

# FIRESCOPE BOARD MEETING MINUTES



**DATE:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020

**TIME:** 1330

**LOCATION:** Conference Call

## Call to Order

A FIRESCOPE Board of Director's meeting was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, via conference call. The meeting began at 1330 hours on April 8, 2020. It was presided over by Chief Osby.

## Attendees

### Voting members in attendance included:

Daryl Osby, FIRESCOPE Chair, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Brian Fennessy, FIRESCOPE Vice-Chair, Orange County Fire Authority  
Brain Marshall, Executive Coordinator, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Thom Porter, CALFIRE  
David Witt, Kern County Fire Department  
Mark Hartwig, Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.  
Bob Baird USDA Forest Service  
Mark Lorenzen, Ventura County Fire Department  
Scott Lucas, Bureau of Land Management  
Tony Bowden, County Fire Depts. North  
Colin Stowell, City Fire Depts. South  
Jeff Gilbert, Volunteer Fire Departments  
Robin Wills, National Park Service  
Mike Shrout, California State Firefighters' Association  
Al Poirier, *representing* LAFD

### Members not in attendance included:

Mike Richwine, Cal State Fire Marshall/Cal Fire  
Brian Rice, CPF  
Ralph Terrazas, Los Angeles City FD

### Guests in attendance included:

Jim Johnstone, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES  
Yesenia Serafin, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES

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Shelley Dorsey, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES  
Art Torrez, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Lori Lopez, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
David Stone, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Shanna Kuempel, Santa Clara County Fire Department  
Dave Richardson, LA County Fire Department

## Approval of Previous Minutes\*

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting.

Made: Fennessey

Seconded: Witt.

Motion approved.

## Cal OES Director's/Fire & Rescue Update

Cal OES Director's Report presented by Chief Marshall.

- **COVID 19 response**
  - State Health coordinating a statewide effort.
  - SOC activated.
  - Currently supporting many different missions.
  - Cal Fire IMT members mobilized to assist with logistics.
  - North and South IMT members supporting alternate care facilities and federal medical stations.
  - Sixty-seven Cal Fire members supporting the operation.
  
- **OES Update**

Type VI cab and chassis delayed for the planned 79 engines. Forty-one at HME. First Type VI to be delivered by the end of the month with more to follow.

  - Staff working to prioritize where new engines will go. Plan in place.
  - All twenty-seven Type IIIs accounted for. Fifty Type VI's ready for assignment through the contract.
  - Twenty-nine Type VIs unassigned. Reaching out to requesters of Type IIIs.
  - Representative on the committee to ensure that we have a program in place for the Type I assignees.

## CAL FIRE/SFM/SFT/USFS/DOI Update

CAL FIRE update presented by Baird/Lucas/Porter/Richwine.

- Treatment Goals:
  - Preparing for fire season.

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- Working with Geographic Operational Center.
- Resources:
  - Six Blawkhawks by this time next year - operational and deployed.
  - Total of 12 by the end of next year.
  - C-130s are 18 months out for the first one.
  - Cal Fire fuels reduction work.
- Staffing and budget:
  - Doing seasonal hiring through spring.
  - Permanent Firefighter and Company Officer Academy postponed.
  - Four classes were in session. Coming back on Monday. Will be two weeks behind.
  - Rest of the year's training is on schedule.
  - Working directly without HR constrictions.
  - Reduction in inmate fire crews.
  - Early release continues to be an issue.
  - Working group with CDCR.

### Task Force/Ops Team Report

#### Task Force /Ops Team Report presented by Richardson and Kuempel.

- Quarterly Task Force Report:
  - Staffing
    - Continue to meet via conference call.
    - Task Force/Ops Team member changes. Organization changes and replacements.
    - Vacancies.
    - Working on Plans of Work, Charters, Rosters for Specialist & Working groups.
- Upcoming events:
  - MACS Exercises in person for April and May cancelled. An instructional video has been created in their place.
- Reorganization of Specialist Groups:
  - To present to Ops in June. Board of Director's Meeting in July.
  - Goal is to maintain the 10 specialist groups.
- FOG:
  - On track for 2022 release.
  - Work continuing throughout the summer with a deadline of revisions due October 1, 2020.
- EMS Specialist Group:
  - Working on best practices document to reduce infectious disease especially

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- in fire camps.
- Plan of Work:
  - Resource typing for rehab unit:
    - Assignment added to 2019 Plan of Work.
    - Reassigned to the EMS Specialist Group.
  - CAD to CAD aka Common Operating Platform:
    - EIT Group is looking at Common Operating Platforms and information sharing.
    - Depends on what happens with S.C.O.U.T. June 2020 vote expected for the project.
    - Task Force has assigned a member to liaison with S.C.O.U.T. personnel.
  - CISM Peer Support documents (Behavioral Health Working Group) has been presented to the Ops Team in late January and BoD in April.
  - SART: Assigned to the FIRESCOPE Safety Specialist Group:
    - Tasked to develop a series of procedural checklists.
    - Project has transitioned into a possible addition to the FOG for a 1-2 page checklist.
- Behavioral Health CIPS Team White Paper & OSD\*
  - Collaboration with local, state and federal government partners.
  - Positions identified.
  - Looking at different models for CIPS Teams.
  - Recommendations:
    - Ready to approve the operating system description as identified for the CIPS Team including positions, terminology training, and qualifications.
    - Establish a module org chart for the CIPS Team.
    - Develop the ICS products. Including the Standard Incident Action Plan document for when the CIPS Team is activated.
    - Adding a component to the ICS 206 medical plan form.
    - The CIPS Team activation contact information to be included.
    - Develop a position specific task book to identify positions that are acceptable to CICC. In line with Cal Fire documents.
    - Requesting the approval of the transition of the Behavioral Health Working Group to a FIRESCOPE Specialist Group.

