

**Training Committee Meeting  
October 8th, 2015 at 0830/Station 1  
Minutes**

**-Roll Call/Attendees:** DC Waldron, BC Mailes, BC de Ponce, Pighetti, Martinez, Waters, Porter, Romo, and Siegel

**-Old Business**

DC Waldron started the meeting stating that he felt the past hiring process was the best he has seen in his 30 year career. He wanted to thank all involved, from the hiring process to the academy instructor cadre. A BIG Thank you to all. "Your efforts and involvement do not go unnoticed."

BC de Ponce took the floor to go over the JAC program. Stating that he will retain the JAC program and will be the Committee Chair. The JAC is a partnership between labor and management with equal voting rights. Chief McElroy and President Tieso must agree with the committee for any funds to be used. Current members of management include de Ponce, Mailes, Waldron, and McElroy. Current members of labor include Tieso, Denton, Romo, and Waters. The JAC Sub-Committee is required to meet annually. The meeting will take place during the December Training Committee starting in 2016. The change has been added to the Training Committee SOP T-IX-6.

The Training Committee would like to remind all participants to log your JAC training hours.

The JAC Sub-committee has voted unanimously to approve using \$40,000 of JAC funds to put towards the purchase of the Drager Burn Props. Santa Barbara County Fire Department has also voted to match the \$40,000 from their JAC fund.

Captain Pighetti presented an update for the Drager Burn Prop. The funds have been secured.

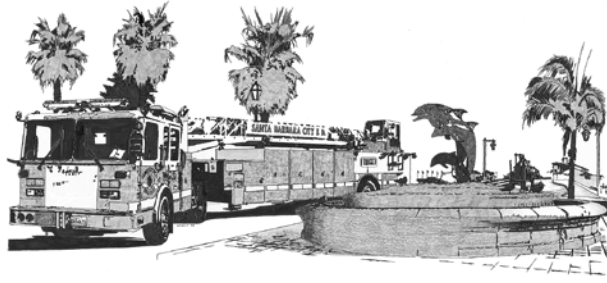
- \$40,000 (SBFD JAC)
- \$40,000 (SBCOFD JAC)
- \$25,000 (Montecito Fire)
- \$150,000 (Grant)
- \$120,000 (City of SB Capital Improvement Funds)

The props are currently being built in Chino California with a delivery date of November 9<sup>th</sup>. The site prep work is to be completed by November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Training dates will be put together for a class provided by Drager. Instructors from SBFD, SBCOFD, and MFD will be asked to attend.

The training division is currently working on the SOP for the new prop. LACOFD and VCOFD have been helpful in putting together the SOP and training materials.

A second training will be scheduled with SBFD instructors prior to rolling out a department wide training program. The department wide training will include the Flashover prop, and then a tactical hoseline advancement exercise in the Fire Attack Phase 5 prop.



#### Current Los Banos Swim Hours

- Current Magic hours – Monday through Friday from 0900-0945
- No swimming on October 20<sup>th</sup>, or November 17<sup>th</sup>
- Require a minimum of two LG certified individuals in the facility. An engine company qualifies, two rescue swimmers training off duty qualifies, two lifeguards training qualifies, or a harbor patrol officer when any one of the other users is in the facility

Captain Pighetti recapped the Academy and answered questions that came up during or shortly after the graduation. It was suggested we continue to look at staffing a Logistic/Safety position with vehicle, this position was very helpful covering safety, logistics, proctoring, and overall assistant. We need to put together a cache of extra equipment (gloves, SCOTTs, other needs) prior to the start of the academy. This academy due to the changeover of SCOTTs we ran short most of the academy. Gloves were an issue, we did try a newer style glove that seemed to work better under the stress of daily use.

Lesson plans need to be continually updated to stay current with SOP changes. If SOP changes are needed it would need to happen prior to the start of the academy to stay somewhat consistent. Now is the time to look at making the needed changes. Please contact Captain Pighetti if you are interested in changing SOPs.

The question came up for meals/lunches. It will remain the responsibility of the instructors to provide for meals. The City will continue to offer fluids for hydration.

