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SAN DIEGO LIFEGUARDS TEAMSTERS LOCAL 911 RESPOND TO FIRE CHIEFS CLAIMS

San Diego City Lifeguard Union Teamsters 911 provide timeline and backup materials for the March 12 drowning incident at Paradise Point.

At 18:19:21 (6:19 pm) Police dispatch forwarded a call to fire dispatch of a juvenile in the water drowning. Incident location was described as lake but was on Mission Bay (Costal Water Call). This is in violation of the new dispatch policy as this is clearly a coastal call. ***[Attachment A: First key Stroke 18:19:21]***

At 18:19:49 fire dispatched medics and fire engine 20. Lifeguards are said to be notified but were clearly not. ***[Attachment A: No lifeguard notification from Fire Dept. Communications Center]***

At 18:20:17 engine 20 was en-route and arrived at 18:27:30

On the Cad sheet (Incident Detail) it shows LG I assigned at 18:24:04 ***[Attachment B: 18:24:04]***

At 18:20:14 Lifeguards received a transfer call from PD. This is the first notification of the incident. The attached audio makes that clear. This is one minute after fire received the call. ***[Attachment C]***

Had the first call gone to Lifeguard dispatch, lifeguards would have been dispatched by 18:19:36, **within 15 seconds of fire dispatch receiving the call**.

At 18:21:10 Police dispatch comes on the radio asking if we are aware of the call. They state that they are on the line with fire/medics. You can hear their call in the background. ***[See attached radio call]***

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