

March 8, 2017

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FIRE TASK FORCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Fire Task Force convened at 10:35 AM on March 8, 2017 in the second floor conference room at the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority, 4440 W. Broadway, Hawthorne, CA.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chief Pete Bonano, Hermosa Beach Fire Department
Battalion Chief Shawn Bonfield, El Segundo Fire Department
Battalion Chief Scott Hafdell, Manhattan Beach Fire Department
Battalion Chief Mike Nagy, Culver City Fire Department

Absent: None.

Also Present: Executive Director Ralph Mailloux
Operations Manager Shannon Kauffman
Administration Manager John Krok
Staff Services Sandy Farley

2. ACTION ITEMS

2a. Approval of Minutes – November 1, 2016

MOTION: Battalion Chief Hafdell moved to approve the Fire Task Force minutes of November 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Chief Bonano and passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Mailloux reported on the status of the City of Culver City's transition to the Authority on March 1st and the Interoperability Network of the South Bay (INSB), including the estimated date of October 2017 for the transition to the INSB.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5a. Dispatch Notifications

Chief Bonano expressed concern that he was already on scene when he was called at home about a recent fire incident in Hermosa Beach.

Operations Manager Kauffman related her intent to look into this and report back. She explained that fire chiefs are not normally logged on, nor do they normally go on scene.

Battalion Chief Hafdell pointed out that notifications about fire incidents could be made to cellular telephones.

Operations Manager Kauffman suggested a daily roster showing who is working and the hours they are working.

Executive Director Mailloux requested that Chief Bonano's unit identification be checked.

6. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

6a. In response to a request from Chief Bonano, Administration Manager Krok asked for the telephone number, type of device and email address of those interested in signing up for Active 911.

6b. Administration Manager Krok verified for Chief Bonano that all frequencies will eventually be available on Unified Voice.

6c. Battalion Chief Hafdell related his appreciation of the communications supervisor's quick response during a recent call about a stroke from a cellular telephone that originally went to Santa Monica.

6d. Chief Bonano recalled that the Police Task Force previously approved the use of TAC 7 for fire emergencies.

Operations Manager Kauffman explained that TAC 7 is currently being used by Culver City.

Chief Bonano noted that there is much radio traffic during fire incidents and he stated his preference for fire to have their own frequency.

Operations Manager Kauffman recommended that the departments discourage excessive talking on the radios.

Battalion Chiefs Bonfield and Nagy pointed out the importance of consistency in channel use and training on radios.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.