

I. Call To Order by President Rickman at 9:05 am

Welcome by Chief Roper, Ventura County Fire, our host for the day.

In attendance: Neal Allbee, Tim Capehart, Steve Dixon, Ed Foster, Gerry Gardner, Alex Gregg Phil Kelleher, Terry Koeper, Ken Mays, Gary W. Morgan, Steve Nothern, Jim Petersen, Tracy Rickman, Ramiro Sanchez, David Senior, John Sola, Dan Sullivan.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

It was motioned by and seconded by to accept the minutes of the last meeting held in Santa Maria on April 4, 2003. Unanimously approved with corrections.

III. Financial Report-

Steve Dixon, balance of \$2046.86. We have a web site bill of \$900 that we will pay this month. Art Cota was sent a bill for \$500 to help with the Web Site expenses. The dues will now be on a calendar year. See the web site for your invoice.

IV. Correspondence-

- None

VI. Roundtable-

Neal Allbee, Sierra College: \$349 million bond issue. Neil asks ideas from the group about hiring a part-time FT person. Neal is looking for outside the box thinking.

David Senior

John Sola, Modesto JC. John is new, started in August, he comes to us from Stockton Fire. John asked if anyone had a "Code of Ethics" the instructors sign. If so please send it to John

Gerry Gardner, Glendale College. Budget has been hit hard but FT has not been cut in course offerings.

Tim Caphart, Bakersfield College. No courses cut yet, the FT program is doing well.

Dan Sullivan, East LA College. New EMT program. Classes full, no courses cut.

Steve Dixon, College of the Canyons. We are below CAP so we have added FT classes this semester and will add additional classes next as well. COC is now doing LA County's fire department training. El Camino is at Cap and cannot support their needs so they have graciously turned the training over to CCO. We received a Homeland Security Grant of \$500,000 to write Terrorism Training. Unfortunately this grant does not allow any equipment purchases.

Gary Morgan, Oxnard College. Gary cancelled five SFM classes. He presently has 33 sections this semester however local departments are no longer reimbursing for courses and Gary feels that has hurt enrollment.

Terry Koeper, Crafton Hills College. Classes are full. They have received the money for the ARF center. This has been going on since 1993 and the costs have increased 5 plus times. This is a JPA with San Bernardino City, County and the college. This will be at the old Norton AFB.

Eddie Smith retired, he is experiencing health issues. Last year \$149 mil bond issue passed. A Public Safety Academy will be taught once a year and will consist of the Leadership and Ethics courses.

Aircraft airbag training will be done at Norton by Crafton Hills, this is for lifting the aircraft. This is a new program and is for training worldwide. LA City has a push on to hire female firefighters, while there is no longer quotas to fill their male to female ratio is among the lowest in the country. There has been a drop in attendance in our Company Officer classes. That could be because of budget. 100% of our EMT students are getting jobs.

Steve Nothern, El Camino College. We have lost all our non-traditional classes. SFM, LA County. We are down 7% with the new fees. Mentoring program is working well, contact Steve for info. Our goal is to hang on to the programs we have. We have 30k students and our CAP is only 21k. We have more cuts to make to get down to cap.

Phil Kelleher, Riverside Community College. Thanks for the support from the association to me personally as things at RCC were up in the air. RCC is cutting classes. EMT and Paramedic programs were sent to the nursing program from Tire Tech and we have been told that that is the only cut for FT. We have 38 acres set aside for a fire service training center. Now we just need the money to develop it. A bond may be the way we go. Our goal is to try to get online courses for our in-service classes. Phil introduced Capt. Alex Gregg from Riverside County Fire (CDF); he will be running the academy.

VII. State Report- Art Cota [Art is sending some information to insert. I told him we wanted the tests and answers put on the same CD.](#)

- EMT
- Survey

VIII. Old Business

- Web Site. Does it cost us for the Bulletin Board? A motion was passed to delete the Bulletin Board on the website if it is an addition cost per year. Can we maintain the web site ourselves or do we have to pay them to do it.
- Terry Koeper. The National Fire Academy FESHCE conference. See Terry's report on the web site.

IX. New Business

- Adopting the NFPA Standards for Firefighter Certification and Training in California. This is an April 2003 white paper that was discussed.

- Tom Kennally and Edward Maude of Brady Publishing came to show us there Fire Technology Books. Tom is the District Manager, he came out from New Jersey get our feed back on their products and ask for input. We stressed the need for complementary copies for instructor and the need for instructor manuals and PowerPoint slides. Brady wants to get their books utilized in the California market and are willing to do what they can to meet our needs. They assured us that free instructors copies was not a problem. They handed out a survey for us to fill out to give them an idea of what we teach so they can send us copies of their books that we might be interested in using. Edward Maude is our Account Executive and he can be reached at ed_maude@prenhall.com. That is ed_maude, the _ is covered by the underline.

ACTION ITEM-

- Tracy Rickman will have the web page updated and see if the Bulletin Board is costing us money. Tracy will also put the new "Membership Invoice" on the web site.

Next Meeting: November ?? in Sacramento. See Website for details. Plan on attending.

Respectfully Submitted by,

David E. Senior
Secretary CFTDA