



TASK FORCE MEETING

Location: Alameda County OES, Dublin

Host: Santa Clara County FD

April 18-19, 2023

MINUTES

Call to order: 0900 April 18th by Chief Spelman
0900 April 19th – NorCal MACS Exercise

Members Present (incl. virtual): Task Force

Brook Spelman (Cal Fire)	Cathy Johnson (OES)	Jason Serrano (BDC)
Garret Huff (SBC)	Pedro Arreguin (VNC)	Cary Wright (KRN)
Matt Brown (CNT)	Patrick D’Arcy (SFR)	Scott Lewis (SCR)
James Tomaselli (USFS)	Dave Brinsfield (BLM)	Justin Moore (LFD)
Brian Martin (LAC)	Dustin Hall (EDH)	

Members Not Present: Task Force

Robert Rezende (SND)	Mark Bisbee (SFM)	Shane Sherwood (ORC)
Caryn Petty (SFT)		

Guests:

Jim Johnstone (OES)
Shelly Dorsey (OES)

Welcome, Introductions and Logistics – Brown

Moment of Silence for Firefighters and Police Officers LODD – Spelman

Agenda Review and Additions – Spelman

- Spelman: Item M – add 441-1 review
- Spelman: Add consideration of ad hoc group for Li battery problem.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Spelman

- Hall: Modify minutes reflecting Hall's attendance.
- Motion to accept with amendment: Hall / Second: Martin

Task Force Update – Spelman

- Need to prepare for the MACS drill scheduled for tomorrow. Expedite agenda items today in order to prepare TF members who have not participated.
- Mutual aid summit had plenty of good communication and participation. Will be able to update verbiage of 441 and the comm guide as requested by the BoD.
- Aviation Resource list spreadsheet requested by BoD to update annually to ensure accuracy – prior to the first Bod Meeting of the year to meet the need of the Blue Ribbon Commission. The Aviation spreadsheet has been submitted and approved for this year.
- Quarterly Brief was approved by the BoD. Chief Johnstone asking about surveying BoD members for QB items. Chief Cathy Johnson reminding that members try to be diligent about producing documents as ADA compliant.
- HM Minimum Staffing White Paper with Cost Analysis pushed through – all questions from BoD answered well by the SC Chair (Aaron Roberts).
- BH Best practices document approved by BoD
- Decision Support document approved to assist FD on products that guided hiring new vendors to help ensure people get what is truly needed.
- Survey of EIT tracking was not approved – still needs more revision.
- Spelman emphasizing the need to prioritize TF participation for those that are the assigned representative for their agency. Imperative for the success of ongoing products and new product development.
- Chief Johnstone requesting update on HM OSD – Spelman advising it was set aside for a few months but will be prioritized by the TF. Johnstone – Will it be ready for Ops in June?
- Action item: Chief Hall reach out to HM SC and request prioritizing review and modification of HM OSD and how it is affected by the newly approved HM MEL.

Ops Team Update - Johnstone

- OES has purchased an OWL (video conferencing device)
- CFAA – modified and approved to include hand crews, dozers, and aviation resources.
- FIRESCOPE history document – Scott Vail produced – gives strong background to why it is here and tells story of how Feds were instrumental to helping start.

- Mutual Aid adhoc committee formation - comprised of all 6 region coordinators, 3 BoD members, OES ACs, (looking for consistency statewide) (advisory committee reports directly to the Director of OES).
- Mutual aid summit was an excellent event – ad hoc committee was bi-product of it. Presentations were excellent.
- Chief Brown: Wildland preplan – Important to discuss the funding of hosting of preplan repository for statewide use – gave background of NG SCOUT and EGP on Federal use. Johnstone commenting ‘good point’ - what about smaller agencies without the ability to pay for it? Spelman commenting – How is governance of data going to be shared? Need to examine and consider the possibility of agencies statewide to contribute to this program... not simply an OES issue since all mutual aid agencies benefit.
- Website – Fennessy voted as Fire Chief of the year by Cal Chiefs.
- OES social media – requesting info that could be shared be passed along (could be more robust).
- iOS FOG app is not available for download currently... available at Google Store. Should be available again in two weeks. Printed FOG sales doing well. Previous cost was \$6, break-even is at \$15 but still does not cover completely. Current inventory estimated to runout in 3 months. Do not currently have enough money allocated to print more at this point. Johnstone making request to Chief Marshall for additional funds. Working to develop into e-book format for those wanting to download and self-print.

