



DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2023
Thursday, April 6, 2023

TIME: 0830-1600 Wednesday
0830-1200 Thursday

LOCATION: Ventura Co. Human
Services Agency - Ventura

Call to Order

A FIRESCOPE Board of Director's meeting was held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 and Thursday, April 6, 2023, at Ventura County Human Services Agency, Ventura. The meeting began at 0830 hours on April 5, 2023 and 0830 on April 6, 2023. It was presided by Chief Brian Fennessy.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included:

Brian Fennessy, Chair, Orange County Fire Authority
Maurice Johnson, Vice-Chair, Fire Districts North
Brian Marshall, Executive Coordinator, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Joe Tyler, CAL FIRE
Mark Hartwig, Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Dustin Gardner, Ventura County Fire Department
Colin Stowell, City Fire Departments South
Jeff Gilbert, Volunteer Fire Departments
Nate Gogna, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Jaime Gamboa, USDA Forest Service
Dan Munsey, Fire Districts South
Daniel Berlant, State Fire Marshal
Eddie Sell, California State Firefighters' Association
Chris Tubbs, California Fire Chiefs Association
Kristin Crowley, Los Angeles City Fire Department
Brian Rice, California Professional Firefighters

Members not in attendance included:

Mike Minton, National Park Service
Jennifer Hinckley, Fish & Wildlife Service
Peter Kelly, BLM
Jeanine Nicholson, City Fire Departments North
Aaron Duncan, Kern County Fire Department
Suwanna Kerdkaew, County Fire Departments North
Anthony Marrone, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Partner Agencies in attendance:

Kim Zagaris, Western Fire Chiefs

Guests in attendance included:

Nancy Ward, Cal OES, Director
Brook Spelman, CAL FIRE – Task Force Chair
Mark Kendall, CAL FIRE – Ops Team Secretary
Brian Glass, Santa Clara County
Shane Kaialooa, San Francisco Fire Department
David Fulcher, CAL FIRE
Jim Johnstone, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Cathy Johnson, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Yesenia Serafin, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Shelley Dorsey, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES

Approval of Previous Minutes*

Approval of February 23, 2023 Minutes

Unanimously approved

Cal OES Director's Update

Cal OES Director's Report presented by Director Ward

- Thanks to all who helped with the recent weather related prepositions.
- A second major disaster declaration from President Biden was approved on April 3rd, which allows seven additional counties for individual assistance and four for public assistance. We fully expect that additional counties will be added as we finish our damage assessments. In some counties, we are having problems with access and are unable to conduct damage assessments.

- Since January 1st. We've approved 123 preposition requests and will continue to be aggressive in our efforts.
- Update on FIRIS. The RFP went out on February 16th. We're hoping to be able to award a contract by April 17th. We are confident we'll be able to meet our commitment of June 30th to Orange County and Chief Fennessy.
- Cal OES has also made strides on SCOUT. The first rollout of Next Gen SCOUT to seven departments resumes in April.
- We're on schedule to have Next Gen SCOUT in full live production to the California Fire Services by June 1st of this year.
- The Forecast Threat, Intelligence, and Integration Center is a joint program between our initial partners of Cal OES, CAL FIRE , the California Military Department, and the California Public Utilities Commission. They meet bi-weekly and have made great progress.
- The Center ensembles risks for weather and initial attack feeds.
- Goal: By October 1st provide the automated preposition form and the mapping functions. Then complete the MOU from the principal state agencies.

Cal OES Fire & Rescue Update

Update presented by Marshall

- Thank you to everyone who attended the Mutual Aid Summit.
- This is the first meeting with the new DOI members present.
- We have closed the application period for the Small/Medium Fire Departments and the County Fire Department South.
- Quite a few applications for membership for the board. New members to be in place for July meeting.
- State Operations Center has been activated since December. Earthquake, snow, and flooding. Activation started with prepositions and turned into response.
- Prepositioned resources ahead of the storms.
- We have 13 swift water rescue teams. About 10 of them were deployed and they were moved as needed.
- Resources coming from Southern California had to purchase snow gear. Working on reimbursement.
- Over the fiscal year, we've had 131 OA initiated prepositions and 43 that were initiated by Chief Marshall's office.

