



FIRESCOPE



TASK FORCE MEETING

Conference Call

April 13, 2021

Minutes

Call to order: 0900 April 13th by Chief Gerboth

Members Present: Task Force

David Gerboth (SND)

Cathy Johnson (OES)

Rob Capobianco (ORC)

Brook Spelman (Cal Fire)

Garrett Huff (SBC)

Andrew Henning (SFM)

Josh Stinnett (KRN)

James Tomaselli (USFS)

David Baldwin (SCR)

Dustin Hall (EDH)

Dan Horton (VNC)

Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)

Dean Zipperman (LFD)

Members Not Present: Task Force

Jon O'Brien (LAC)

Dave Brinsfield (BLM)

Jason Serrano (BDC)

Matt Brown (CNT)

Guests:

Shelley Dorsey (OES)

Welcome, Introductions and Logistics – Gerboth

Moment of Silence for Firefighters and Police Officers LODD – Gerboth

Agenda Review and Additions – Gerboth

Review and Approval of March Meeting Minutes – Gerboth

Motion: Tomaselli

Second: Baldwin

Approved

Task Force Update – Gerboth

- **Task Force Report**

- Board of Director's Meeting was held virtually on April 6th and 7th.
- Board of Director's expecting to have an in person meeting in July in Orange County.

Ops Team Meeting Update

- CFAA has a new F42 letter size form.
- Regional meetings are upcoming.
- Continue UGS and resource availability. What is it going to look like for this year? Resources extending.
- EMAC request and how they are processed for out of state resources.
- Numbering system changing for OES apparatus. Four digit numbering system. First will be the region. Second will be the type. Then the engine number.
- The new OES Type I engines are being built with bigger cabs, 1,500 gpm pumps and 4" hose. They will remain Type III USR companies so they will remain outfitted with those.
- Discussed SB 209. Which established the Threat Integration Center. Staffing of the center. Working together with Cal Fire.
- OES assisting with vaccination sites.
- Fires have gone up due to the effects of the drought.
- Cal Fire is trying to hire additional crews. One of the major issues is that the pipeline is basically empty. Cal Fire is willing to take more crews out of the prison system and get them into the camps. With Covid and some of the new laws and trying to reduce head counts in prisons it's just getting to be a trickle of what we are getting out.
- Out of 168 inmate Type I crews in the state at full staffing, currently at 67. Twenty-one are less than twelve. 1,700 inmates down from typical

numbers.

- Aircraft bases in Hemet/Ramona and Mc Clellan are open. To augment the crews, they are going to bring on 20 Firefighter I crews. Twenty paid crews and 12 CCC crews. All helicopters should be brought on early this year.
- Firefighter I & II curriculum are in retirement. New members starting January 1, 2022, are now going to take the testing required.
- Rescue class changes have been proposed. SFT is trying to find funding to upgrade the Rescue classes.
- Forestry and DOI funding has gone to remediation and prevention.
- FOG chapters 9, 14, 16, and 18 are still being reviewed and revised.
- The GIS Specialist Group Chair, Matt Marsh, did a presentation for the Ops Group. The presentation was about what the GIS group is working on.
- The Task Force approved the movement of Swiftwater staffing from 14 to 16 persons a year ago. As well as changes to the curriculum. The changes were approved by the Ops Team. The Board of Director's had some questions about changing the staffing from 14 to 16 on Type I Swiftwater Teams. It was supposed to be timed with the NIMS changes. NIMS put a hold on it due to Covid. The BoD approved the training and qualification changes. They tabled the staffing change. NIMS made the staffing changes last month. The BoD approved the staffing changes as well. Changes will be reflected in the FOG.
- Reviewed the FIRESCOPE Plan of Work, Charters and some of the Rosters. Discussed what some of the Specialist groups are doing.
- The 2020 MACS 441 Radio Communication Guidelines was approved by the BoD.
- Chief Hartwig gave an EMS update. The biggest topic was 201 rights. Who can provide exclusive use transport services?
- CFAA update was discussed. Forest Service was trying to pay on the local agreement not the CFAA. Two different reimbursement standards. Caused some issues with some of the local agreements. Working through it.
- The CWCG discussion was mostly about Incident Management Teams. They will staff ten Federal IMTs this year. The Incident Commanders have been selected. The CAG have been selected. Working through the Unit Leaders. Overall 20 percent less applications than last year. Struggling to put in some Unit Leaders.
- Chief Meston went over the Blue Ribbon Commission update. Surge capacity of the state, and the Type I/Type IIIs going into service were

discussed.

