



# CFC Newsletter

September 2008

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**Save the Date:**

**CFC Board Meeting**  
**Sept. 12, 2008**  
**1:30 – 3:00**  
**AFTRA Boardroom**  
**5757 Wilshire Blvd.**

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Commission  
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## **CFC LAUNCHES NEW AND IMPROVED CINEMASCOUT**

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the CFC launched its new CinemaScout On-Line Location Search Engine. On the new site you will find 4000 California locations with contact information and a separate searchable jurisdiction database. These upgrades simplify location inquiries by allowing users to run simple keyword searches or complex searches with multiple parameters (such as category, style, film office, mile radius, county or region) for locations across the state. Each site is linked to full Google mapping functions and current weather information. The upgraded system provides faster, more comprehensive service allowing us to showcase why California is the unbeatable destination for filmmakers from around the world.

We invite you to view the new CinemaScout at [www.film.ca.gov](http://www.film.ca.gov).

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## **CALIFORNIA ON LOCATION AWARDS**

The FLICS are again hosting the annual California On Locations Awards, back for its 14<sup>th</sup> year. The COLAs, as it is popularly known, honor entertainment location managers and production companies for their professionalism while working on location throughout the state. This year's ceremony will be held on October 19 from 3:00pm – 7:00pm at the Ritz Carlton in Marina Del Rey. This is our opportunity to recognize the enormous accomplishments and dedication of location managers working in California. The event is attended by more than 400 producers, studio and union executives, location managers/scouts, elected officials, and film commissioners.

For more information, please contact: [sheridavis@filminlandempire.com](mailto:sheridavis@filminlandempire.com).

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## **FRED C. NELLES YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

Fred C. Nelles Youth Correctional Facility in Whittier is again open for location filming. The Office of the State Fire Marshal had issued a Fire Safety Correction Notice on June 25, 2008 closing the facility to all access until dry combustible growth throughout facility grounds had been abated. On August 26th the ban was lifted after the brush had been cleared.

For more information about filming opportunities at this location, please contact Helene Dervishian, 323.860.2960 x107.

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## **CFC MEETS WITH CITY OF EL SEGUNDO FOR REVISED FILM ORDINANCE**

CFC Director, Amy Lemisch, and Deputy Director, Jim Fitzpatrick met with the City of El Segundo Mayor, Councilperson, Business Services Manager (Permits) and City Attorney to discuss the newly revised El Segundo Film Ordinance. When the new ordinance is approved by the City Council, the new policies will include a new notification procedure that will eliminate the need to disrupt neighbors for signature approvals by reducing the approval requirements in specific "impact zones." The hours for filming remain 7:00 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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## **REGIONAL FILM PARTNER NEWS**

Pauline East, Film Liaison in the **Antelope Valley Film Office**, has added the City of Palmdale to her responsibilities.

Charla Teeters is the new Program Manager for the **Imperial County Film Commission**.

Michael Bennett is the CFO/Interim President of **FilmLA, Inc.**

Michelle Tomaier is the new Film Commissioner for **Mammoth Lakes/Mono County**.

Jessica Freude is the Film Office Administrator for the **Santa Clarita Valley**.

Bruce Stenslie is the new President/CEO of the EDC-VE that oversees the **Ventura County Film Council**.

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## **COLLEGE STUDENT ORIENTATION/SAFETY MEETINGS**

CFC Deputy Director in conjunction with the State Fire Marshal Liaison continues to meet with university and college administrators in charge of student film programs to facilitate set safety education procedures at the student level. The CFC Staff also attends college film program orientations and is currently working on a program in Orange County for January 2009.

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## **CFC QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING UPDATE**

The next CFC Board meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and will be held at 5757 Wilshire Blvd. (East of Fairfax) in the AFTRA conference room on the main floor.

For more information, please contact Joseph Cruz, 323.860.2960 x170.

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