CALFIRE/SFM/SFT Update

Update presented by Tyler/Berlant

- CALFIRE:
 - As of March 15th, we began ramping up our crews and some of our engine companies to head towards peak staffing.
 - We will augment six additional firefighter hand crews.
 - Continue to support the Mission tasking and Mutual Aid System.
 - We were supporting 26 different counties and multiple mission tasks.
 - Cost estimates to date approached about \$10 million in base budget expenditures to support the Mutual Aid System,
 - Actively engaged in refining CFAA and CFMA agreements with all our partners.
 - Lots of opportunities for fuel reduction grants.
 - CAL FIRE has become the first fire service agency to receive a cleanup and abatement order with the county of San Luis Obispo for AFFF use.
 - National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is April 9th-15th.
 - National Fallen Firefighter Memorial is May 5th -7th in Emmitsburg, MD.
 - Will be opening a training facility in conjunction with Shasta Community College in May of this year.
 - Then utilizing the Castle Training Facility in Atwater.
 - Have asked to continue aviation contracts.
 - Capital outlay is the biggest hang up in the legislature.
 - Wildfire enforced resilience continues to be a large discussion in the legislature.
 - One budget item is reappropriation of mobile equipment dollars.
 - Montana lawsuit regarding the use of fire retardant and the toxicity. We may be included.
 - For Wildfire Preparedness Week, visits will start with San Bernardino and Santa Barbara. Working their way north

through the state. Subject to change.

- State Fire Marshal:
 - Yesterday closed the public comment period for the state responsibility area map.
 - Received hundreds of public comments. Most regarding insurance availability.
 - Insurance agents are not allowed to use these maps for insurance decisions.
 - All public comments will be responded to. Responses will be posted on the website.
 - Going out for additional public comment in May.
 - Training on how validation works forthcoming.
 - Cal Chiefs is hosting training in Rancho Mirage in May.
 - The Department of Insurance has resources for insurance questions.
 - Will send Chief Johnstone contact information for the Department of Insurance.
 - Will continue with outreach to local brokers.
- State Fire Training
 - Several new courses have rolled out in the past couple months. Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician, Tower Rescue Technician, and Marine Firefighting for Land Based Firefighters.
 - New Incident Safety for Agriculture Land and Livestock Producers.
 - Have updated several curriculum recently.
 - New Trench Rescue updates. In the process of updating Firefighter Survival Course.
 - View the website for curriculum developments for the new fiscal year.
 - Retiring our Rescue Systems II, Rescue Systems III, and the legacy Vehicle Extrication Course on June 30th.

USFS/DOI Update

Update presented by Gamboa/Gogna

- USFS
 - Since January, approximately 800 tentative job offers. Over 250 temp hires.
 - Reducing temporary workforce and increasing permanent.

- Two new fire chiefs were hired. Chief Hayes and Chief Murphy.
- Working towards 24 hour staffing at south ops GACC for night flying operations in the south.
- April 5th, new and improved national wildland fire CAD system. Two new meteorologist were hired.
- Purchased two portable Micro RAWS stations which will be available for use and deployed to fires this year.
- North OPS Coordination Center, update. About six weeks behind.
- Hoping to have at least two pits operational by June 15th We'll have a mobile unit to backfill what is not completed on the construction.
- Looking for funding to construct a new hanger to house our aircraft at Redding.
- Revamping 7 day products to include some risk assessments.
- Having some issues with Aircraft Dispatchers. Trying to get those positions filled.
- Mobilization update. Bringing on 120 temp promotion Surge Deputy GACC Manager.
- Smoke Jumper program update. 26 will be available.
- Discussed awards to rural fire agencies in the state.
- Our ESF 4 program in Region 5 has been supporting the State and FEMA storm response since January.
- Planning for the 2024 Rose Parade starring Smokey Bear in his 80th year.
- Our Region 5 prevention program has allocated \$100,000 to 27 projects benefitting forests in their local communities.
- Within the Region, fuels crews accomplished 33,534 acres treated. Of those, 10,735 were prescribed fire and 22,799 acres of mechanical treatment.
- Award two non-fed land projects to the state of Hawaii for the first time.
- Fish and Wildlife
 - All National Wildlife refuges in the valleys are holding the water as best as they can.
 - They're completing the hiring of wildland fire seasonals.