Cal OES Update – Johnson

- Hiring is the priority – during flood events this year MACS decision process was utilized in the All-Hazard environment but without 209s – using all available intel to aid the decision process.

CSFM Report – Petty/Bisbee

- Members not available to report.

OLD BUSINESS / PROJECTS

FOG ICS 420.1 2022 -Sales – App Update – Johnstone

- (See comments under Ops Team Update)

REMS, ICS-223 Implementation / National Standard – Spelman

- Gerboth still handling coordination and meeting attendance
- Action Items: Spelman to discuss status and progress with Dave Gerboth (SND). Hall to discuss REMS.

HazMat Staffing – Hall / Spelman

- Documentation will be ready by May TF meeting OSD, Staffing and MEL.
- Action Item: add as new item for next meeting.

FIRESCOPE / NCG – Spelman/Johnstone

- Have multiple positions to voice inputs on behalf of FIRESCOPE.
- Johnstone – ICAC incident communications intelligence committee. Brown is attending meetings (comms and intel). Brown going to Washington in August – Brook transitioning out.
- NCG Technology subgroup. Johnstone gave background of their request to adding Communications Branch to ICS which includes Intel.

Tech Connect - Brown

- Brown and Pedro attended Spec. Grp meeting on March 30. Discussed tech connect – Work completed being offloaded to a contractor. Products will flow from EIT to Kristen Allison (USFS) to start populating that product - “Back on progressive footing”.

Structure Defense Guidelines, ICS 600 – Sherwood

- No report.

Structure Fire Operations, ICS 500 – Sherwood

- No report

Handcrew Standards – Sherwood

- No report.

Wildland Entrapment (910-1?) – All

- Spelman: Has been pushed out to the appropriate subcommittees. Spelman asking how we can push it out globally.
- Moore – met in San Diego and discussed how to incorporate into the 910 document – ISSC still does not support (100% consensus) – 4 points:
 - 1. Relies too heavily on resources not assigned to all incidents (aircraft)
 - 2. Relies on direct frequencies
 - 3. Existence of Dutch creek protocol
 - 4. Better left with IRPG, adds confusion,
- Spelman – Need ISSC to document their response (we will compose a document listing input from WL SC, Aviation SC).
- Tomaselli – Do we have input from aviation? Should be a national item and not California only.
 - Spelman, “yes”. Removed ‘mayday’ and changed term to firefighter entrapment.
- Johnstone – Is this a good opportunity to incorporate an NWCG standard into

FIRESCOPE documents that affect California agencies? Consider if 910 needs any updating.

- Moore – Juliani delivered presentation to entire ISSC. ISSC consensus that NWCG should be principal guidance.
- Brinsfield – ICSC item is on the agenda to discuss at meeting next week. Will document a response.
- Brown – asking if ISSC has a reluctance to update the 910 with some of the best practices from NWCG to bring CA in alignment (has not been updated in 5 years)? There is no reference in the FOG that compels people to the national standard. Need to look at this in order to deconflict issues and push towards standardization.
 - Moore – No reluctance. Information and Guidelines of 910 would be the appropriate place.
- Tomaselli – We should not circumvent CWCG. Need to refine our process to identify what we will be spending time on to manage our workload.
- Johnstone – This topic will be placed on Ops agenda in June. Opportunity to include appropriate stakeholders in the discussion. Refrain from giving direction to SCs involved until Ops discusses in June.
- Action Item: Spelman - Create document tracking input and concerns from various groups.

Retiree Behavioral Health White Paper – Serrano

- Approved at the BoD with “best practices” attachment. Presented by Spelman as a ‘living’ document due to evolving industry practices and behavioral research.

