



NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2024

# SOUTHERN CA ASSOC OF FORESTERS & FIRE WARDENS

## OFFICERS

2023-2024

PRESIDENT	DAVE FOWLER	SLU
1ST VICE PRES.	TREVOR JOHNSON	VNC
2ND VICE PRES.	NATHAN JUDY	CNF
SECRETARY	TIM CHAVEZ	CDF (R)
TREASURER	PHIL JOHNSON	ORC (R)

## DIRECTORS

ANF	TIM DUNFEE
BDF	MATT AHEARN
BDU	JASON MAHAN
CSR	BROOK SPELMAN
KRN	ANDREW KENNISON
LAC	DREW SMITH
LFD	GUY TOMLINSON
LPF	CHRIS SCOTT
ORC	NATHAN ARELLANO
RRU	JASON MCDERMOTT
SBC	BRENT MANFRED
SCE	TROY WHITMAN
SDU	JOSH BLACK
SQF	JERRY OLSON
VENDOR REP.	VACANT
ARRANGEMENTS CHAIR	DOUG LANNON
SAFETY CHAIR	DON FORSYTH
LIAISON CHAIR	DAN SNOW

***Minutes of the Board of  
Directors meeting of the  
Southern California Assoc of  
Foresters and Fire Wardens***

***February 2, 2024  
Agoura Hills, CA***

**AN ASSOCIATION DEDICATED TO THE TRAINING AND SAFETY  
OF SOUTHERN CA WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS SINCE 1930**





***We, the members of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens, do band together for the purpose of strengthening interagency cooperation, fire safety coordination, and fellowship.***

## CONTACT US

 **scaffw@gmail.com**

***Did you change your email address?***

***Please remember to contact us at scaffw@gmail.com and let us know, so you don't miss any newsletters or other important info***

## FOLLOW US ON



**@SCAFFW**

## MAILING ADDRESS

**SCAFFW**

c/o Tim Chavez  
25268 Howard Dr.  
Hemet, CA 92544

## VISIT SCAFFW.ORG





# WILDLAND FIRE TRAINING & SAFETY CONFERENCE



**MAY 2-3, 2024**  
**OAK GLEN, CA**

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Brian Billick (former NFL Head Coach)

## PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE

A review of the 2023 Canadian wildfires, lessons learned from Lahaina, and many more



**REGISTER NOW!**  
**[www.scaffw.org](http://www.scaffw.org)**



**SOUTHERN CA ASSOCIATION OF FORESTERS & FIRE WARDENS**  
**PROTECTING CALIFORNIA SINCE 1930**

# **THURSDAY MAY 2ND, 2024**

## **0900 – OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**

**WELCOME: PRESIDENT DAVE FOWLER, BATTALION CHIEF, CAL FIRE SLU**

- PRESENTATION OF COLORS – ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY HONOR GUARD
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DIRECTOR TROY WHITMAN, SO CAL EDISON
- INVOCATION – JIM COOK, CAL FIRE (RET.)
- BELL CEREMONY – ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY HONOR GUARD
- SAFETY – DIRECTOR DON FORSYTH, OCFA (RET.)
- VENDOR INTRODUCTION – DIRECTOR NATHAN JUDY, USFS CLEVELAND NF

**INTRO OF PROGRAM, MASTER OF CEREMONIES – JOHN TRIPP, LAC (RET.)**

## **0930 – KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**BRIAN BILICK (FORMER NFL COACH, SUPER BOWL CHAMPION)**