- For the fiscal year working the national refuges, there's 3047 acres of treatment.
- Receiving bill funding for fuel reduction projects for private lands in California.
- Fuels reduction within the Stream Restoration Project - California Central Eco region.
- BIA
 - Staff has increased over the last few months.
 - Continue to have tribes every year start two to four new departments.
 - Attempting to stand up more suppression resources to aid the mutual aid system and to support their tribal rancherias and their reservations.
 - Continue to support tribes and get them better formalized training.
 - Twenty-seven wildland fire trucks should be in use this year with miscellaneous overhead.
 - Starting to get some of the miscellaneous overhead to work their way into the dispatch system and coordination system.
 - Being very active at getting the tribes to work on their training so they can help with the IMT shortage.
- NPS
 - No Report

National Mutual Aid System (NMAS)

Presentation by Zagaris

Fire Service Legislature Update

Update presented by Fennessy/Tubbs/Rice/Sell/Hartwig

- In December, a collective group of CPF, FDAC Cal Chiefs and CSFA met in Sacramento to look at the Legislative items that would become priorities for the upcoming legislative session.
- Partnering together on many of the bills that are going before the Assembly and the Senate.
- Will share a list of the bills with this group.
- AB 40, implementation of a statewide standard for patient transfers being 20 minutes or less 90% of the time.

- SB 577, would provide a wider scope of sources to fund requisite firefighter training programs.
- AB 296, would establish a 911 campaign to educate the public when it is appropriate to call 911.
- AB 767, would expand community paramedicine services to include short term follow-up for persons being discharged from the hospital.
- AB 1168, effectively overturns the Oxnard decision and preserves the 201 rights that preexists for an agency leaving a JPA.
- AB 1180, removes the requirement that the director be a licensed physician and surgeon with substantial experience in the practice of emergency medicine.
- SB 504, would require CAL FIRE to give priority to grants for local governmental agencies or are qualified to provide defensible space assessments in high and very high severity hazard zones who report that information using the common reporting platform.
- SB 374, would increase the fee paid by firefighters when renewing a license by \$5.00, with the increase being used by the California Fire Foundation to renovate the California Firefighters Memorial at Capitol Park.
- Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act. Statewide initiative measure to amend the California Constitution. It will be on the November 2024 ballot.
- Will share this list quarterly to the directors.
- Will be making this topic a standing agenda item every quarter.

Underwriters Lab FSRI

Presentation by Alkonis

Ops Team / Task Force Report

Report presented by Kendall/Spelman

- Ops Team/Task Force Report
 - Ops Team/Task Force joint meeting held in March.
 - MAC Group Exercises to be held in Northern and Southern California. Dublin and Orange County.
 - Welcome to new TF members. Battalion Chief Pedro Arreguin, from Ventura County FD and Division Chief Cary Wright from Kern County FD.

- Recognition of Outstanding Service – Chief Dan Horton – Ventura Co. Fire. He will be replaced on the Task Force by Chief Pedro Arreguin.

Presentation by Spelman/Fennessy/Gardner

- *FIREScope Quarterly Briefing

Motion: Johnson

Second: Sell

Approved

- Incident Personnel Tracking Survey
 - Working on it for 8 months now.
 - Received survey. Hasn't gone through the FIREScope process yet. Provided update.
 - The EIT subcommittee presented an update and options

- *Haz Mat Team Staffing – White Paper and Cost Analysis

Motion: Stowell

Second: Gardner

Approved

- *Predictive Services – Decision Support Update

Motion: Johnson

Second: Gilbert

Approved

- *2023 Interagency Aviation Information Spreadsheet Update

Tabled

- *MACS 441-1 2023 Radio Communication Guidelines

Motion: Gilbert

Second: Tubbs

Approved with clarification of the second paragraph on page one.

- *White Paper – Behavioral Health Needs for Fire Service Retirees Update

Motion to bring in best practices: Munsey.

Second: Sell

Approved

- *White Paper – Challenges and Solutions to Implementing Fire Service Cancer Prevention

Presentation by Dr. Urwin - LA County Fire

EMS Update

Update presented by Hartwig/Thompson.

- We should be looking at ambulances to put units on the street and not just revenue.
- AMR has recently filed a lawsuit against Sonoma Valley for the state removing their exclusive operating areas. AMR, claims that was at the direction of Sonoma County.
- San Diego County looking at putting more units on the street.
- Riverside County just decided not to do an automatic extension to a grandfathered DOA. That won't go out to bid probably until 2026.
- AMR having a hard time getting Paramedics and EMTs.
- EMS Commission discussed AB 40 and a 20 minute wall time creating issues across the state with the hospital side of things.
- Seeing a big uptick with the shortage of private paramedics.
- Discussed EMS Commission Chapter 13.
- The fee increases for those that have medics, going up to \$65 for renewals. So, our budgets have to adapt to that.
- Continuum Plan for Crisis Care is integrating 988 and 911 mobile response,

CFAA Update

Update presented by CFAA Committee Members

- CFAA is a 5 year agreement. The current agreement is good until December 31, 2024.
- The committee meets at the beginning of each year to go over the exhibits and discuss possible amendments.
- Then the addendum process starts. It requires a signature from each agency leadership. This routing process started today.

