

Memo

To: CSLSA Board and Members

From: Ross Pounds, Co-Chair, Southern California Training Officers

Date: 10/15/03

Re: TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

Over the last four months, summer operations has been the top priority for all of us. Now that the busy season is behind us, opportunities to enhance training and standards arise again. Our two main goals for this off-season are to meet regularly, increasing agency representation, as well as generate a proposed training standard for the professional full-time lifeguard.

Terry Murphy, Co-Chair, has developed a questionnaire currently being sent and completed by CSLSA agencies. We intend to have as many agencies as possible participate to ensure a thorough study. Another by-product of this study is to establish a training officer contact list for meeting notification and information gathering.

The questionnaire is attached for review. Copies are available. For those agencies that have not received the questionnaire or are not present today, a copy will be emailed or faxed within the next two weeks.

The next Southern California Lifeguard Training Officer's Association meeting is scheduled for **October 29, 2003 at 10:00 AM at Seal Beach Lifeguard Headquarters** located at 906 Ocean Avenue, 90740.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING QUESTIONNAIRE

The attached questionnaire is designed to identify the levels of training that each lifeguard agency requires for their permanent employees. The information will be used to generate a proposed training standard for the professional full-time lifeguard. This information will be forwarded to the CSLSA as a recommendation from the Southern California Lifeguard Training Officers Association.

A second part of the questionnaire is designed to look to the future of Lifeguard Training. The intent is to identify training deficiencies, prioritize future training needs and to develop a training matrix for certification in specialized courses. This questionnaire will only address the full- time lifeguard classification.

Information obtained through this process will be shared with all SCLTOA members and will be discussed during our future meetings. Please e-mail your completed questionnaires to the following:

tmurphy744@hotmail.com or fax it to (949) 673-5817

***INSTRUCTIONS:** The first four columns are reserved for what your agency is currently following at this time. Place a checkmark in the first column if the training is required by your agency. Place a checkmark in the second column if the training is recommended by your agency. Place a checkmark in the third column if the training is not recommended by your agency. Place a checkmark in the fourth column if there is no need for this training.*

The fifth column is designed to look to the future of lifeguard training and assess the need for additional training. Place a numerical value in the fifth column according to the criteria listed below.

- 1) This training is already mandated and will remain so.*
- 2) This training is essential and will be required within the next year.*
- 3) This training is important but will only remain recommended training.*
- 4) This training is recommended to all full-time employees.*
- 5) This training would be optional for the employee.*
- 6) This training would not be supported - no need for this training.*

Add any training subjects to the list if missing. Thanks for your assistance.