## **1030 – BREAK**

## **1045 – IMPORTANCE OF SCAFFW**

## **1100 – 2023 LAHAINA WILDFIRES**

**MICHAEL WALKER**

## **1145 – ALERT CALIFORNIA CAMERAS/AI DIVISION –**

**CHIEF ZACK CHIEF WELLS KCFD**

## **1215 – LUNCH**

## **1300 – RAFFLE**

## **1315 – “SNOWMAGEDDON” SAN BERNADINO COUNTY WINTER STORMS**

## **1400 – BEU MODEL 34 ENGINE BURNOVER –**

**MIKE SHATER FEM1 & DUSTIN CHRISINGER CAL FIRE BDU**

## **1500 – BREAK**

## **1515 – INAJA FIRE REVIEW**

**CARLTON JOSEPH (USFS RET.)**

## **1600 – SOCIAL/NETWORKING HOUR**

## **1800 – DINNER**

## **1900 – ENTERTAINMENT**



## **FRIDAY MAY 3RD, 2024**

**0700 – BREAKFAST**

**0800 – FIRE SEASON OUTLOOK**

DAVE GOMBERG NWS LOX & DREW SMITH AC/FBAN LAC

**0830 – FIREFIGHTER TRACKING SYSTEMS**

**0900 – 75 YEARS MANN GULCH FIRE**

KEN KREMENSKY & JIM COOK

**1000 – BREAK**

**1015 – 2023 CANADIAN WILDFIRES**

DUSTIN MUELLER USFS/ INCIDENT COMMANDER CIIMT 5

**1100 – RAFFLE**

**1115 – TUSTIN HANGAR FIRE REVIEW**

BATTALION CHIEF MIKE MORGANSTERN OCFA

**1145 – PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT**

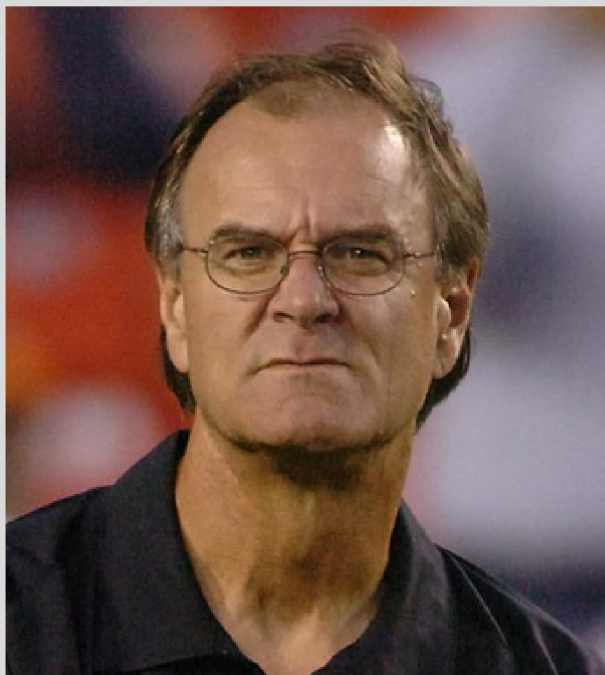
**CLOSING BUSINESS**

**GARY HELMING SCHOLARSHIP**

**KNOTHEAD AWARD**

**1200 – END OF CONFERENCE/LUNCH**





## Keynote Speaker

### Brian Billick

Brian Harold Billick (born February 28, 1954) is an American former football coach and commentator. He was the offensive coordinator for the Minnesota Vikings from 1994 to 1998; the team broke the NFL scoring record in the 1998 season. He then spent nine seasons as head coach of the Baltimore Ravens from January 19, 1999 to December 31, 2007.

On January 28, 2001, Billick won Super Bowl XXXV as the Ravens' head coach in a 34–7 victory over the New York Giants. It was the Ravens' first Super Bowl appearance. He was inducted into the Baltimore Ravens Ring of Honor in 2019.

Billick, who played football and basketball at Redlands High School in Redlands, California, had his #17 jersey retired by the school in March 2001. He played both quarterback and cornerback and holds the state record with 21 career interceptions. Billick received All-Western Athletic Conference and honorable mention All-America honors in 1976 as a TE at Brigham Young University.

Billick began his coaching career in his hometown of Redlands, California, and served as a volunteer wide receivers coach for the University of Redlands football team (NAIA), under coach Frank Serrao. That season, he also split time as an assistant coach at Redlands High School.

Billick worked as a graduate assistant at Brigham Young for one season (1978) before joining the 49ers as the assistant director of public relations for two years (1979–1980).

