

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Police Task Force convened in a regular session at 8:40 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2009, in the second floor conference room of the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority, 4440 W. Broadway, Hawthorne, CA.

ROLL CALL

Present: Officer Mike Frilot, Hermosa Beach Police Department
Sgt. Mark Mason, Manhattan Beach Police Department
Sgt. Steve Prendergast, Gardena Police Department
Lt. Mike Saffell, Gardena Police Department
Sgt. Raul Saldana, Hermosa Beach Police Department
Lt. Gary Tomatani, Hawthorne Police Department

Absent: None.

Also Present: Executive Director Ralph Mailloux
Administration Manager Bonnie Agee
Operations Manager Shannon Kauffman
Technical Services Manager Jose Rivera
Staff Services John Krok

2. **ACTION ITEMS**

2a. **Approval of Police Task Force Minutes – February 26, 2009**

The Police Task Force minutes of February 26, 2009 were approved as written.

3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Mailloux reported on the following: the Executive Committee's approval of the Authority's Preliminary 2009-2010 Budget, which is approximately 9% less than last year's; the Authority's mission for the member agencies' police, fire and parking and animal control departments to eventually operate on the UHF spectrum; the status of the Manhattan Beach Water Tower, Punta Place and Manhattan Beach Pier Infrastructure Upgrade Projects; the status of repairs to the generator shared by the Authority and Hawthorne Police Department to remedy exhaust affecting the

Department; the upcoming examination for Communications Supervisor and the status of the hiring process for new Communications Operators; the idea of adding another console in the communications center; and the upcoming Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) meeting to elect their first Board of Directors.

4. **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

4a. Lt. Tomatani reported on upcoming promotions at Hawthorne Police Department

4b. Lt. Tomatani asked that latent narcotics calls in Hawthorne be broadcast over the air so that Hawthorne Police Department's helicopter will receive the information to help scatter the suspects rather than draining manpower in sending officers to the location.

It was agreed that Gardena, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach will continue to be notified of latent narcotics calls via the mobile data computers (MDCs).

4d. Lt. Tomatani provided a DVD on Class 1, 2 and 3 terrorist hits for viewing by the communications operators.

4e. Technical Services Manager Rivera related the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) group's desire for input on the member departments' anticipated mobile data needs for the next five to ten years.

The Police Task Force representatives will discuss this with their departments and provide feedback to Authority staff.

4f. Technical Services Manager Rivera and Administration Manager Agee advised that a Tiburon patch to correct the time on some of the MDC clocks that did not change with daylight savings will be loaded onto the units when repairs are made.

4g. Sgt. Saldana provided updated information on upcoming promotions, hiring and training at Hermosa Beach Police Department.

4h. Sgt. Prendergast noted Gardena DUI checkpoints on March 27th and April 17th.

4i. Sgt. Prendergast asked that the Communications Operators check with a Sergeant before assuming units are End of Watch.

4j. Sgt. Prendergast advised that, during a critical incident open door burglary investigation, a 1033 was not initiated and a Communications Operator accepted non-emergent traffic.

4k. Sgt. Prendergast voiced concern that the Communications Center was notified about a 459 Vehicle in Torrance, but it was not broadcast to field units and, when Gardena subsequently stopped the vehicle without any knowledge of the incident, the suspect was released.

4l. Lt. Saffell related his understanding that an unidentified individual is making inappropriate comments on the Hawthorne and Gardena frequency.

Lt. Tomatani indicated that the identifier for the radio used by this individual coincides with one stolen from Hawthorne Police Department.

Technical Services Manager Rivera verified that staff will look into this situation.

4m. Technical Services Manager Rivera provided information on plans to re-program Gardena's Frequency 3 and the Parking and Animal Control channel.

5. **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.