



## **FIREScope OPERATIONS TEAM Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 1300-1700

Thursday, December 12, 2024, 0900-1200

Los Angeles City Fire Department

### **Welcome/Roll Call**

Members Present: Operations Team

Ahearn (USFS)

Walder (Region IV)

Johnstone (OES)

Serna (Mutual Aid VI)

Kaialoa (Mutual Aid II)

Barnes (SOM)

McGovern (ORC)

Stornetta (SBC)

Cook (VNC)

Steers (KRN)

Goss (DOI)

McClellan (ANA)

Cook – Vice-Chair

Nishimoto (Mutual Aid II)

Heggstrom (Mutual Aid III)

Nolan (CAL FIRE)

Bachmeyer (Volunteer FD)

McLaughlin (TCFD)

Others Present: Task Force & Specialist Groups

Johnson (OES)

Serrano (BDC)

Davis (SBC)

Rezende (SND)

St Pierre (USFS)

Coyle (MNL)

Landry (EDH)

## **Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics – Cook**

### **Agenda Review – Cook**

- a. Addition of ICS 162 Implementation Plan
- b. Moved Items j and k from the Task Force agenda to the Ops Team agenda

### **\*Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. September 2024 Ops Team Minutes  
**Approved**

### **Task Force Report – Serrano**

- \*FIREScope Quarterly Brief Draft  
**Approved**
- \*NFPA 1851 Best Practices White Paper  
**Approved**
- \*Response to Civil Unrest Guidelines ICS 912  
**Approved**
- \*Response to Honey Oil Incidents ICS 903  
**Approved**
- \*Haz Mat Safety Officer on AH-IMT's White Paper  
**Sent back to the Task Force**
- \*Swift Water/Flood S&R Resource Typing Whitepaper  
**Approved**
- \*ICS 205 Best Practices White Paper and Job Aid ICS 1301  
**Approved**
- \*MACS 410-4 Revision  
**Approved**
- \*ICS 162 Implementation Plan  
**Approved**

- \*LG Hand Crew Standards OSD ICS 156-1  
Approved with amendments
- \*Subcommittee Charters, Rosters, Plans of Work  
Approved

## **Subcommittee and Specialist Group Status Update Reports**

### **New FIREScope FOG App Update & Discussion of Plan for Future – Johnson**

- We are now in phase II of the revisions. Has the ability to do push notifications now.
- Printed FOG manuals will no longer be available once the current inventory is exhausted. We currently have approximately 7,000 copies available.
- Updated fillable forms will be available in the app. Ability to be filled in, signed, and sent.
- Printable pdfs of the FOG will be available once the current inventory is exhausted for agencies and training centers.
- Let us know of any changes to the app that will help the fire service.

### **Old Business**

- FIREScope Mutual Aid Coordination Team Update - Walder
  - Chief Johnstone will share Chief Walder's report via email with the Ops Team.
  - Will share their updated 2025 plan of work and roster at the next BoD in January.
  - Will have a draft white paper ready on the MACS work to date for review at the April BoD.
  - Potential Mutual Aid Summit in spring 2025.

### **New Business**

- White Papers Discussion
  - White papers can be found under publications on the FIREScope website.
  - Discussed how white papers are assigned and the approval process.
- Replacement of Chief Gerboth on the NWCG NIMS Integration Committee
  - Chief Gerboth will be representing I CHIEFS/FIREScope.
  - Invited him to join in Ops Team reports.

- \*Proposed Verbiage Addition into FOG Manual Focused on Respectful Relationships – Johnstone
  - Chief Hawkins and Chief Zagaris will be presenting this verbiage at the January BoD meeting for approval.
  - Discussed possible revisions.
  - Final Verbiage to present to the BoD:
 

**“All personnel assigned to an incident will demonstrate mutual respect and professionalism for all responders with the ultimate goal of harmonious working relationships that incorporate but are not limited to effective communications, coordination, cooperation, and collaboration at all incident organizational levels.”**

Approved
- FIREScope White Paper Template – Johnstone
  - An additional Section was added to the template for capturing the fiscal impact/cost analyst.
  - Chief Johnstone will send the template out to the Task Force and the Ops Team to review and recommend any edits.
  - Will be a discussion item at the BoD.

## Updates and Reports

- Cal OES – Johnstone
  - State legislature provides \$25 million a year for prepositions. That amount was exhausted in three months.
  - The legislature continues to support anything needed for prepositions.
  - The system is working.
- CAL FIRE – Nolan
  - Continued to staff the fires in Southern California. 77 engines staffed. Northern California will go to Bay staffing on Monday morning. People will be laid off. 47 engines staffed in the North.
  - Aircraft in the north down staffed. Two bases in the south will have fixed wing all winter.
  - Funding model is extended to a full nine months now. Increased staffing around the middle of March.
- USFS/DOI – Ahearn/Goss
  - 25 additional engines have been brought down to Southern California.
  - Four Type I helicopters, four Type II helicopters and a Type III platform available for critical need.

- Utilizing prepositions all year long.
- DOI limited on things they can staff. Limited resources.
- Arrowhead Hotshots are doing Prescribed fires in Shasta region. Prescribed fires in some parks in the south.
- DOI currently has a couple of resources at the Franklin fire.
- Most temps have been laid off.
- Next year, not much will change. Still have two helicopters in South Ops and one hotshot crew.
- Working on building their UAS module. Leadership being hired. Currently trying to recruit the captain of the module. It will be a five-person module. Should be on the road next year.
- State Fire Training – Petty
  - No report
- NWCG NIMS Integration Committee
  - No report
- NFPA – Neamy
  - No report

### **Next Board of Director's Meeting**

January 22 & 23, 2025

CA State Firefighters' Assoc. – Temecula

April 16 & 17, 2025

Tulare County Fire Department - Visalia

### **Next Ops Team Meeting**

March 12-13, 2025

Napa/Menlo Park Fire

District

June 18 -19, 2025

San Francisco/San

Francisco Fire

September 10 & 11, 2025

San Diego/San Diego Fire

### **Roundtable**

**Adjourned Day 1 1607**

**Adjourned Day 2 1134**

\*Denotes shared documents to be discussed for potential approval