He returned to coaching with San Diego State University, serving as the tight ends/ WRs coach and recruiting coordinator for five seasons (1981–1985) under Doug Scovil. After being named the offensive coordinator of Utah State University, Billick improved the second-worst offense in Division I-A into a top-10 offense in three seasons (1986–88).



Billick, following newly named Vikings head coach Denny Green, was hired as an assistant coach by the Vikings for the 1992 season. The Vikings made the playoffs during six of the seven seasons (1992–1998) that Billick spent with the team, and set several offensive records in the process. In 1998, Minnesota set an NFL record for most points scored in a season (556) (which has since been broken by the 2007 Patriots and the 2013 Broncos), and set a team record with 41 touchdown passes. His work under Minnesota head coach Dennis Green put Billick in the Bill Walsh coaching tree.

Billick became the second head coach in Baltimore Ravens history on January 20, 1999 when he was appointed to replace Ted Marchibroda. He had an 85–67 record in nine seasons (1999–2007) with the team, including 5–3 in the playoffs. He won a Super Bowl title in Super Bowl XXXV over the New York Giants.

In his first season with the Ravens, Billick led the team to its first non-losing record (8–8) in the franchise's four-year history.

The next season, the Ravens finished with a 12–4 record and earned their first playoff berth. The Ravens took advantage of their vaunted defense, which allowed an NFL record-low 165 points in the regular season during the playoffs to advance to Super Bowl XXXV against the New York Giants. It was a blowout 34–7 victory, giving Billick his only Super Bowl victory.



For his contributions to the organization, including leading them to their first Super Bowl victory, Billick would eventually be inducted into the Baltimore Ravens Ring of Honor on September 29, 2019.

When the Ravens were eliminated in the playoffs in 2003, Billick was used as a studio analyst by ABC Sports. Billick became a draft analyst for the NFL Network during the 2008 NFL Draft. Billick then became a game analyst for the NFL on Fox during the 2008 NFL season, working alongside Thom Brennaman. On NFL Network, Billick appeared alongside Dennis Green on The Coaches Show, as well as Sterling Sharpe and Brian Baldinger on Thursday and Friday editions of Playbook, the ultimate NFL “Xs and Os” program utilizing the same “all 22” game film that coaches and players use to preview upcoming games. He also serves as an analyst on NFL Network's signature show NFL Total Access and has provided on location analysis for the Network's coverage of the NFL Scouting Combine and NFL Draft. He often appeared on ESPN's Mike and Mike in the Morning to discuss football matchups and news.

Billick has written 5 books that include Finding the Winning Edge, with Bill Walsh, and most recently the Q Factor, about the difficulty in drafting NFL Quarterbacks.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOC of FORESTERS & FIRE WARDENS

## FEBRUARY 2, 2024 | AGOURA HILLS, CA

---

The meeting of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens was called to order by President Fowler at 0907 hours in Agoura Hills, California on February 2, 2024. A round of introductions were made. President thanked Directors Smith and Johnson for making the arrangements for the meeting and dinner.

### **Officers and Directors Present:**

Dave Fowler – President – CAL FIRE – San Luis Obispo Co.  
Trevor Johnson – First Vice President – Ventura County Fire Dept.  
Phil Johnson – Treasurer – Orange County Fire Authority (Retired)  
Tim Chavez – Secretary – CAL FIRE (Retired)  
Doug Lannon – CAL FIRE San Bernardino (Retired) – Arrangements Chair  
Drew Smith – Los Angeles County Fire Dept.  
Brook Spelman – CAL FIRE – Southern Region  
Dan Snow – San Bernardino National Forest (Retired) – Liaison Chair  
Don Forsyth – Orange County Fire Department (Retired) – Safety Chair  
Andrew Kennison – Kern County Fire Dept.  
Chris Scott – Los Padres National Forest  
Guy Tomlinson – Los Angeles Fire Dept.  
Brent Manfred – Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.  
Jason Mahan – CAL FIRE – San Bernardino Co.

