



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION of FORESTERS AND FIRE WARDENS

Dear Association Members and friends of the Southern California Association of Foresters & Fire Wardens (SCAFFW),

As you are all aware, the mission of the Board of the SCAFFW is to band together for the purpose of strengthening inter-agency cooperation, fire safety coordination, and fellowship through providing a relevant, informative and educational wildland training and safety conference each year. Since the initial meeting of the Association in 1929, followed by the first conference in 1930, the Conference has only been cancelled twice to date – once during World War II and in 2020 as result of the COVID pandemic.

Through the end of last year and into the beginning of this year, the Board has continued the preparation work for a 2021 Conference hoping for a change in our luck, but as of our April Board Meeting last Friday, we conceded by majority vote that an in-person conference would not be possible this year. Although San Bernardino County recently moved into the “Orange Tier”, Camp Pilgrim Pines – like all similar overnight camps is still operating under restrictions which prohibit any overnight lodging until after June 1, and limit on the number of in-person attendees. Unfortunately, as we are all too familiar – moving further into the summer months challenges us with fire deployments and other scheduling obligations.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend our appreciation for your continued support of the Association, and for the numerous inquiries about this year’s Conference. We ask that you reserve the dates for the 2022 Conference - May 5 & 6, 2022, and that you continue to share your Conference experiences with your peers so we can make next year’s event the biggest and best to date.

Association membership will remain available on our website (www.scaffw.org) throughout the year, which will keep you active on the mailing list. As always, your input and suggestions for improvement are welcomed and encouraged, and may be directed to any of the Board members or myself, at Timothy.Ernst@lacity.org.

Take care & stay safe,

Tim Ernst, President
Forester & Fire Wardens