

California Fire Chiefs Association
Fire Prevention Officers Section
Southern Division

Joint General Membership Meeting
With Foothill Fire Prevention Officers
November 10, 2004
Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Laura Blaul
Hank Teran

President
Operations Dir.

Ken Kraus

Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER :

Pledge of Allegiance – Rick Schneider
Sergeant At Arms – Joe Pennino

Welcome –Arcadia's Chief welcomed the group and provided several practical accounts of successful fire prevention interventions that have provided solid groundwork for fire suppression efforts. The Chief encouraged those in attendance to persevere on critical life safety issues.

Self-Introductions: Determination of Quorum – Joe Garcia

II. ORDER OF BUSINESS :

A. Minutes – Minutes from the October meeting in Los Angeles were approved (see website, www.firepreventionofficers.org).

B. Board & Standing Committee Reports

1. Program Coordinator & Meeting Locations
Laura Blaul – Next months meeting (December 8) will be held at the historic Mission Inn located in Riverside. The program will consist of an exchange of policies, procedures, programs and best practices utilized by each jurisdiction. Please bring copies a successful program that you can share with the group.

* January – Joint with CAFAA in Palm Springs, Friday, January 30

February 9 – Training on state WUI regs by SFM

* March – Rancho Santa Barbara Marriott, Friday, March 18 at the Annual Fire Prevention Workshop.

* **Denotes deviation from standard schedule.**

2. Treasurer – Financial & Membership Report
Ken Kraus - Deposit of \$9,300 into operating account.
3. Secretary –
Ken Kraus – Minutes from previous meeting are posted on the website a minimum of 1 week prior to the meeting. Members are encouraged to review online. Copies of minutes will be available at each meeting.
4. Fire Protection Equipment & Devices - No Report
The Committee is working on amendments to NFPA 72 for SFM's annual rule package.
5. Fire Service Education
Robert Nolan, Co-chair – Primary goal of the Committee is to identify training needs and facilitate the delivery of pertinent and informative sessions. Training must reflect the needs of the members, should be short in duration and low cost. Ideas for future classes are welcomed.
Advanced Fire Alarm class in October has been rescheduled for April.
6. Public Education No Report
7. Urban Wildland Interface No Report
8. Fire Code
Christina Jamison, Co-chair – Committee met on November 4 in Monrovia.
Discussed alternative fueled vehicles and the practicality of getting involved with the development and review of comprehensive standards. The emphasis focusing on hydrogen fueled vehicles and implementation issues of the Hydrogen Highway project.
Developed correspondence for OSFM regarding the specifics of the Adult Day-care regulations proposed by the OSFM.
Discussed the CPR report and recent developments.

- 9. Workshop No Report
- 10. Past Presidents Advisory Council No Report

11. Legislative Report
John Haberek, Co-chair – 2343 and 2065 represented the bulk of the FPO’s work last legislative session. Much of the groundwork completed with these Bills will help with similar efforts in the future.
The Committee is monitoring fire sprinklers in R-2 and schools and the Hydrogen Highway.
The CFCA will hold its Legislative Week the week of November 15. Forward suggested topics for legislation to John ASAP. The Committee is investigating the possibility of attempting to modify the justification criteria for local jurisdictions to adopt ordinances more restrictive than state Regs. and to broaden them to non building standards requirements.
Variations in fire department resources and response time could be considered.
The original criteria was developed by HCD with a bias toward single family dwellings,

C. ALLIED COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS

- 1. CFCA, Liaison Chief No Report

2. OSFM/CDF
Chief Joe Garcia - The OSFM has been contacted by DOSH to participate on the Hydrogen Highway project. Leslie Haberek has been assigned. Laura Blaul added that Kurt Ladipow has been designated the IC by Chief Warren of Corona for CFCA. The League of Cities has also become involved, guarding the authority of local jurisdictions. The project is being driven hard by the EPA and DOT.
Contact Hugh Council for upcoming Regs class information.
The office has developed a structured code interpretation process that allows input from affected parties, via a proposed 5 day comment period
See website for full report

3. CAFAA –
Annual Meeting will be held July 22-28. All FPO members are welcome to attend.

4. NFSA/AFSA -
Laura Blaul – Producers of the television show Renovate My Family agreed to install fire sprinklers in a home make-over. Special thanks to NFSA, Viking, and Golden State for donating materials and labor to help make this happen! The show will air on 11/12 and 11/19.

