

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Fire Task Force convened at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, in the second floor conference room of the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority, 4440 W. Broadway, Hawthorne, CA.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Captain Shawn Bonfield, El Segundo Fire Department  
Battalion Chief Frank Chiella, Manhattan Beach Fire Department  
Chief David Lantzer, Hermosa Beach Fire Department  
Acting Chief Ken Shuck, Manhattan Beach Fire Department

Absent: None.

Also Present: Executive Director Ralph Mailloux  
Administration Manager Bonnie Agee  
Technical Services Manager Jose Rivera  
Councilman Carl Jacobson, City of El Segundo

2. **ACTION ITEMS**

2a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 3, 2011\***

The Fire Task Force minutes of March 1, 2011 were approved as written, with Acting Chief Shuck abstaining.

2b. **STATUS FOR EL SEGUNDO FIRE INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE & COST**

Technical Services Manager Rivera advised that the most effective solution to improve El Segundo's coverage on Fire 1 appears to be P25 simulcast technology, for which the hardware at the member cities' radio transmit/receive sites is poised. Mr. Rivera reviewed the components necessary to accomplish P25 simulcasting. He anticipated that this project will take at least one year to complete. Relating concerns over the lack of space for additional equipment at Pacific Corporate Towers, Technical Services Manager Rivera suggested exploring other avenues, such as partnering with Chevron to share a shelter on the roof. He clarified that a cost estimate for this project should be available in approximately one month; that, in this case, "simulcast" means multiple sites at the same time using P25 analog formatting; that mobile repeaters instead of simulcasting are not an option for a larger infrastructure; that P25

simulcasting would be a system-wide solution; and that Redondo Beach Fire Department is in the prime coverage area.

Battalion Chief Chiella noted that the ultimate goal is for all of the member fire departments to be on all of the channels and he suggested that the cost of additional equipment needed to make updates to simulcast on Fire 2 and Fire 3 should be retained for future reference.

Executive Director Mailloux pointed out for Acting Chief Shuck that some grant funding might be available for this project. He described the steps necessary to accomplish P25 simulcasting; estimated that it could take at least one year to complete; and affirmed that a temporary fix, such as using Fire 3 instead of Fire 1, might be possible until the P25 project can be funded.

2c. **STATUS FOR PROGRAMMING EL SEGUNDO FIRE RADIOS (PORTABLE & MOBILE)**

Technical Services Manager Rivera related El Segundo Fire Department's desire for the complete TICP in their mobile and portable radios.

Executive Director Mailloux explained the radio re-programming process. He confirmed that it will also be necessary to re-program radios when the conversion to narrow banding is made.

2d. **STATUS OF CHEVRON FIRE'S ABILITY TO TALK WITH RCC**

Technical Services Manager Rivera advised that a test at Chevron is scheduled today and, assuming the test is successful, Authority staff will look into what must be done to integrate one of Chevron's radios into the dispatch center.

3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Mailloux reported on the status of the following: the negotiations with the Teamsters' bargaining group; the issue with an El Segundo Police Department motor officer having difficulty communicating with the dispatch center during a recent pursuit; the City of Inglewood's and Compton's interest in the Authority providing their 9-1-1 emergency services; and the reductions to the Authority's FY 2011-2012 Budget made by the Executive Committee. Director Mailloux shared information on the CAD-to-CAD project, including Redondo Beach Fire Department's lack of interest related thereto. He advised that Authority staff will further research the specifics of the CAD-to-CAD project and stressed the importance of Redondo Beach Fire Department's involvement.

#### 4. ROUND TABLE

4a. Battalion Chief Chiella mentioned that, should the member fire departments run out of rescues, Manhattan Beach Fire Department is willing to send one.

Executive Director Mailloux pointed out that, because the run cards are difficult to modify, it is important to discuss this topic and make a determination as soon as possible in that changes to the run cards will be completed in the near future.

Acting Chief Shuck related his understanding that several cities are not committed to the station order on the run cards.

Chief Lantzer voiced his impression that the purpose of the station order list is to provide direction for the communications operators.

4b. Executive Director Mailloux advised that the Authority is going to be Culver City's new PSAP back-up.

4c. Executive Director Mailloux explained his lack of involvement in pursuing Redondo Beach's return to the Authority.

Acting Chief Shuck pondered why Redondo Beach Fire Department is not being encouraged to return to the Authority, particularly in light of the poor economy.

4d. Executive Director Mailloux provided information on Tiburon's fix for the paging call outs. He indicated that the capability to notify smart phones of various calls should be completed in approximately one month.

4e. Technical Services Manager Rivera reminded the member agencies that parts are no longer available for the Datalux mobile data computers (MDCs). He advised that the Authority will only replace MDCs which are completely broken.

Battalion Chief Chiella commented on the need to develop a MDC replacement plan and he requested replacement recommendations from Authority staff.

Captain Bonfield related El Segundo Fire Departments interest in Tough Books.

4f. Acting Chief Shuck mentioned that Manhattan Beach Fire Department did not receive a FEMA fire grant to replace portable radios.

4g. Acting Chief Shuck indicated that a presentation about LA-RICS at a recent L.A. Fire Chiefs' meeting sparked his interest in the program. He asked that those who gave the presentation be invited to provide the information to Authority and member agencies' staff.

Executive Director Mailloux recommended that both the Police and Fire Task Forces, as well as Culver City Police Chief Don Pedersen (whose opinion about LA-RICS is very different than Acting Chief Shuck's), be involved in discussions about LA-RICS.

4h. Captain Bonfield related his understanding that El Segundo Fire 3 is to be called "El Segundo Ops."

Battalion Chief Chiella recalled that, for simplicity purposes, the Fire Task Force previously agreed to Fire 1, Fire 2 and Fire 3.

4i. Chief Lantzer confirmed his intent to notify the South Bay Operations Committee that the Authority would like a representative from the Authority to attend their meetings.

4j. Administration Manager Agee noted an incident currently in progress in El Segundo involving Green Peace hanging banners and station move-ups from Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach.

## 5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. to Tuesday, July 12, 2011, 8:30 a.m.