



**TASK FORCE MEETING**

San Diego

August 10-11, 2021

Minutes

**Call to order:** 0900 July 10<sup>th</sup> by Chief Gerboth

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**Members Present:** Task Force

David Gerboth (SND)

Dennis Breshears (LAC)

James Tomaselli (USFS)

Brook Spelman (Cal Fire)

Dustin Hall (EDH)

Jason Serrano (BDC)

Jon O'Brien (LAC)

Cathy Johnson (OES)

Phil Johnson (ORC)

Dean Zipperman (LFD)

Garrett Huff (SBC)

Matt Brown (CNT)

**Members Not Present:** Task Force

Josh Stinnett (KRN)

Dave Brinsfield (BLM)

Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)

Andrew Henning (SFM)

Dan Horton (VNC)

**Guests:**

Shelley Dorsey (OES)

Jim Johnstone (OES)

David Baldwin (SCR)

Christopher Webber (SND)

**Welcome, Introductions and Logistics – Gerboth**

**Moment of Silence for Firefighters and Police Officers LODD – Gerboth**

**Agenda Review and Additions – Gerboth**

**Review and Approval of June Meeting Minutes – Gerboth**

Motion: Serrano

Second: Breshears

Approved

**Task Force Update – Gerboth**

- There has been some discussion about the tasking that came to the Operations Specialty Group from the Board of Directors.
- A couple of papers have gone through from FEMA regarding Incident Management.
- Discussions with CICCIS with the new qualifications guide.
- Reached out to the chair of the BoD to clarify a couple of items.
- Members need to submit or update bios.
- Changed September's meeting location to Paso Robles. Difficulty in getting the state rate in Monterey.
- Flyers have gone out for the September and October meetings.

**Cal OES Update - Johnstone**

- Trying to get resources through the Mutual Aid System has been challenging.
- OES can normally mobilize close to 600 fire engines to help. Struggling with about 350 currently.
- There have been meetings to discuss why the system can't support more than 350. Staffing is the primary reason. Covid has increased numbers again.
- Receiving emails for logistical support for our incidents. Lacking in many ways and for many reasons. Federal and Cal Fire are short staffed.
- Chief Tomaselli sent out a memo from Ed Mack regarding logistical support for our incidents. Resources are limited and personnel need to prepare to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72-96 hours.
- Two years ago, the reorganization of FIRESCOPE was discussed. Kudos to Dave Gerboth for his leadership on the reorganization.

**CSFM Report - Henning**

- No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS/PROJECTS**

### **FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Johnson**

- In the final stages of editing the chapters.
- Goal is to send it to print at the end of the month.
- Working on setting up a contractor to develop the app. The app will come out approximately 3 months after the printed version.
- In the process of changing accounts for FOG sales. Also, will come back with a recommendation for an increase in the price of the FOG. Currently it is \$6. FEMA version is at least \$18. With the new accounting, it may open up the possibility to purchase challenge coins and other items out of FOG sales. At this point, there is no funding available.
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo for the cover of the new FOG is complete. Emailed to the Task Force. Considering a sticker for apparatus with the same logo.

### **Specialist/Working Group Reorganization, 1000-hour Conference Call - All**

- Conference call with the chairs and vice-chairs of the specialist/working groups.
- Discussed the two organizational charts. Current and draft.
- Discussed the points on the white paper.
- Discussed the empowerment of the sub-committees. Specialist chairs will now help to oversee them before their products get to the specialist group and eventually to the Task Force.
- Discussed that meetings can be in person or virtual.
- Discussed mentorship, succession planning, and deconfliction of products.
- Invited meeting participants to the combined TF/Ops Team meetings in January 2022 in Pismo Beach.

### **Specialist/Working Group Reorganization, MACS Documents – All**

- Discussed the updating of MACS 410-4, 6, 7, and 8.

### **Standard Wildland Preplan Working Group – Capobianco**

- Since their presentation to the BoD, there has been one meeting.
- Discussing what the group's responsibilities are.
- What organization should be responsible for all of the data? Who has the ability to store and maintain the data? Who is going to fund it?
- Working on making a final recommendation to the group.
- Will be having an in-person meeting in the next few weeks.

### **ICS 215C Contingency Form – Spelman**

- Approved to move forward from the BoD.
- Questions have come back from the working group regarding the naming convention of the document.
- Have been asked to consider a different number for the document.
- No issues with the content. The document would remain the same.
- Working with a contractor to make the form ADA compliant and fillable.

- A link to the form was put into the Quarterly Briefing which is posted on the website.
- Needs to be pushed out to NWCG, NIMS, FEMA, and SFT.

#### **DECON Unit Typing Project – Stinnett**

- No report.

#### **UAS Working Group/Training – Huff**

- Have been doing train the trainer classes.

#### **REMS Working Group – Gerboth**

- Continuing to work on the 223.
- Last meeting was cancelled due to deployment.
- Will be meeting later this month.

#### **CICCS – Gerboth**

- Draft qualifications guide has been distributed to the regions. Will be sent out to the group.
- Put it out for comments and review.
- The biggest change in the qualifications guide is the addition of US&R positions. With that will come the period of historical recognition which will take about a year.

#### **Behavioral Health Position Mnemonics – Serrano**

- The BoD approved the Mnemonics with the agreement that they were going to draft a letter in support of the three additional positions.

