



## San Diego County Fire Chiefs Association

### Fire Prevention Officers Section

<https://sdcfpoa.org/>



# Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/15/2021

## Call meeting to order/Opening remarks

Conor Lenehan called to order the regular meeting of the SDCFPOA at 09:14 on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Roll Call

Conor conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Treasurer Jordan Villagomez, Secretary Aaron Murg, Vice-President Darin Golden, President Conor Lenehan and Past-President Randy Hill.

## Treasure's report

Treasurer Jordan Villagomez reported the association bank account has a balance of \$41,284.55 with no outstanding dept. Jordan also thanked members for attending the Assembly Occupancies class because a large portion of the proceeds went to supporting the Burn Institute's burn survivor's toy drive.

## Approval of last meeting's minutes

Meeting minutes for July were first approved by Randy Hill and seconded by Juvilyn Alegre.

## Liaison reports:

### Burn Institute

- Emily Shuffield thanked members for contributing to the burn survivor's wish list. There were around 300 participants in Encinitas to celebrate the event and we could tell they really benefitted from the event.
- All programs will continue over the holidays
- Fire Safe Kids program will start in the spring.

### Red Cross

- Melissa Altman shared they just had a successful event in San Marcos where they installed over 200 alarms.
  - Her goal is to have one installation once a month.
    - Vista, Julian, Encinitas, and Escondido are coming up next.
    - Breakfast and lunch are provided for volunteers. Please reach out to Melissa for requests.
  - Randy Hill encouraged members to participate and organize an event with Melissa.

- Also please let Melissa know if there are any schools in your jurisdiction that have a need for fire prevention and disaster preparedness.

## County Chiefs

- Not Present

## SoCal FPO

- Darcy shared Melissa from San Marcos was one of the award winners of their new \$500.00 scholarship for developing FPOs.
- Astrid Startcher, also from San Marcos, will be the new Director of Operations for SoCal FPOs, starting her 7-year term.
- Next meeting is January 12<sup>th</sup> and will have Kevin Scott to teach about energy storage systems (ESS).
- CAFAA Conference is coming up in Palm Springs and is free for FPOs.
- Randy Metz shared that CFPI is open for registration. The Fire Marshal course is full, but there may be another one scheduled for this summer. But there is still a great number of courses that will be in Buellton in March.

## ICC

- Susan shared that the 2024 i-codes are in development and just finished the A hearing. January 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit group B changes.
- ICC Annual Conference will be Sept. 14-21<sup>st</sup> in Louisville, KY.
- Deadline for ICC's building safety fellowship is December 31<sup>st</sup>. This is for FPOs as well as building inspectors. ICCsafe.org has more details.
- The ICC Fire Service Membership Council meeting will take place tomorrow.
- A webinar for ongoing maintenance of buildings, prompted by the Surfside Condo collapse is available on ICCsafe's website.
- Building safety month's theme is Building Safety for All: Building Codes in Action.
- Randy Metz was elected to the Board of Director's recently.
  - One of the thing Randy is working on with the OSFM is to adopt the IWC to improve upon the requirements that written in CBC Section 7A.
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## SD ICC Building Group

- Not Present

## CalFire/OSFM

- Brian thanked everyone for participating in the subdivision reviews (areas without secondary egress) and general plans.
- DINS class

## DSS – CCL

No updates.

## Old Business:

- **Website Updates:** Aaron Murg shared that due to the basic nature of the association's website, we are unable to add additional features that have been requested by the group. The marketing team that manages the website said that building a new website would be the only option at around \$15,000. Aaron asked for feedback if this were something the group would like to move forward with.
  - Kelly Gaffrey encouraged the group to make the investment.
- **O'Hagen Fire and Ice Vents:** There was a question raised to the group regarding whether the vents meet SFM requirements. See Kelley's response for more information or reach out to your building official's office.
  - Aaron encouraged members to contact him through the [sdcfpo@gmail.com](mailto:sdcfpo@gmail.com) email to ask any questions to the group.
- **Survey results for who is requiring pipe fitter certifications:**
  - 20 respondents.
  - When asked, do you ask for a contractor's pipe fitter certification during an inspection
    - 8 said yes
    - 12 said no
  - When asked, do you ask for a contractor's pipe fitter certification during plan review
    - 6 said yes,
    - 14 said no.
    - And one specific response said that they ask for it to be attached to the plans at review.
  - Randy Metz recommended to not require it at plan review because that was not the original intent of the requirement. Also, some companies have many of pipe fitters and to require each of their cards would be a large process.
    - Randy Hill seconded Randy's response.

## New Business:

**Hosted Training for the Meeting: Energy Storage Systems** (webinar hosted after meeting).

### **Training update from Darin Golden**

- Fire Sprinkler Plan Review and Hydraulic class on 1/26 and 1/27 with Steve Leyton. In-person and around \$150.00.
- DINS class on 2/8 and 2/9 with Steven Barkley for \$100.00.
- Residential Care Facility and Large Family Day Care on 2/24 with Fred Paesano and Ernie Paez for \$50.00.
- In the June or July months we will have a Key changes to the CBC/CFC with Kevin Scott once the code is implemented and adopted.

## Round Table Discussion

San Diego City asked for feedback about The Compliance Engine (TCE).

Medi Maldonado shared Carlsbad has switched from Fire Prevention to Community Risk Reduction. Also, Tom Santos brought up a new device has been installed in liquor stores and convenience stores that may pose egress problems due to the influx of theft.

Aaron Murg shared that he is performing school inspections and there are some issues with storage due to COVID requirements. Also, North County just stopped using TCE due to concerns from their legal department. Because TCE will say that a business is not in compliance if they have not received documentation of testing, whether, in-fact, they have had it done or not, the business will be marked as uncompliant. And if prevention staff is not following up on non-state-mandated business, the uncompliant buildings, what does this mean legally?

Zach Basin asked the group how agencies go about Certificate of Occupancy Inspections.

## Meeting Adjourned

Conor Lenehan adjourned the meeting at 10:30 hours.

Minutes written and submitted by Aaron Murg (Secretary)