

California Fire Mechanics Association Newsletter



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LATEST NCFMA MEETING MINUTES:

Date: 12-13-2018

Location: Valley Power Systems
855 Stillwater Rd, West Sacramento, CA 95695

Officers Present: Rick N, Jack R, Mike G, Steve S

Officers Absent: Fred Y.

Officials Present: Tony B.

President's Report: 3 NCFMA fire mechanics have been deployed to the wildland fires this past 2018 fire season which is big progress compared to previous years. NCFMA mechanics still need to follow through with department requirements and FireScope to become certified and available in R.O.S.S ordering system. A big thank you to Cal Chief's in supporting the mechanic association in sending fire mechanics as part of the mutual aid system within the state.

- NFPA 1071 going into effect. If your department uses outside vendors, they must be certified for the type of repair being completed: fire pumps, aerial testing or repair, brakes, etc.
- Cal Chief meeting coming up in January 2019 in Sacramento.
- NFPA tire rule did not change due to the lack of feedback to NFPA. The 7 year tire replacement is still in effect.

1st Vice President:

- Thanks to O'Reilly's Auto Parts for donating the floor jack for the December raffle.
- Check out "First Call" at O'Reilly's, it's the commercial division that's very helpful in delivering parts in a timely fashion.

2nd Vice President: 2019 NCFMA Training Schedule

- February 21, 2019 AG Transmission in Oakdale for Allison transmissions
- April 18, 2019 change to April 2, 2019 for business meeting only at mechanics academy.
- June 20, 2019 Hi-Tech Fire Apparatus in Oakdale for possible 2 day bracke class.
- Aug 15, 2019 Golden State Fire in Sacramento, Pierce training TBA
- Oct 17, 2019 Burton Fire in Modesto, possible AC class
- Dec 12, 2019 Valley Power in West Sacramento, training TBA

-Still have \$15 T-shirts and \$5 stickers for sale, looking to make NCFMA hats for members

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Treasurer: We have closed the Wells Fargo bank account and currently have everything in the Firefighter First Credit Union, a Fire Mechanic Vendor since 2017.

Current Membership stands at: 76 regular members (27 New); 36 Lifetime; 13 Vendors; 17 Comp/Political.

-Motion to accept treasurer's report -- Dave, 2nd -- Scott -- motion passes

Secretary: None

Academy Report: Spring 2019 academy registration is open, please use online registration. Academy dates are March 31, 2019 through April 5, 2019. Fall academy will be in Riverside again during the 1st week of November.

-Chief Joe Pastori retired as of 12-15-2018 with 36 years at North County Fire. Congratulations, enjoy retirement!

NFPA: No major changes to discuss.

Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept October 2018 meeting minutes, Motion - Rob A., 2nd - Bill, passes with 100%.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ford recalls over 500,000 vehicles for auto seat belt retractors catching fire.

-Cummins engine recall for ISB, ISC, ICL engines 2010-2015 related to the after treatment issues.

-Beverly Hills Fire Dept put out an article regarding to Renewable Diesel Use.

-Smoke testing, keep records, make sure equipment is up to date and technician is certified to perform smoke test. Fire departments are not exempt from CARB.

-Fire mechanic association scholarship deadline is December 31, 2018

Good of the Order: None

Vendors Present: Wattco -- Vic
Boise Fire Equipment -- Glen
Valley Power System -- Ernie
Bulygo & Associates -- Tony B.

Training: Renewable Diesel by NESTE MY, Thank you to NESTE MY and Van De Pol for the training and Valley Power for hosting another great training.

Total number of attendees who signed in: 53

Next meeting location:

February 21, 2019

AG Transmission for Allison transmission training.

1155 Post Rd, Oakdale CA 95361

Completed by Mike Gutierrez 2nd VP NCFMA

SCFMA
MEETING
MINUTES**LATEST SCFMA MEETING MINUTES:****SCFMA Minutes****12/18/18****Location: City of Long Beach Fleet Services**

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Southern California Fire Mechanics Association was called to order by presiding President, George Solano at 1000hrs.

Officers Present: George Solano.	President
Carlos Alcaraz	1 st Vice President
Chris Marangakis	2 nd Vice President
Mike Grenert.	Treasurer
John Williams.	Recording Secretary

Officers Absent: none

Officials Present: Sam Domenic, Chaplin
Anthony Bulygo, North & South Liaison

Officials Absent: none**Presidents call to order:** (start the recorder) George Solano 10:15am**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Anthony Bulygo.**Invocation:** Sam Domenic, read a prophesy from the Book of Isaiah.**Recognition of Military Service:** Anthony Bulygo

Welcome from the Host: Superintendent of Maintenance, Eric Winterset, welcomed the group and spoke about the City of Long Beach Fleet Services, the facility, some of their challenges.