There was concern from many of running an academy during the summer months. Overall the academy went according to the schedule, other than being two weeks shorter. There was one instructor who did take an out of town strike team assignment while committed to the academy. It was handled very professionally. When first offered the assignment the instructor did say no, stating the academy was the priority. Thank you. But, once the list was exhausted the instructor was asked again, and with the support of the training division the instructor did the right thing and responded to the assignment. The lesson was covered and the academy went on.

The Training Division would like to thank everyone for the support throughout.

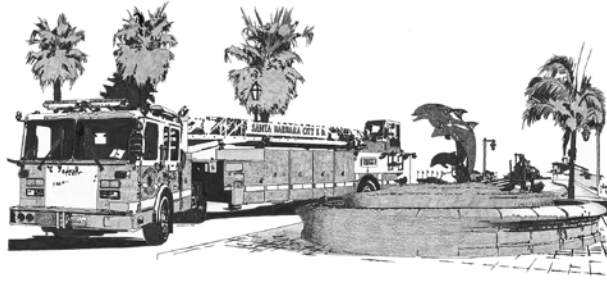
#### **-New Business**

Request to look into going to a 4” suction on the Engineer’s Panel. A working group was established to look at the change of replacing the 2 ½” suctions on the engineer’s panel with a single 4” suction. The working group will also continue to look into 50’ sections of 4” for top 200’ of the hoseload. Issues the working will look at include but limited to the following: access to the scene with 4”, changing the go to SFL to 4”, driving over charged 4”, and relay pumping. The working group consists of Romo, Martinez, Waters, Siegel, and Porter. A detailed report will be ready for the next scheduled Training Committee in December.

A Request to look into loading the 150’ pre-connect same as the 275’/loop at 50’ was tabled by the Committee.

The idea of ordering future monitors with 4” connections was discussed. More information needed.

Monitors with dual 2 ½” hose lines are to be looped in front of the monitor and tied behind with the monitor secured to the loop with a strap. The SOP will be revised with pictures to illustrate the procedure.



Is the Hose Clamp an out dated piece of equipment? Do we spend way too much time on the Hose Clamp in the academy for something we don't use? These questions will be researched and discussed at the next meeting. The suggestion is to eliminate the use of the Hose Clamp on Single Forward Lays, keeping the Hose Clamp for extraordinary circumstances.

The recommendation to load the 275' with all blue hose was brought to the Training Committee. This would change the 275' to a 300' pre-connect with the last 75' still in the bundle. This idea is to be discussed and researched with a report due next meeting.

### **-Open Forum**

There was a suggestion that the Training Committee look at changing some SOPs to SOGs. This will be asked at the staff level for input. The Training Committee will continue to look at this request.

Clarification for AE driver training was requested. There is a difference from Driving Experience and Role Playing the position. If an AE candidate is looking for driving experience it is up to the Captain to set trigger points of when the assigned Engineer is take back the responsibility of driving. If an AE candidate would like to Role Play it needs to follow the directions of the Task Book and be supported by the Captain and Duty BC.

The AC Simulator is in need of consistency. The Training Committee has asked the Training Division to look at making changes to the SOPs to support a more consistent script and guideline for size-up, assignments, and the command role. This is an ongoing project that will involve Staff support.

After returning from assignment a new way of loading our green wildland hose packs has been suggested. It is called the Ozina Pack, where the hose is flat loaded in the bag. The direction of the Training Committee was to research and develop a plan for review at the next meeting in December.

The two year commitment to the Training Committee ends at the end of 2015. If interested in joining the Training Committee please email your requests to the Training Captain. Current members wishing to continue may request another two years as well. The intention is to have a total of 6 members, two from each shift. Send your requests prior to November 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **-Upcoming Training Events**

- Ongoing AE/AC/ABC Testing
- Driver Operator 1A/November 2-6
- Engineer's Promotional Exam/November 9-13
- Rookie Testing/December 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>
- AR – 339 Division/Group Supervisor – All Risk/January 11-13, 2016 in Montecito

### **Next Meeting Scheduled**

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015