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Fresno conference a success

80th annual conference named in honor of Alan Cowen

The 80th annual conference of the California State Firefighters' Association was a rousing success. Hosted by the Fresno City Firefighters, following a tradition of returning to the association's founding city every ten years, conference goers enjoyed San Joaquin Valley hospitality and a number of educational workshops and speakers.

The conference was named in honor of CSFA EMS Chair Alan Cowen, who has a long history of involvement with CSFA and the Los Angeles City Fire Department. Cowen's dedication to EMS results in the annual free Northridge Hospital EMS continuing education seminar held each spring.

CSFA President Jeff Sedivec was again nominated and ran unopposed for a ninth consecutive term. Mike Gill of Fresno Fire Department was unopposed in his run for a second term on the Board of Directors from the Central Division. In the Southern Division Victor Gonzalez of Lakeside Fire Department replaced Pete Liebig, who did not seek re-election, and in the Northern Division Patt Wyckoff returned to the Board after a one year hiatus, replacing Neal Warner of Redding Fire Department who did not seek reelection.

Photo highlights from the conference can be found on the following pages and on the CSFA website. Conference resolutions, which will form CSFA legislative agenda are published beginning on page 18.

The 81st annual conference will be held in Costa Mesa (Orange County), next year and the 82nd annual conference in 2004 will be held in Visalia.



Above, a stunned Alan Cowen accepts the conference dedication plaque from CSFA President Jeff Sedivec and President Pro Tem Paul Stein. At left, a more relaxed Cowen with his wife Dolly, and son, who is a firefighter/paramedic with Sacramento Fire Department.