- The clock starts on the 10th, and we all have 15 days to review the document, sign it, and publish it out to the fire service.
- Only when that addendum is signed, is it 100%.
- We proposed changes to the travel reimbursement, which would be changes to the hotel rates and the premium rates.
- Additional resources added to the agreement: Added bulldozers and hand crews and their configurations and standards.
- We also created a new exhibit for aircraft which will provide a standard on how to submit a reimbursement. The exception is CAL FIRE who will not utilize the CFAA to order aircraft
- For the US Forest Service: Approval is needed at the Region level before resources are moved out of state - travel cost associated.
- MARS will be established in the CFAA as the web platform in how to seek reimbursement.

CWCG Update

Update presented by CWCG Parent Group Members/Directors

- Over the last couple of months. We have been meeting regularly.
- The group has been working on the presentation of the IMT Workshop.
- Completed the process and will have 10 CWCG IMTs rostered for 2023.
- At the last meeting, there was a presentation from the training group. They proposed to enhance the California Priority Training Program to include OES and local government to the priority trainee list.
- Still working through CIM. We were mandated from the Fed side that our teams will adopt CIM for 2024. Working on a transition plan currently.
- All LG Departments should ensure their employees are on the official CIIMT roster.

Old Business

Update presented by Marshall/Fennessy/Johnstone

- *2023 FIREScope Plan of Work
 - Chief Johnstone briefing on 2023 Plan of Work.
 - Discussed Mutual Aid Summit Agenda items.
- FIREScope Partner Agency Invitation Letter
 - Review and discussion of the letter.
- Complex Incident Management Transition and its impact on CICCIS Update
 - CIM transition is proceeding as planned.
 - There was a letter in the meeting packet from Chief Vail to NWCG's Chief Steve Griffin written in March regarding CIM.
 - Steve Griffin wanted to know what our CICCIS concerns were on Complex Incident Management.
 - Chief Vail went over the letter in detail.
 - The one main concern are the changes to qualifications.
 - In California, should we be changing our qualifications to meet the wildland mission?
 - Discussed the lengthy process to change CICCIS requirements.
 - Discussed the courses we need to get people to Type I standards.
 - Looking at a 420 course for local government.
 - IROC will remove Type I, II, and III from the national system and the system will be CIM by 2024.
- Formation of SB 450 Board of Director Subcommittee
 - Discussed which board members should make up the committee.
 - A small group of stakeholders with all the FIREScope agencies represented.
 - Will have OES grants and legal assist.
 - Need to develop an application and the criteria.
 - Key: How to define underfunded fire districts.
- CICCIS Update
 - Chief Vail provided an overview of changes to CICCIS.
- FIREScope History Project
 - Chief Vail provided an update. Still finding out more information. Refer to meeting documents for detailed update.

New Business

Update presented by Fennessy/Munsey/Marshall

- AB 2380 – Use of Private Resources on Incidents Update
 - Tabled to October meeting. AB 2380 and Regulations to be widely shared
- FIRIS Update
 - The RFP went out on February 16th. Aiming to award a contract by April 17th. Cal OES aiming to meet commitment of June 30th , 2023 to Orange County and Chief Fennessy.

- Slack – Communications Tool Update

Presentation by Camarena

- California Fire Service IT/Cloud Update
- Wildland Preplans & NG SCOUT Coordination Update

Presentation by Kennedy/Hausmann/Camarena

- *All Hazard IMT Update

Presentation by Stornetta

- 2023 FIRESCOPE Board of Director Mug Fund - \$20 per Director – Cash or Venmo.

2023/2024 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule and Venues

January 10-11, 2024	Burbank
April 3-4, 2024	Williams
July 10-11, 2024	Lake Arrowhead
October 9-10, 2024	Santa Clara County

Roundtable

Adjournment

Chief Brian Fennessy moved for the meeting to be adjourned.
Approved at 1614 on Day 1 and at 1106 on Day 2.