- Private Fire Resources had a brief discussion. Qualifications and how they remain qualified. How we validate that.
- Chief Vale gave a CICCIS update.
- Chief Marshall gave a FIRIS update. Gave an update on Cal OES Operations Bulletin I and the use of it.
- Next generation S.C.O.U.T. was discussed. Intent is to be operational by July 1.
- Chief Marshall brought up FIRESCOPE, Cal OES, Parallel Specialist Group discussion. Concerned with duplicating efforts. Funding streams. Insuring coordination between the groups.
- FEMA and EMI gave a presentation on NIMS and the All Hazard specific training.
- Next in person meeting is scheduled for June in San Francisco. Should be moving forward with in person meetings.

Cal OES Update - Johnson

- Going into unified command with FEMA and other state agencies to help with the border migration issues.
- Fire Rescue is not being tasked. It is the Emergency Service Coordinators that will be the ones in the unified command. If they do mobilize any structure to that, it will be one of our Incident Support Teams.
- Members have inquired about changing the structure of the FIRESCOPE website. Would like to mirror NWCG's website with drop down options. Conversation with OES IT Webmaster regarding this. The software architecture that OES uses, doesn't allow for that type of navigation. The content management software is not the traditional sense of a webmaster for doing programming in that manner. We can restructure the website in other ways. We have the ability to add documents under each specialty group.

State Fire Training Report - Henning

- Things have slowed down due to funding and Covid restraints. Looking to put the cadre together in August.
- Firefighter I 2013 certification retires at the end of this year. Updated 2013 and 2019 certification: Experience and taskbook requirements have been removed.
- Firefighter II certification exam between now and the end of the year, no requirements to take a capstone exam through the state. After January 1, 2022, will be required to take the state certification exam.
- Firefighter II Tenured Path: Designed for the people who missed it when it was easier to get the Firefighter I certification. Only requirements are a certification taskbook plus the experience.

- Requirement for the old Legacy Chief Officer and the new Chief Fire Officer has been an associate's degree to get the certification. Working with CPF and the steering committee came up with a pathway for people who don't have an associate's degree but have college credit. Using a combination of experience and college credit. This retires at the end of 2022.
- Staff report with changes to rope rescue, retirement of rescue systems courses, and development of new structural collapse courses. Delaying the retirement of Rescue Systems I, II, and III.

OLD BUSINESS/PROJECTS

FOG ICS 420.1 2022 Revision/Review – Johnson

- Currently at the BoD level.
- Chapters 9, 14, 16, and 18 have all been approved pending edits. Edits have been completed on all chapters excluding 18.
- Agreed to add both Planning Ps.
- Working on getting the FOG into the right format for printing. The goal is to have everything done by June 1 to give back to the groups in a draft print version. Waiting on State Finance to approve moving forward with the print vendors.

Standard Wildland Preplan Working Group – Capobianco

- Moving forward.
- Asked for an additional month to do a presentation. Agree on symbology and content. Basic map and how to deliver it. Putting together some options on Common Operating Platforms. Will give a 5 minute presentation at next meeting.

ICS 215C Contingency Form – Spelman

- Form has been worked on for a couple of years. This form is bringing on a contingency element.
- A survey was put together for feedback. Received positive feedback.
- Would like to get the form pushed up through the FIRESCOPE process.
- Currently in draft form and feel that people are hesitant to use it because it is in draft form. Would like to be able to remove that.
- Bring back in May for approval. Ops Team in June and BoD in July.

DECON Unit Typing Project – Stinnett

- Met a couple of weeks ago. Created a sub-committee. Lots of discussions taking place.
- Typing is going to be challenging. Is number of personnel going to be a factor? Types of contamination? Differentiating the different types.
- Looking at many sources for information.
- Guidelines being looked at. State and federal.

- Made contact with Civil Support Teams.
- Timeline is a minimum of 6 months.

UAS Training – Huff

- The Forest Service and Cal Fire were able to get a S373 Class somewhere in California. Scheduled for the middle of April.

REMS Task Book, CICCIS, Qualifications, REMI, REMH – Gerboth

- Had a meeting.
- Submitted updated charter.
- Working with national partners for a way to have a REMS Typing.
- Working with other groups to ensure that they are conforming to national standards.

Specialist Groups POW, Charters and Rosters – All

- Went forward and were approved.
- A couple of items are still needed. Missing some bios and letters of support. Some Bios need to be updated. Format for bios is in Smartsheet under templates.

Specialist/Working Group Reorganization – All

- Working on the white paper. Will have something more firmed up by the next meeting.
- Sent out an email as a narrative to show what the intent is. Looking for feedback.
- Working with Lori Lopez from OES to get some of the graphs put together that show the changes. Will present to the BoD.

Behavioral Health Position Mnemonics – Gerboth

- White Paper has been completed. A few minor edits were made.
- The direction has been to have the Behavioral Health specialist group engage with the federal partners that are in the specialist group. Working on support from the NWCG level.
- Going to Ops in June.

