



**TASK FORCE MEETING**

Conference Call

February 9, 2021

Minutes

**Call to order:** 0900 February 9th by Chief Gerboth

**Members Present:** Task Force

David Gerboth (SND)	Jon O'Brien (LAC)	Dave Brinsfield (BLM)
Dustin Hall (EDH)	Rob Capobianco (ORC)	Andrew Henning (SFM)
Dean Zipperman (LFD)	Garrett Huff (SBC)	Jason Serrano (BDC)
Cathy Johnson (OES)	James Tomaselli (USFS)	Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)
Ira Peshkin (KRN)	David Baldwin (SCR)	

**Members Not Present:** Task Force

Brook Spelman (Cal Fire)  
 Dan Horton (VNC)

o **Guests:**

Jim Johnstone (OES)  
 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 January Meeting Minutes – Gerboth**

Motion: Hall

Second: Peshkin

Approved with correction

**Task Force Update – Gerboth**

- **Task Force Report - Gerboth**
  - Shortened time between the two meetings. Not much activity has happened.
  - Had the Ops Team Meeting. Concentrated on FOG revisions. Most revisions were accepted. Some concerns with Chapter 16. How the Regional Task Forces fit into the system. Being NIMS compliant. Chapter 16 is on hold.
  - Met with Chief Fennessy. Will be going through all of the POWs. Will be getting lot more participation and input from the BoD.
  - Meeting was held with all eight California based FEMA Task Force Program Training Managers.
  - Met with Chief Spelman in Riverside. Discussed reorganization.
  - Last TF meeting was virtual. Will see what we can do for March. Will work with OES.

**Cal OES Update - Johnstone**

- Decisions on meeting in person will be decided on a month to month basis. Last meeting was in Santa Cruz last March.
- On February 25th, there will be an Ops Team Meeting to go over final approval at that level for the FOG revisions. All are invited to attend.
- Will have a special BoD Meeting for the revisions sometime in March. The meeting will be online.
- The April BoD meeting has been changed from San Francisco to Santa Barbara. Meeting is tentative.
- Chief Gerboth shared a document regarding a federal effort to increase the amount of vaccinations in the state. There is a meeting with the director virtually on Friday. The information was emailed to the group. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. FEMA partnered with Cal OES and Cal Fire. Intent is not to

take any vaccines away from our local government. Chief Torrez is the lead.

- Org chart has been updated with new members and posted on the website. Will need to add the Maritime Group to the chart.

### **OLD BUSINESS/PROJECTS**

- **FOG ICS 420.1 2022 Revision/Review – Johnson**
- The Ops Team had a couple of questions and there are a couple of areas that still need to be closed. Requested feedback from all of the US&R Task Forces. Received the feedback this morning. Specialist Group will meet on Friday.
- Discussed and reviewed revisions that still need to be completed.
- Received the quote back from State Publishing.
- We have the quote back from State Publishing. Requested 15,000 copies. Bid was approximately \$230,000-\$250,000 which includes proofing and editing.
- Working on putting in the bid for updating the FOG app. Expecting that it will cost approximately \$50,000 for the update.
- 2020 or 2021 Appendix A Communications Guidelines 441-1 needs to be submitted.

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

- Not a lot of movement in the last couple of months.
- Within the next month or two will put together a presentation.
- May need some direction from the Task Force.
- Working on platforms. Questions about funding.

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

- Putting together a White Paper.

#### **DECON Unit Typing Project – Peshkin**

- HazMat Group is going to get going on this. The Chair has been off work due to an injury.
- This is a priority for the group.

#### **UAS Training – Huff**

- Had a virtual meeting yesterday.
- Have a couple new members from Forest Service and Cal Fire.
- Beta course coming in April 2021. Hopefully will have a course for everyone in October 2021. Cal Fire talked about having a C course instead of an S course. C373 is going to be an All Hazard component.

#### **REMS Task Book, CICCS, Qualifications, REMI, REMH – Gerboth**

- Meeting with the US&R Training Working Group on January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Proposed the changes coming through the CICCS qualifications.
- Will have the Specialist Group meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

- REMS Task Book has be bogged down with everyone's other commitments.

#### **Specialist Groups POW, Charters and Rosters – All**

- Will review the POWs with Chief Fennesy and possibly Chief Bowden.
- Making sure that we are in alignment with all of the activities going on.
- Still a few that are outstanding.
- Will be on the agenda for final approval for the February 25<sup>th</sup> Ops Team Meeting.