### **Online:**

Troy Whitman – Southern California Edison  
Jason McDermott – CAL FIRE Riverside County  
Nathan Judy – Second Vice President – San Bernardino National Forest

### **Officers and Directors Absent:**

Nathan Arellano – Orange County Fire Department  
Tim Dunfee – Angeles National Forest  
Jerry Olson – Sequoia National Forest  
Josh Black – CAL FIRE – San Diego County  
Vacant – Vendor Representative

### **Guests:**

Dave Semple – CAL FIRE Southern Region HQ  
Chris Fry – Angeles National Forest (Sub for Dunfee)  
Samantha Conn – Los Angeles County Fire  
Megan Currier – Los Angeles County Fire  
Lawrence Muno – Los Angeles County Fire  
John Hawkins – CAL FIRE Retired & Life Member (online)

**Minutes:**

President Fowler presented the minutes of the December 2023 meeting. Motion by Lannon seconded by Forsyth, to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Phil Johnson presented his report covering Dec 7, 2023 to Feb 2, 2024

Balance as of (last meeting): \$51,623.63

Total Receipts: \$436.05

Total Disbursements: \$0.00

Balance on hand: \$52,059.68

Last year at this time: \$46,828.78

**TREASURERS HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS**

SCE Grant Application

Event Insurance Application

Annual IRS Tax Filing: COMPLETED

Motion by Director Lannon, second by T. Johnson to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was approved.

**Committee Reports****Arrangements:**

Arrangement Chairman Lannon reported the camp is ready, so far they have had no storm or flood damage. They are working on some ADA compliance issues like the Steps on the Crafts Room. Talked with the Tent vendor and they have the 20x40 tent available for \$810.40. The cabin leaks have been repaired. New Chefs have been hired.

The Oak Glen Steakhouse is fully open and ready for the Directors Dinner. Luther Glen is available for parking. ABC permit application will be submitted before the event. Crew for the Conference will be Kern County Fire (Director Kennison confirmed). Sam Conn will have the AV ready to go. Sam will have a wireless speaker and 2 remote mikes and lapel and earpiece mics. No need to rent this year. Will check on power on the Volleyball court for the vendors. Director Judy and Lannon will be checking out 2 camps in the Julian area for future conference venues. Gas and heaters are repaired in the Lodge and the cabins. Need to check on the shades in the Lodge and the signage for the Crew and Female Cabins. Director Smith advised that LA County may have a tent available to save on the rental.

**Exhibits and Demonstrations:**

Director Judy advised any directors that have a display to send suggestions to him as soon as possible. Lannon advised there will be 2 private Type 6 engines and he is checking on the Rancho Cucamonga Electric Engine. He also advised that Ember Defense has a trailer with a demo that could be set up in the ball field. Our vendor rep Ed Shabro passed last month so Judy will be checking in with the vendors. Tracy or Mystery Ranch has expressed interest in taking up the Vendor Rep position. Need to check the bylaws to see if that position is appointed or elected.



**Registration and Membership:**

Director Kennison is prepared for the registration. Web registration needs to be turned on soon. Treasurer Johnson advised that there was no need to increase the registration finance wise. The registrations will be \$150 and for vendors \$150 + 75 for second rep.

**Entertainment and Raffle:**

Director Spelman asked if the amount for the raffle would be the same as years past, \$2500. All agreed that the board had made that a policy. He said we would contact Pelican and Mystery Ranch for donations again but asked for an updated copy of the donation letter. Raffle tickets will again be the single ticket with all the numbers. Bingo and raffle materials are accounted for. We may try some new raffle types with bucket raffles for individual items. If Golf is re-instituted perhaps some raffle items for golfers.

**Publicity:**

Megan Currier is ready to use the social media ad buy for our conference, just waiting for speakers to be firmed up. Also, a poster/flyer format for social media and traditional posting. First ad will go out next week. Board members were reminded by Chairman Forsyth to contact the local fire departments in your county area and send them a copy of the flyer. Training Officers associations are a good contact for dissemination of information.

**Historian:**

Director Whitman had nothing to report. A history slide show would be great for the conference. Confirmed this will be the 92nd conference.

