



CFC Newsletter

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Save the Date:

CFC Board Meeting
Friday, Feb. 16, 2006
1:30 – 3:30
Screen Actors Guild
5757 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA

California Film
Commission
7080 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, CA
90028
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www.film.ca.gov

CFC ASSISTS COMMERCIAL and FEATURE WITH FREEWAY CLOSURES

With the assistance of Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol and cooperation from LAX, the CFC was able to close the Eastbound 105 Freeway from Sepulveda Blvd. to the 405 Freeway during the daylight hours of February 3rd and 4th for the production of a *BMW* Commercial. Rolling breaks on the Northbound 405 Connector to the Westbound 105 were also permitted for a three hour window on Saturday, February 3rd. In addition to hiring a significant number of CHP personnel, the production company also hired surface street traffic officers.

This was our first closure of this busy freeway since the November 2006 filming of *Live Free or Die Hard*. In the future, the CFC will evaluate requests for filming on the Eastbound 105 (no closures are permitted for the Westbound 105) taking into account the historical measurements of traffic volume, the time of year, the impact on LAX, and the number of public complaints generated from closures.

Several closures and partial closures of the 101 Freeway in Santa Barbara County were completed in December and January for the feature film, *Deathtrap*.

For any active freeway closure requests, the CFC now requires a mandatory meeting of the production company representatives including the director, producer, production manager, first assistant director and location manager with Caltrans, CHP, Fire Safety (if stunts or pyro), and the CFC Deputy Director or Director. Please allow a minimum of three weeks when requesting permits for these high impact closures.

CFC OUTREACH TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CITIES

Responding to the invitations of city officials and business representatives in the City of El Segundo and the City of Santa Clarita, the director and/or deputy director met with elected officials and business people in both cities to discuss film ordinances.

FIRE SEASON UPDATE

Fire season is over. However, since fire conditions change rapidly, filmmakers must remember to contact the CFC directly in order to determine current fire conditions and the availability of Fire Safety Officers and CHP Officers to monitor their filming activities. To view current fire information please go to: www.fire.ca.gov

CFC QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The next CFC Board meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2007, at 1:30. It will be held at the Screen Actors Guild, located at 5757 Wilshire Blvd. (East of Fairfax). Meetings will be held in the James Cagney conference room. Parking is validated.

For more information, please contact Joseph Cruz, 323/860-2960 x170.

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LOCATION NEWS – CALTRANS HEADQUARTERS POLICY CHANGE

The Caltrans Headquarters at 1st & Main in downtown Los Angeles will no longer be able to accommodate heavy equipment or vehicles on the exterior plaza area. The following equipment is prohibited on the plaza: cars and trucks, scissor lifts, condors, and cranes. Equipment weighing less than 1000 lbs such as Chapman dollies, Fisher dollies, and single man lifts are allowed. The plaza must be protected with layout board to prevent wheel marks on all plaza surfaces.

Filming (including prep and strike) on the plaza is allowed only after regular business hours - from 5:00pm - 5:00am on weekdays and all day and night on weekends. All productions must wrap out by 5:00am on Monday morning. Any interior filming requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

One other factor to be aware of with this location: construction has begun across the street on the new LAPD headquarters. Construction noise should be expected and street parking may be affected.

NEWS ARTICLES

See attached