5. CSFA –
Ed Foster, Director – Last month the CSFA and CPF signed an MOU that unites many of the goals and objectives of the two organizations. The CSFA will deal primarily with education and training issues, while the CPF will concentrate on labor relations items. The CPF and CSFA have agreed not to discourage their members from actively participating in both organizations. The agreement also dictates that the two organizations will consult on statewide endorsements and not conflict on local issues.
For additional information, please contact CPF.org or CSFA.net.
Also access the website for the Fire Prevention Tip of the Week.

6. Foothill FPO –
Jim Anderson – Foothill Fire Prevention Officers held their election of officers for 2005. The Results are: (didn't get this!)

President	Alex Rodriguez, West Covina
Vice President	Chris Gomez, Monterey Park
Treasurer	Sherri Miller
Secretary	Jill Perumean, Arcadia

Congratulations to the incoming FFPO Officers!

Next months FFPO meeting will be a field trip to the Rose Bowl. Space is limited so confirm your RSVP ASAP.

7. LAAF –
Bob Gebel will compile questions (many from our last meeting) for submittal to Chief Grijalva. Bob will post these on the Discussion List.

Another reminder about responding to the “sender” on the Discussion List. The “sender” is the list, so when you “reply to sender” you are in fact replying to over 800 people. If your intention is to reply to an individual you must do so by sending it to their personal e-mail address.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. SFM Adult Day Care Regulations
The Code Committee has petitioned the OSFM for a clarification of it’s Regulations submitted under the current Annual Rule Making cycle.
2. California Performance Review
The Code Committee is monitoring the progress of the report through the development process.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. P.A.R.A.D.E.
Laura Blaul attended the National Fire Academy PARADE symposium. The Prevention Advocacy Resources And Data Exchange allows jurisdictions to participate on 3 different levels. Metro Depts, State Fire Marshals, and departments appointed by IFMA approval is required for the top level, typically state fire marshals. The IFMA/FEMA project is expanding membership to include participation from each of the FEMA regions. California is part of Reg. 9. The primary purpose of PARADE is to network fire prevention programs around the country and share polices, programs and ideas.
An introduction to PARADE will be posted on the LAAFAM Discussion List.
2. ICC Chapter News
IFCI Chapter membership has rolled over to an ICC Chapter membership. Current membership drive..the ICC will provide 1 free class for every 10 new members.
3. Santa Monica Fire Dept.
Jim Glew has been appointed the new Fire Marshal in Santa Monica. Congratulations Jim.

4. Jill Perumean, Arcadia FD requested information on spray-on truck bed liners.
Discussion – 2 basic types Rhino (water based) and Line X (solvent based). Line X has presented some ventilation challenges.
5. Los Angeles County FD has an Engineer Assistant position vacancy. ... see website.
Firefighter applications will be accepted December 2 – 4. See website.
6. Jack Woycheese, HAI Reported a pipeline incident in Walnut Creek resulting in 2 fatalities. This was an apparent excavation accident. Joe Garcia added that SFM is investigating. He was unsure if the report will be public.
7. Ed Foster, Carpenteria-Summerland FP District, Inquired about the FPO's experience with traffic calming measures. Please forward pertinent information to Ed at e.foster@csfd.net.
OCFA had an experience with a “neighborhood design” community of 8400 homes with limited access. Other jurisdictions had similar problems. A statewide study conducted in 1999 was absent Fire Department involvement. An operation as routine as trash collection can block entire streets.
9. Podium Construction discussion
Many jurisdictions have had bad experiences with these Types of projects, i.e. several levels of Type V over one or more levels of Type I (Parking). Problems arise when emergency operational access must be gained via the interior courtyards . Center courtyard areas, necessary for access and ground ladders are generally inaccessible due to raised planters (landscape detail) constructed immediately above the parking facilities.
10. Discussion on Design Build Projects that break ground without approved plans.

III. LUNCH

IV. PROGRAM

**ALTERNATIVE VEHICLE FUELS:
CNG/LNG/HYDROGEN**

Presented by:

**Jack Woycheese, Hughes Associates, Inc.
Bob Vegis, Hughes Associates, Inc.**

V. RAFFLE /ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting on December 8, 2004 at:

The Historic Mission Inn
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