by Hank Teran

Welcome: Bil Murphy, Fire Marshal, Santa Fe Springs Fire Department

Visiting Fire Chiefs: Mike Macey, Fire Chief of Laguna Beach Fire Department

Self-Introductions: The group made self-introductions

II. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Motion Passed

Board & Standing Committee Reports

Program Coordinator & Meeting Locations

Robert Nolan gave an update on the ICC transition classes and indicated that the April classes were tremendously successful. The next So Cal FPO meeting will be held at the Huntington Library in San Marino and the topic will be approved building products for WUI. The following meeting will be July 11 in Brea, featuring a seminar on how to adopt a model code.

Secretary's Report**Jill Perumean**

The April minutes are posted at www.firepreventionofficers.org.

Legislative Report**Ken Kraus**

Ken Kraus attended Leg. Day in Sacramento and said it was an incredible experience and encouraged members to try to attend this informative event.

Workshop Committee**Penni-Overstreet Murphy**

Penni said that information regarding the workshop will be sent out in the next two months as well as information being posted to the website. Since this upcoming year is the last in fulfilling the contract with the Marriott, she encourages any suggestions for other venues as long as they are centrally located to serve the entire membership. In regards to public education, Penni highlighted a new program focusing on drunk driving awareness.

Arson Committee**Chief John Kabala**

Chief Kabala emphasized the importance of task forces and shared one of the successes of the Alhambra Fire Department. His department, through the help of a task force, was able to stop two tons of illegal fireworks from being shipped into the city. Over the last six months, Area C has been working on putting together monthly training, so be aware of upcoming training opportunities. He also recommended Hank Waring, who is an expert in video surveillance and can help local departments enhance their videos at minimal costs. Hank can be reached at 661-267-1155.

III. LUNCH**IV. PROGRAM**

Chief Kate Dargan, State Fire Marshal, gave a presentation on the topic "What is Ahead in 2007 at the Office of the State Fire Marshal." Not only did she discuss her background in the fire service over the past 30 years, but she also emphasized where she would like to see the office heading into the future. She also introduced Jeff Hugo, Manager of Codes for the National Sprinkler Association, who stressed the importance of embracing the International Codes and getting familiar with them. Chief Dargan concluded with an emphasis on her ongoing search to find ways to "Shape the Battlefield" by connecting Prevention and Operations.

V. EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

There was a roundtable and members discussed the various activities and opportunities in their communities.

VI. RAFFLE AND ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 1310 hours

VII. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held at the Huntington Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Perumean, Secretary