#### **Air Operations BoD Tasking, 1330-hours – MacFarland, Chuck**

- The Air Operations Chief of the San Diego Fire Department. The Chair of the Aviation Specialist Group led the discussion.
- During the last Board of Director's Meeting there was a tasking that involved two big issues with aviation. Carding of pilots and HELCO. Both are controversial issues.
- Chief Fennessy sent out a letter regarding the tasking.
- Chief Johnstone scheduled a conference call last week with Cal Fire and the Forest Service to discuss it and they had some concerns.
- Chief MacFarland has a meeting with Los Angeles City tomorrow.
- It is on the Plan of Work for the Aviation Specialist Group to go through and get back to the BoD on what was sent to them.
- Will probably send back a white paper response. Will take some time.

#### **Marijuana Cultivation Safety Guidelines – All**

- The Safety Group is working on the guidelines.
- Chief Zipperman shared a PowerPoint with good information on the hazards involved with marijuana cultivation. The PowerPoint was emailed to the group.
- The group will create a bulletin that may include a PowerPoint with a link.
- Awareness, hazards and communication were discussed.

**EIT, Blue Force, Tracking – Spelman**

- Will be giving a presentation on tracking to the BoD in October.
- Information on where we are at with other tracking models.

**NEW BUSINESS/PROJECTS**

**Megafire/Complex ICS Organization – All**

- On the Dixie fire, the incoming Cal Fire Team on the westside, has instituted sectors. There are three sectors on the incident. That terminology doesn't exist in ICS.
- Discussed what goes on with complex incidents once we go past what we traditionally use for ICS.
- There has been discussion on what a sector is and where does it fit?
- A sector is set below an Ops Chief and above the Branch.
- NIMS is coming up on revision. Should these changes be revised?

**September Task Force Meeting/2022 Meeting Schedule – Gerboth**

- Discussed 2022 meeting schedule. The following are the tentative schedules and locations:

January 25-27, 2022	Pismo Beach (Combined with Ops meeting)
February 8-9, 2022	Dana Point
March 8-9, 2022	Lake Tahoe (North Shore)
April 12-13, 2022	Redding – MACS Exercises
May 10-11, 2022	Riverside – MACS Exercises
June 7-9, 2022	San Francisco (Combined with Ops meeting)
July 12-13, 2022	Lake Arrowhead
August 9-10, 2022	San Diego
September 13-14, 2022	Ventura
October 18-19, 2022	Solvang
November 15-16, 2022	Sacramento
December 13-14, 2022	Los Angeles

**ICS Foundations Course Reference guide – Gerboth**

- The US Fire Administration Technical Assistance Program Lead for the All-Hazard Incident Management Team Program put together with other subject matter experts, a document, Defining Standardized Performance Capability Metrics for Incident Management Teams Based on Resource Typing Levels.
- Still in draft form. Should be coming out in the next couple of months.

- Clearly defines the capabilities of complexity in different teams.
- Chief Gerboth, Chief Vail, and a few others reviewed the document.
- Good resource.
- Will send out the document to the group.

## **SPECIALIST AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

### **Aviation**

- Working on aircraft typing and other items from their Plan of Work.
- All work products are works in progress.
- ICS 800 may need revising.

### **Behavioral Health**

- Has not met since the last Task Force meeting.
- Will be working on putting a package together for NWCG for the Naming Board.
- Continuing to work on the task book for the two approved positions for lead and management.

### **Cad to Cad**

- Has received some names for potential members.
- Anyone who has someone for the group, contact Chief D'Arcy. Having trouble finding recruits.

### **Communications**

- No report.

### **EIT**

- Has not met since the last Task Force meeting.
- Would like to have an in-person meeting in September/October.
- Discussed personnel tracking.
- Google wants to meet with more personnel from FIREScope. Will try to put a meeting together.

### **EMS**

- Spoke to Randy Black. Group is still working on the 701.
- Trying to schedule a meeting for August.
- Continue to work with SFT to complete the Fireline EMT and Fireline Medic modules.

### **GIS**

- Still finishing up the OSDs for the GISS and the Situation Unit Leader.

### **Hazmat**

- Still working on the DECON Project.

### **High Rise**

- No report

### **Maritime**

- Have had a couple of meetings.
- Preliminary roster, POW, and charter completed.
- Looking at the differences between the specialist group and the OES group.

**Predictive Services**

- Has not met since the last Task Force meeting.
- The chair of the group has accepted another position in Oregon.

**REMS**

- Charter, roster and POW was approved by the BoD.
- Last meeting was postponed. Working on rescheduling it.

**Safety**

- Met last month.
- Continuing to work on the effects of disease decontamination process.
- Continuing to work on ladder safety.
- Added solar panels to the Plan of Work. Will submit a white paper by December.
- Discussed Wildland Mayday Procedures.
- Rosters and Plan of Work are updated.
- With the new reorganization of the groups, is there going to be a standardized meeting schedule? Looking for direction.
- Next virtual meeting is in October.

**STEAC**

- Next meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Gathering a cadre to rewrite all of the rescue system programs.
- Pilot program out right now regarding Hazmat testing for the fire academies. Connected with CSTI.
- Changes to class roster.

**Technical Search & Rescue**

- Met last week.
- Discussed the different positions. FEMA vs. California standard and training related issues.
- New task books and qualification guides from CICCIS.

**UAS**

- Update given earlier in the meeting.

**Review of Upcoming Task Force Meetings – All**

October 13-14, 2021	Solvang
November 9-10, 2021	Sacramento/EI Dorado Hills
December 14-15, 2021	Ventura

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

Ops Team Meeting	Virtual	September 22, 2021 1030 hours
BoD Meeting	Anaheim	October 7-8, 2021

**ROUNDTABLE**

**Meetings Adjourned at 1630 on Day 1 and 1134 on Day 2.**