Self-Introductions (Roll Call): All present introduced themselves.**Business Meeting:**

- 1. Approval of past minutes:** October's meeting minutes-motion to approve by Sam, seconded by Armand, approved unanimously
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** Mike Grenert presented the Treasurer's Report, motion was made to approve, seconded, and approved. Mike also announced challenge coins for sale.
- 3. Vice President Report**
 - 1st VP:** Carlos Alcaraz announced that January's meeting will be held at Performance Truck in Azusa. February's will be held at K & N Filters
 - 2nd VP:** Chris Maragakis spoke about exposure reports
- 4. Secretary's Report:** John Williams apologized for being behind on meeting minutes. Asked for co-operation with email/roster updates.

Updates:

See the Minutes in the attachments later in this newsletter

- 5. **Reports from Standing Committee:** Tony Bulygo spoke about NFPA 1071, Cummins “acceleration management” settings Ford recalls
- 6. **Unfinished Business:** none
- 7. **New Business:** President George Solano made an “End of the Year Speech”

Adjournment of Business Meeting (President requested a motion from the floor to adjourn): 10:45

Once motions are made President adjourns meeting and Secretary turns off the recorder.

President: White Elephant Gift Exchange raffle performed by Treasurer, Mike Grenert

2nd Vice President introduces training program presenter: Shop Tour of Long Beach Fleet Services was given by Secretary, John Williams

1st Vice President announces Lunch: provided by President, George Solano

Recall (Continuance of program if necessary)

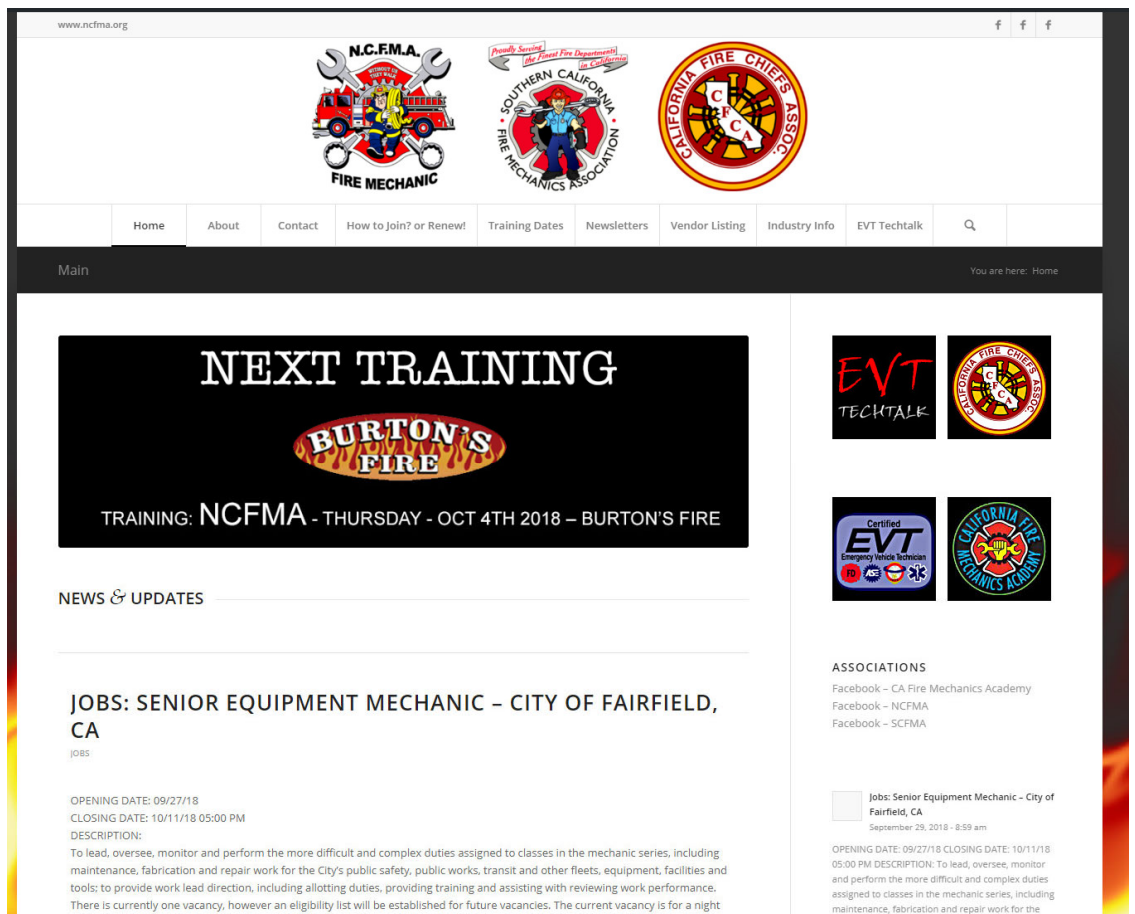
Meeting Minutes for September 2018 and October 2018 are also included in this Newsletter