Behavioral Health PTBs – Serrano

- CISL PTB approved by CICCIS and has been distributed for beta testing.
- CISM PTB under development and hopefully complete by July.
- OES / CICCIS approved extension of the historical recognition period for all 5 BH positions until the end of the year.
- BH appendix inclusion into the NFPA 1550 publication was approved unanimously with title modification. 1550 will replace ‘critical incident’ with ‘behavioral health’ (e.g. Behavioral Health Lead, BH Clinician, etc.).
- Appendix will possibly include verbiage on how individuals can be ordered nationally under IROC identifiers.

Cancer Prevention White Paper – Moore

- Dr Urwin presented last month to the BoD. CPSC has been given direction to breakup Hierarchy of controls into sections that will be highlighted in the next 5 Quarterly Briefs.
- Johnstone – Chief Jack Fry has been assigned by OES to participate on CPSC.
- Action Item: Moore – obtain bio and LOS for Chief Fry.
- Action Item: Spelman – get copy of the NIOSH hierarchy presentation.

ITSU/ITSL – Brinsfield

- Comms finished macs 441-1 – Made changes to verbiage regarding the mobile radio requirement so does not apply to personnel responding in personal or rental vehicles, or those engaged in support functions (addressing issue mentioned by Chief Munsey at previous BoD).
- Motion to approve document with the changes made – Hall / Second: Arreguin
- Will be pushed out Statewide for agencies to move forward with radio load changes.

- Johnstone – Is the contact for historical background information to ensure good coordination for ITSU/ITSL.

Integration with National Organizations – Spelman

- Johnstone: Reaching out to engage FIRESCOPE nationally with USFA and NFA. Idea met with positivity and eagerness.

Assembly Bill No. 2380 and private resource utilization – Spelman

- Was discussed at recent IMT conference... open conversation with ICs on how to create path for use and ‘rules of engagement and’ and at what capacity - Under development.

FIRESCOPE Meeting Business plan & Subcommittee assignments – 2023 / Mentorship / Succession Planning / Meetings - All

- Spelman: Think about how we will use the new members as they come onboard.
- Johnstone: Application deadline passed for new membership. Going through the process of selection. Hopeful process is complete by July, with 3 new BoD members participating.

CURRENT BOD TASKING

Standard Wildland Preplan Working Group Tasking – Sherwood

- No report.

BoD EIT Tasking, Tracking – Brown

- Tracking survey edits are complete. Ops looked at old version. Would like TF and Ops to see the new version for presentation to the BoD.
- Spelman – Would like TF to review prior to May meeting and ready for Ops in June.
- Johnstone – ensure we are getting credible and accurate information back from agencies with support of those Fire Chiefs.
- Action Item: ALL: Link sent out for TF member completion – due date. May 1, 2023.
- Brown – It is becoming clearer to EIT that through the Dingle act the direction is moving more towards AVL type tracking for equipment and not focused on dismounted personnel.

Civil Unrest BoD Tasking - Huff

- EMS SC supports document with no changes. Now falls back to Structure.

Lithium Ion Battery Presentation - Moore/Rezende

- Spelman: Rezende is presenting at Forester and Fire Wardens.
- Motion to establish ad hoc SC to focus on Li response and safety standards. Ad hoc to consist of 1-2 people from HazMat, Safety, Cancer Prevention, and Structure Fire subcommittees – Moore / Second: Brown.

NEW BUSINESS / PROJECTS

Structure Fire Subcommittee White Paper “Indexing Structures” (ICS-500) – All

- Spelman: In progress by SFSC

December 12/13 Task Force/Ops Meeting - All

- Moore – Planning for member attendance (TF, Ops, SC Chairs and vices).
- Spelman - All subcommittees need to have a meeting before the December 11, TF/Ops meeting, to ensure all of their annual documents are complete and ready for review and approval.

2023 Quarterly Briefings – All

- Spelman – Members encouraged to present ideas for content and modifying the existing format.

Task Force Service Gift – All

- Spelman – Members encouraged to donate \$20.

MACS Drill Practice – All (1500)

- Virtual meeting adjourned at 1445 and in-person members prep for MACS drill scheduled for April 19, at 0900.
- Johnson – Covering information Task Force will be presenting to attendees and how to facilitate groups through scoring process.

Day 1: Meeting Adjourned – 1625hrs

Day 2: MACS Exercise: Start 0900 / Complete 1200