

June 6, 2006

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE FIRE TASK FORCE**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Fire Task Force convened in a regular session at 1:40 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, in the second floor conference room of the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority, 4440 W. Broadway, Hawthorne, CA.

ROLL CALL

Present: Assistant Chief Jerry Gomez, Hermosa Beach Fire Department
Battalion Chief Ken Shuck, Manhattan Beach Fire Department

Absent: None.

Also Present: Personnel Training Manager Bonnie Agee
Communications Supervisor Gary Stevens

2. **ACTION ITEMS**

2a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 7, 2006***

The Fire Task Force minutes of March 7, 2006 were approved as written.

2b. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR FY 2006-2007**

It was agreed that Battalion Chief Shuck will serve as Chairman and Assistant Chief Gomez as Vice-Chairman of the Fire Task Force during Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

2c. **DETERMINE MEETING DATE FOR JULY (Regular meeting falls on July 4th)**

The Fire Task Force agreed that the next meeting date will be Tuesday, August 8, 2006, 1:30 p.m.

3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None.

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4. **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

4a. Personnel Training Manager Agee asked the member cities' fire departments to provide their plans for July 4th.

It was agreed that Hermosa and Manhattan Beach Fire Departments will utilize the same frequency unless the Authority is otherwise notified.

Assistant Chief Gomez noted that Hermosa's Engine 12 will run as a fully staffed engine on June 4th.

4b. Communications Supervisor Stevens provided updated information on the status of grant funding for which the Authority has applied.

4c. Battalion Chief Shuck observed that Congresswoman Jane Harman and Sheriff Lee Baca's recently visited the City of Hermosa Beach.

4d. Battalion Chief Shuck related his desire for an audible tone that delineates the passage of time during an incident, similar to the 1033 tone used by police departments.

Personnel Training Manager Agee advised that she will contact the Technical Services Department about this.

4e. Battalion Chief Shuck said that, barring any related security issues, he hopes to have full internet access on the mobile data computer (MDC) in Manhattan Beach Fire Department's new battalion chief vehicle via a wireless air card, at a cost of \$50.00 per month.

Personnel Training Manager Agee confirmed that she will ask Information Services Manager Laquet to contact Battalion Chief Shuck.

4f. Personnel Training Manager Agee asked the member cities' fire departments for updated PIO call-out lists.

4g. Battalion Chief Shuck affirmed that there have been no problems with the run cards pertaining to the L.A. County Fire Department/Manhattan Beach Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement.

4h. Communications Supervisor Stevens distributed Recall Lists and asked the member cities' fire departments to make any corrections and fax back to the Authority.

4i. Assistant Chief Gomez mentioned that there will be a critique of the recent fire at Sharkey's on Wednesday, June 7th. He voiced his regrets that Executive Director Mailloux is unable to attend.

4j. Assistant Chief Gomez advised those present about modifications being made to Pier Avenue from Valley to Hermosa Avenue.

4k. Assistant Chief Gomez noted that the Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) tournament will be in Hermosa Beach on June 9, 10 and 11, 2006.

4l. Battalion Chief Shuck shared information about the recent drowning at Polliwog Park. He emphasized the importance of unified command between the Fire Department, Police Department and County Lifeguards.

4m. Battalion Chief Shuck related his understanding that Manhattan Beach Fire Department's new Engine 21 will be in service in the near future.

4n. Battalion Chief Shuck advised the following with regard to Manhattan Beach's new public safety facility: there will be a VIP grand opening on Thursday, July 29th, a grand opening for City employees and those who worked on the building on Friday, July 30th, and one for the public on Saturday, July 1st; the Manhattan Beach Fire Department is scheduled to move into their new quarters on July 6th; the Manhattan Beach Police Department is scheduled to move into their new facility on July 8th; and the Fire Department will need the Authority's assistance in connecting radios, etc. Addresses will be as follows:

Manhattan Beach Fire Department
400 – 15th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Manhattan Beach Police Department
420 – 15th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

4o. Battalion Chief Shuck reported that the L.A. County Medic Alert Center (MAC), whose mission is to coordinate multi-casualty incidents, will give a briefing at the next Area G Ops Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, 0900, at El Segundo Fire Department. He invited a representative from the Authority to attend the meeting.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 8, 2006, 1:30 p.m.