Motion: Spelman

Second: Hall

Approved

Maritime Specialist Group – D'Arcy

- Making a lot of progress.
- Been in contact with OES Maritime Group members. They suggested combining the groups. Not onboard with that idea.

- Have about ten members. Contact if interested in joining the group.
- Coordinating schedules to have a meeting. Would like to have a meeting within the next ten days and elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary. Also setting a basic plan of work.

MACS-441-1 Appendix A – Gerboth/Johnson

- Approved at the BoD level.
- A couple of edits were made to frequencies.
- First five pages go into the FOG with a reference to go to the FIRESCOPE website to get the updated frequency list which is posted annually.

NEW BUSINESS/PROJECTS

Liaison Assignments – All

- Reorganization is being worked on.
- Several assignments need to be moved around.
- The intent is to free up the chair, vice-chair, and secretary. These position can fill the secondary role.
- Send Chief Gerboth your preferences.

Motion that the chair, vice-chair, and secretary will move into the secondary positions in their specialist and working groups: Spelman

Second: Tomaselli

Approved

2021 MACS Exercises – Gerboth/Spelman/Tomaselli/Johnson

- Will be held virtually this year.
- Some videos have already been produced.
- Chief Gerboth, Chief Johnstone, and Chief Spelman did an introduction video.
- Will highlight articles from the Quarterly Briefing.
- Presenting Orange County's MACS video.
- Close with actual stats of OES orders and state federal ordering through South Ops/North Ops and show how much that MACS System was used this year in filling those orders.
- Plan on finishing up in the next week or two and push up to Chief Marshall to disseminate out to the OES email group.

Cad to Cad Working Group – Spelman

- A year and a half ago, the Ops Team requested that the EIT group look into what they first called Cad to Cad and how we could look at moving resources back and forth easier for some of the lining counties. Looking at Cad to Cad systems statewide that are worth looking into.

- Pushed forward on educating the EIT group. Didn't have anyone who is a Cad to Cad Specialist.
- Took about six months to get educated on what Cad to Cad was.
- A lot of Cad to Cad is being used throughout California. San Diego, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties are all using Cad to Cad.
- Realized that it's not just sharing resources. More of sharing information and connectivity within that. How can those resources that can be moved around be tracked?
- Final paper that was pushed up was Information Sharing and Inoperability White Paper. Went up through the BoD. Presentation was given by the EIT chair.
- Next direction is creating a working group and move down some of the inoperability and resource sharing statewide.

Motion to establish a Cad to Cad working group: Spelman

Second: Horton

Approved

SPECIALIST AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Aviation

- Hasn't met since the last Task Force meeting.
- Scheduling a virtual meeting for the end of this month. Will send out a flyer.

Behavioral Health

- Biggest project is working on the mnemonics.

Communications

- No report.

EIT

- No meetings for the last few months.
- Always working on new items. Information sharing.
- A lot of the members have been getting pulled to run some of the Covid response.
- Always looking for new members to join.

EMS

- Helping with the FOG. Rewriting chapter 18.

GIS

- Continuing to work on the OSDs.
- Next meeting is April 28-29.

Hazmat

- Working on the DECON Unit.

High Rise

- No report.

Predictive Services

- o Sent out flyer for the May 5-6 meeting.
- o 410-3 distribution is delayed.
- o Currently working on the California Weather Annual Operating Plan. Would like the 410-3 to mirror this document.

Safety

- o Meeting this Thursday. Last meeting was December
- o Discussed the potential change in Safety Group reorganization.
- o Rosters have been completed. Updated in Smartsheet.
- o Discussed solar roof ventilation operations.

STEAC

- o Report was emailed to the group.
- o New members.
- o Four re-accredited academies. Glendale, Lake Tahoe Basin Fire Academy, Solano community College, and Los Angeles County.
- o Retired NWCG courses have not been updated in the system.

Technical Search & Rescue

- o Met last week.
- o Working on the OSD with OES with modifications.
- o Finishing chapter 16 in the FOG. Should be completed by the end of the week.
- o Meeting scheduled for May 21.

UAS

- o Update given earlier in the meeting.

Review of Upcoming Force Meetings – All

May 11-12, 2021	Riverside
June 8-9, 2021	San Francisco
July 13-14, 2021	Lake Arrowhead
August 10-11, 2021	San Diego
September 14-15, 2021	Monterey
October 13-14, 2021	Solvang
November 9-10, 2021	Sacramento/El Dorado Hills
December 14-15, 2021	Ventura

Future Ops Team and Board of Director’s Meetings – All

Ops Team	San Francisco	June 10-11, 2021
BoD Meeting	Orange County	July 7-8, 2021

ROUNDTABLE

Meeting Adjourned at 1210