**Safety:**

Chairman Forsyth had nothing new to report at this time. Bottled drinking water and hand sanitizer will be added to the list as we did for last conference. Contact with BDU for medical stand by is underway. Insurance requirement for CHP to speak is underway.

**Golf:**

Director Spelman is still working on the possibility of a session at Top Golf on Wednesday morning before the conference. Working with them on a quote. Should know more by next board meeting.

**Newsletter:**

Typo in the last newsletter with the year. Will also fix updates to the board and working on the Agency Head list again. VP Trevor Johnson working on videos for our You Tube Channel.

**Program:**

See attached.

**Old Business:**

Reminder to the Board that you still have the ability to award a sponsorship to someone from your department that has never been to the conference before. Dan Snow reminds Board members to get your shirt and jacket orders in before Feb 15th. Also need to make decisions on member giveaway and speaker gifts.

A motion to spend \$3000 on hats and stickers died for lack of a second.

John Hawkins addressed the board and suggested that the Board make some kind of recognition of Steve Huntington, who passed last year. Steve was a long-time member and displayed historical items at many conferences. There was a discussion, but no decision was made. He also said he was going to reach out to the Department heads to get them to attend the conference or at least make an appearance.

**Life Membership Recommendations:**

Curt Schwarm  
Rusty McCulley  
Ed Shabro (posthumous)

**Gary Helming Award Nominations:**

Lannon gave the board a review of the requirements for the GH Award. It will be discussed further at the April meeting. The families of Chief Bischof and Captain Rodriguez were mentioned as probable recipients. Director Spelman will make contact with the families. There was a discussion about raising the amount of the award.

**New Business:**

Attendee giveaway: Director Spelman made a motion to purchase 24 oz tumblers with logo for \$15, up to \$3000. Seconded by Forsyth, motion passed unanimously.

Speaker Gift: motion by T. Johnson to purchase engraved glass decanter with logo for speaker gift. Seconded by Director Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Snow to make a \$1,000 donation to the Wildland Fire Foundation in the name of Brian Billick. This is in honor of his not charging the association for his keynote. Seconded by T. Johnson. Motion Passed

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens will be held in Santa Barbara on April 4-5. Director Manfred will send details.

The meeting was adjourned at 1159.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tim Chavez**  
Association Secretary







# FireSync

Enterprise™

A collection of Mobile Job-Aids that centralizes resources allowing for increased efficiency in Emergency Response and productivity in Operational Management.

Three Customized mobile apps for agencies allowing them to ***meet firefighters where they consume information; on their Mobile devices!***



## ***“A Mutual-Aid Windfall”***

***Easily access other agencies resources and share yours for immediate access.***

***A New Genre of Technology just released in 2024.***



Created by  
**ForceReadiness**

***Utilized and tested by LA County Fire for the past 10 years...Now available for your agency!***

- ◆ ***Situational Awareness Tools-*** Fire Behavior, Pocket Cards, PIG, FDFM, Weather, Slope/Aspect Maps, GPS
- ◆ ***Mapping-*** Custom Maps, IAZ, DPA, MTZ, Water Districts, Hydrants, Station Jurisdictions, Repeaters, Weather
- ◆ ***Channel Plans-*** Host all your Channel Plans with Repeaters/Tones for up to 5 different radio types
- ◆ ***Helispots/Dip sites-*** Host all your Helispots and Dip Sites for mutual-aid aircraft to rapidly access
- ◆ ***Structure Defense Plans-*** Host your Structure Defense Plan/Maps for immediate Mutual Aid access
- ◆ ***Fire Intel-*** one-stop shop for GACC, IMT, Fire Mapping, SIT reports, InciWeb Links
- ◆ ***Field Resources-*** In the Field Reference: Aircraft Types, Hand Signals, Portable Pump, ICS Forms, Hydraulics

**View the FireSync Enterprise Webpage and sign your agency up for a free 3-month trial.**



**Download and use the FireSync OPS App for FREE.**

(Be sure to Check-out the Demo and browse LAC's FireSync...)



**Apple iOS**



**Android**