Motion: Fennessey

Second: Hartwig

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- MACS 410-2 Revision\*
  - Resource Designation System.

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- Update to document how strike teams/resources are numbered for local, state, and federal resources statewide.
- Collaborative reference to the CA Mob Guide.

Motion: Bowden

Second: Porter

Approved

- Swiftwater Qualifications – White Paper\*
  - Original document published 2001.
  - Recommendations:
    1. Recommended changes to training requirements/certification for Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue Technician.
    2. Recommended changes to training requirements/certification for Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue Boat Operator and qualified personnel on a vessel.
    3. Recommended changes to Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue Team staffing. Staffing increase from 14 to 16 members.
    4. Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue Team refresher training implementation.
    5. Recommended changes to Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue Team peer evaluations. Maintaining skillset.

Motion to accept recommendations 1, 2, 4 and 5 and the Task Force bringing back further information in July regarding the staffing component: Fennessey

Second: Stowell

Approved

- NIMS Coordination Group with FIRESCOPE as Sub Group Member\*
  - Primary Sub Group Members:
    - Technology - Brook Spelman
    - Resource Management – Dave Franklin
    - Communications – Ken Kehmna
    - Laws, Policies, and Procedures – Sean Fraley
    - Training – Javier Lara
    - Qualifying, Certifying, & Credentialing – Scott Vail
  - Alternate Sub Group Members:
    - Still have vacancies.
- FIRESCOPE Quarterly Briefing Quarter 1 2020\*
  - Included current resources for agencies.
  - Technology Summit
  - Hyperlinks for IAFC First Responder Status Map and NWCG Infectious

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- Disease Guidance.
- ICS 215C Contingency Plan hyperlink.
- Approved documents.
- MACS 441-1 Radio Communications Guidelines 2020\*
  - Incorporates the July 2019 approval to increase the minimum channel capacity.
  - Divided into 3 categories for all Fire Radios Providing Mutual Aid in California:
    - Category 1 Channels – Mandatory
    - Category 2 Channels – Highly Recommended
    - Category 3 Channels – Optional
  - To become effective January 2024.

Motion: Hartwig

Second: Gilbert

Approved

### EMS Update

#### EMS update presented by Hartwig.

- Regular conference call to share experiences with Covid 19 led by Chief Thompson, Newport Beach.
- Challenges include testing, identification, notification, quarantining, and maintaining a workforce.
- Use of Incident Management Teams.
- Proposed regulations out for comment. Private/public partnerships.

### CFAA Update

#### CFAA update presented by Marshall/Porter/Baird/Wills/Lucas.

- Reviewing the draft.
- Timeframe to get CFAA done is by end of April 2020.
- Chiefs Lorenzen, Gilbert, and Webb represented FIRESCOPE in the group.

### CWCG Update

#### CWCG update presented by Baird and Porter.

- 2020 preparedness.
- Response plan for upcoming fire season.
- Ability to roster teams.

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- Meeting every week.
- Incident Management Team Meetings canceled. Hosting virtual meetings.
- Kern County temporarily unable to provide personnel to IMT's.

### Old Business

#### Old Business update presented by Marshall and Meston.

- Blue Ribbon Commission Update – Establish Working Group:
  - Discussed at last meeting.
  - Working group: Ret. Chief Meston, Ret. Chief Zagaris, and Chief Fennessey.
  - Reviewed and updating Status Summary with input from associated agencies.
  - Comparing recent fire activity and after action reports. Incorporating information as additional recommendations to modernize the state's Mutual Aid System.
- Private Resources on Incidents:
  - AB 2380 Contracted private resources.
  - Bill passed. Regulations are being written.
  - Met with Cal OES attorneys on the rule making process.
  - One year to complete the process.

### New Business

#### New Business update presented by Roper/Fennessey/Hartwig/Marshall.

- Coronavirus Impacts to the Fire Service:
  - Recent article written by Ret. Chief Bob Roper.
  - Post 911 bio-terrorism plans for Small Pox tie into the pandemic.
  - In contact with federal Area Command Teams doing geographic reviews.
  - Report coming out shortly.
  - Will provide guidance on what the Regional capacity will be.
  - Evacuation shelters and social distancing.
- Formed Fire Companies:
  - Current State law allows communities of a certain size to form a fire company without a county ordinance.
  - How to modify the process.
  - Continue at a future meeting.
- MACS 410-4 Board Membership – Revision Discussion:
  - Considering assignments as permanent members of the board.
  - Future agenda item.
- Board of Director's Vacancies:

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- City North
- Districts South
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- Invitation sent out for applications.
- Received two letters of interest for Fire Districts South, four for Fire Districts North and four for City Fire Departments North.
- Applications are being reviewed.

### **Roundtable**

### **Adjournment**

**Fennessy moved for the meeting to be adjourned, approved at 1549**