

# MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Operations Committee Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023  
12 Noon**

**Regional Fire Operations and Training Center  
Classroom One  
1 Fire Authority Road  
Irvine, CA 92602**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Operations Committee was called to order on August 8, 2023, at 12:04 p.m. by Vice Chair Joe Kalmick.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Kalmick led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach, Vice Chair  
Chris Duncan, San Clemente  
Anne Hertz-Mallari, Cypress  
John O'Neill, Garden Grove  
Dave Shawver, Stanton

**ABSENT** Bob Ruesch, Mission Viejo

Vince Rossini, Villa Park

## **Also present were:**

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy  
Deputy Chief TJ McGovern  
Assistant Chief Rob Capobianco  
Assistant Chief Tim Perkins  
Director of Communications Matt Olson  
David Kendig, General Counsel

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller  
Assistant Chief Lori Smith  
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane  
Assistant Chief Shane Sherwood  
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar

**1. PRESENTATION (FILE 12.02F1)**

Deputy Chief TJ McGovern provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Operations Quarterly Update. He concluded his comments in remembrance of CAL FIRE Assistant Chief Josh Bischof, Fire Captain Tim Rodriguez, and pilot Tony Sousa, who died while engaged in a firefighting operation two days earlier.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Director O' Neill and second by Director Duncan approved 5-0 by consensus Agenda Item No.2A (Directors Ruesch and Rossini absent).

**A. Minutes for the Operations Committee Meetings (FILE 12.02F2)**

The record will reflect that any Director not in attendance at the meeting of the Minutes will be registered as an abstention, unless otherwise indicated.

Action: Approve the Minutes for the May 9, 2023, Regular Meeting as submitted.

**3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**A. Introduction to the Emergency Command Center (FILE 12.02F1)**

Deputy Chief TJ McGovern introduced Division Chief Kevin Fetterman who provided a site tour of the Emergency Command Center.

On motion of Director Hertz-Mallari and second by Director O'Neill approved 5-0 by consensus (Directors Ruesch and Rossini absent) to receive and file the report.

**REPORTS**

No items.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Vice Chair Kalmick adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m. in memory of CAL FIRE's Assistant Chief Josh Bischof, Captain Tim Rodriguez, and contract pilot Tony Sousa, who died in a midair collision while working on the Broadway Fire in Riverside, California, August 6. The next regular meeting of the Operations Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.



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Maria D. Huizar, CMC  
Clerk of the Authority