

# San Diego County Fire Prevention Officers Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2020

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### Board of Directors Present:

Medi Maldonado, President  
Randy Hill, Vice President  
Conor Lenehan, Secretary  
Pamela Thomas, Past President

### Departments Present:

Santee, Escondido, Chula Vista, Bonita, Lakeside, San Diego County Fire Authority, Heartland, Solana Beach, Encinitas, UC San Diego, San Diego, Oceanside, Rincon, North County Fire, CALFIRE, Carlsbad, San Marcos, Rancho Santa Fe, Vista

### Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by President Medi Maldonado at 9:09 AM.

### Pledge of Allegiance:

Daniel-San Diego Fire.

### Treasurer's Report:

Conor Lenehan reports \$43,309.89 with an outstanding debt of \$133.79.

### Approval of January Minutes:

Motion was made to approve the January 2020 minutes.

### Upcoming Training:

CSFM Fire Inspector 2B  
1-Hour Corridors & Other Fire Rated Assemblies-Full  
2016 CFC/CBC Fire Pumps  
PC 832 (Miramar)  
CSFM Fire Inspector 2C  
NFA-WUI Course III  
CSFM Fire Inspector 2D  
PC 832 (Miramar)

### Date:

February 21-23, 2020  
February 26, 2020  
February 27, 2020  
March 3, 2020  
March 6-7, 2020  
March 23-24, 2020  
April 2-5, 2020  
April 27, 2020

Randy-The board is working on bringing Statutes and Regulations to San Diego in the fall.

Medi-We are also working on brining a fire alarm and fire sprinkler plan review class to the group as well.

### Training:

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N/A

## **Liaison Reports:**

Ricardo (Burn Institute)-The annual firefighter boot drive is March 5<sup>th</sup> and there are signs for the drive. Fire Safe Kids is a program where SDSU interns visit local elementary schools and talk to kids about fire safety and burn prevention. Fire Safe Seniors is where they install free smoke alarms for seniors. All inquiries for Fire Safe Seniors go to Sarah Eberheart. The last program is the Youth Fire Setter Program and referrals go to Danielle Bell.

Darcy (SOCAL FPO)-They did not have a meeting last month but CFPI is March 9-13. This conference is annually and is the second week of March. It is a great training opportunity.

Susan Dowty (ICC)-They have an International Wildland Urban Interface Code full day seminar coming to Brea on March 5<sup>th</sup> and a mass timber building and the IBC seminar coming. The annual ICC conference is coming in October.

Aman Shah (SD Building Officials ICC)-They had a big discussion on photovoltaics and who gets involved and when do they get involved. They meet the third Tuesday of every month and we are working on a joint training with Fire Prevention Officers.

## **County Chiefs:**

Chief Hadfield (SD County Chiefs)-Two firefighter were lost last night in the City of Porterville due to juvenile fire setting. County Chiefs are very happy with our turnout and the active participation we have. There is tremendous amounts of funding for WUI and brush management. If you are looking for grants, please reach out to Chief Hadfield. San Diego County Chiefs partnered with the San Diego District attorney and did a human trafficking training video. Human trafficking is the second largest crime in the County.

## **CALFIRE Updates:**

N/A

## **Old Business:**

Medi-The new website <https://sdcfpoa.org/> is almost complete and will hopefully be live at the end of this month.

Conor-We are looking for all those past presidents so we can honor them on the website.

## **New Business:**

Medi-The board is looking to change the bylaws regarding membership renewal. Currently, membership fees are required to be paid by May meeting. The board is wanting membership fees due by the July meeting so that it is more in line with

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agencies budgets. The motion was approved and membership dues are required by the July meeting. SOCAL FPO has a public education committee that meets every couple of months. The next meeting will be in April at Rancho Santa Fe.

Randy-The board is currently looking to fill two open positions. This is a 4-5 year commitment and starts July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Round Table Discussion:**

Carissa-Santee is starting workshops on a potential Bonita Ranch development.

Andrew-Escondido is possibly going to start the demolition of old Palomar Hospital later this year. They are looking at developing 600 units.

Justin-Chula Vista just hired two new inspectors. They just had their first Tik Tok outlet challenge fire. The foundation permits were just pulled for their bay front projects. This will be high rises, a convention center, commercial, and residential.

Bonita-They have a couple 8-20 new home subdivisions taking place. Their Fire Marshal will be retiring in June.

Jerry-He is the new inspector for the San Diego County Fire Authority and will be primarily dealing with Ramona.

Chris-They have a lot of inspections right now before the end of the fiscal year.

Zach-They have two big projects in the works right now. One is the demolition of a large 200 unit apartment complex. The city just got Streamline as well.

Aaron-North County Fire is using Streamline right now. Prop A did not pass which would have given the District more money for facilities. Weed abatement inspections are about to start up.

David-The County Fire Authority has a 4 million square foot Amazon building going down in Otay Mesa. This will be a 16 month build with numerous inspections going on. All are welcome to come join.

Brian-CALFIRE partnered up with LA City and LA County and are going to do a damage assessment course on March 23-24.

Chief Martinez-There is a lot of money for abatement type projects, general plan updates, CWPP's, public education, and roadside treatments.

Todd-UC San Diego is finishing a bunch of high rise projects and has a couple more coming.

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Mike-Vista has a lot of vertical construction going on. Vista is also wondering if any agencies are charging for public school inspections. If so, how are you charging?

Hans-Encinitas has a lot of construction going on right now. They are looking at narrowing the 101 north of Encinitas Boulevard. There will also be five roundabouts there as well.

Chief Parsons-Oceanside may have an appeal coming in the future. The city is having a lot of commercial buyers come in and buy houses to rent to families. There are hazards that inspectors are finding in these houses.

Tony-He is new to a supervisor position with the City of San Diego. The City of San Diego is expecting about 30 new high rises.

Carlos-The State is finally going towards electronic plan reviews.

Chief Perry-The City is having an issue with junk yards. They have had a couple of fires recently and there are probably people living out there in motorhomes and uncompliant buildings.

Mark-SOCAL FPO Code development group is in a non-code cycle

Darcy-Their staff is staying busy and they have been able to expand their public education. Thanks to SB 1205, the City of Carlsbad was able to hire two more inspectors. They are also going to revamp their fire investigation program.

**End of meeting:** 10:50 AM

**Next meeting:** April 15, 2020 @ The Burn Institute

***Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Conor Lenehan, SDCFPO Secretary***