#### **Specialist/Working Group Reorganization – All**

- Discussions have been held regarding what is the best way to do this. Should there be sub-committees? Some of the specialist groups not as active as others.
- Looked at different models.
- Maintain a good span of control.
- Engagement between the primary and secondary. So if somebody leaves the group they wouldn't have to start all over again.
- Trying to minimize some of the workload. Spread it out a little bit.
- Have a system that can expand and contract as needed.
- Should some specialist groups oversee multiple sub-committees?
- Can some of the specialist groups be reduced?
- Possibly adding more members?
- Move some specialist groups into working groups.
- Will put out an org chart with proposed changes.

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

- Continue to work on White Paper.
- Working on two FIRESCOPE Task Books for the two approved positions.
- If the other three positions are approved, the template will already be there.

#### **Maritime Specialist Group – D'Arcy**

- Received some recommendations.
- Started making contact with the people who sent in recommendations.
- Putting roster together.
- Send recommendations for the group to Chief D'Arcy.

### **NEW BUSINESS/PROJECTS**

#### **Tesla Solar – Gerboth**

- LA and Orange Counties have banned Tesla roofs from being utilized in their counties.
- Concerns with how they are installed. Firefighter safety issue.
- Have not been banned in San Diego but there are some safety measures

required.

- There have been discussions of markings so that Firefighters can recognize them.
- May be something that the Safety Group can look into.

#### **Digital Band Update – Gerboth**

- Some of the agencies have changed over. FAA mandated.
- Significant challenges with the sound quality.

#### **Placement of Items on the Website - Johnstone**

- Suggestions of moving some items under Publications around.
- High Rise Position Manuals, HazMat Position Manuals and Lessons Plans.
- Recommendation is to move those as appropriate to the specific specialist group page within the website under documents.
- Some of these courses: Strike Team Leader, Line Medic, and Line EMT are posted on the SFT website. There is a link on the FIRESCOPE website to CICC and the SFT website under training.
- Trying to clean up the website and make it more user friendly.
- Recommendations were given to keep things where they are instead of under the specialist groups and making more room under Publications. Add sub-folders on the Publications page. Link to Publications on specialist group pages. Add specialist group name to titles on the website after the ICS number.
- The US&R Position Manuals should be posted under Publications for consistency.
- Other specialist groups should also add their publications.
- Will be contacting IT to discuss changes.

#### **Task Force Meetings – All**

- Looking at March for Bakersfield in person meeting.
- Checking on a backup facility.
- Working lunch vs group lunch to limit exposure. Also, to make the meeting go smoother.
- Many hotels in the area with State rates. Information forthcoming.
- April meeting in Redding:
  - What are we going to do for the MACS Exercise? Will it be virtual?
  - South Ops has issues with space for the May meeting.
  - Who can help brainstorm with Chief Johnson for the Redding MACS Exercise?
  - Can provide the MACS Exercise video for content. Curriculum is still available from last year due to cancelation of the MACS Exercise for that year.

- So far no facilities available for Redding that can accommodate the group's size.
- Chief Gerboth will be reaching out to Chief Johnson, Chief Tomaselli and Chief Spelman to discuss further.
- Chief Bowden to assign another Task Force member for Santa Clara. Need someone to take on the Monterey meeting in September.
- All other meetings are taken care of for possible in person meetings.

## **SPECIALIST AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

- **Aviation**
  - No report.
- **Behavioral Health**
  - No report.
- **Communications**
  - Received the 2021 roster and the ITTS Position Paper.
  - Next meeting February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **EIT**
  - No report.
- **EMS**
  - Continuing all things Covid related.
  - Scheduled to meet in March.
- **GIS**
  - No report.
- **Hazmat**
  - Held elections.
  - Moving on doing DECON Typing.
  - Tentatively meeting in March.
- **High Rise**
  - No report.
- **Predictive Services**
  - CWCG and National Weather Service had a meeting to discuss verbiage in their weather forecasting.
  - Discussed AOP edits.
- **Safety**
  - No report.
- **STEAC**
  - Next meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Working on reaccreditations.
  - Process of realigning some of the NWCG and FEMA curriculum.
- **Technical Search & Rescue**
  - Meeting on Friday.
  - OSD is with the BoD being reviewed.
  - FOG updates is the most time dependent right now. Will be discussed at

Friday's meeting.

- **UAS**

- More to report at the next meeting on the beta class.

**2021 Task Force Meetings – All**

March 9-10, 2021	Santa Cruz
April 13-14, 2021	Redding
May 11-12, 2021	Riverside
June 15-18, 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	Virtual	February 25, 2021
BoD Meeting	San Francisco	April 2021

**ROUNDTABLE**

**Meeting Adjourned at 1217**