SHOP TALK:

List of Articles and Information Attached with this Newsletter:

- **Upcoming Trainings**
- **SCFMA Additional Meeting Minutes**
- **Please see the website for the latest recall updates and safety info**
- **Vendor List – Thank you for your support**

Please submit the info you find and want to share with the NCFMA and the SCFMA to: Tony@ncfma.org



Please see our fully redesigned website now available at:

www.ncfma.org and www.californiafiremechanics.com

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE?

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BULLETIN BOARD: <http://www.evta.info/forums/>

Upcoming Meetings

<p>NCFMA NEXT TRAINING:</p> <p>June 20, 2019 – “Brake Class” 0900-1500 hrs Hi-Tech - 444 Greger St. Oakdale, CA 95367</p> <p>FUTURE TRAINING DATES:</p> <p>August 15, 2019 –“Training TBA” 0900-1500 hrs - Golden State Fire</p> <p>October 17, 2019 –“Training TBA” 0900-1500 hrs Burton’s Fire</p> <p>December 12, 2019 – “Training TBA” 0900-1500 hrs Valley Power System 855 Stillwater Rd. West Sacramento, CA 95605</p>	<p>SCFMA NEXT TRAINING:</p> <p>Tuesday May 21st 2019</p> <p>9am Start</p> <p>LOCATION:</p> <p>Southern California Fire Services Inc. Training Symposium & EVT Testing on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 1215 Fee Ana St. Anaheim, CA 92807</p>
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CURRENT LIST OF SUPPORTERS FOR THE EVT TechTalk Bulletin Board:

www.evttechtalk.com

NCFMA - Washington Fire Mechanics – CFCA – SCFMA - OAEVT - Oklahoma Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians
Ohio Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians (OAEVT) - EVTA of BC – Emergency Vehicle Technicians Association of
British Columbia

Personal Supporters:

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County Fire Department (CA) - Clyde Holland – Arizona - Bruce Marriott of Cosumnes CSD Fire Department
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To add your association or Group please see the forums

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Time to Renew:

Please take a moment to renew now.

We have split California in half at approximately the Bakersfield line, if you are below Bakersfield, please download and join the Southern California Fire Mechanics Association. If you are above Bakersfield, please fill out and join the Northern California Fire Mechanics Association. If you have any questions please contact us and we can clear up any confusion.

NCFMA Membership Application – [Click Here to Download](#)

SCFMA Membership Application – [Member Application 2018](#)

After completing the form - please mail your application and payment to the address on the form.

Here is what you get for your low annual membership:

- Our Newsletter full of informative update info, TSB's, recalls and other information that directly affects your day to day work.
- Links and information on upcoming training classes
- Association meetings with free food!
- Access to the members area on this website
- Membership into one of the fastest growing Fire Mechanic Associations in the nation.
- The ability to ask technical questions to the association via our bulletin board or mailing list (Coming Soon!)
- And much more!

Please join today and tell your fellow mechanics - Our membership is bolstered by personal references from those in our service.

Fill out the form and send to the address on form.

Please download, fill out, and mail your application to the address on the form.

You can also pay online by clicking the links below:

When applying online - Please include all of your contact information with your payment

Click this link to Renew or Join Online:

<http://www.ncfma.org/news/how-to-join/>

About Our Organization

The Northern California Fire Mechanics' Association is a section of the California Fire Chiefs' Association. Our membership consists of government and private sector mechanics, who service and maintain fire service vehicles, emergency vehicles and equipment. Our goals are to inform the fire service mechanic, provide a forum for maintenance problems and solutions, and provide training.

We hold bi-monthly meetings in February, April, June, August, October and December. Through these meetings we provide updated information on current maintenance issues and the latest equipment available. It also is an opportunity for mechanics to share their problems and solutions to problems that they are experiencing.

Member Vendors are also present to assist and inform the members on the latest products and maintenance information.

Training classes are presented to update mechanics and help prepare for re-certification through Continuing Education (CE) credits when applicable.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our individual and vendor members and the contributions they make to the Northern California Fire Mechanics' Association.

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