



TASK FORCE MEETING

Orange County / OCFA

February 7 & 8, 2023

Minutes

Call to order: 0900 February 7th by Chief Spelman

0900 February 8th by Chief Spelman

Members Present: Task Force

Brook Spelman (Cal Fire)

Cathy Johnson (OES)

Jason Serrano (BDC)

Shane Sherwood (ORC)

Dan Horton (VNC)

Cary Wright (KRN)

Matt Brown (CNT)

Patrick D’Arcy (SFR)

Scott Lewis (SCR)

Caryn Petty (SFM)

Dave Brinsfield (BLM)

Members Not Present: Task Force

Brian Martin (LAC)

Mark Bisbee (SFM)

Robert Rezende (SND)

Garrett Huff (SBC)

Justin Moore (LFD)

Dustin Hall (EDH)

Mike Nobles (USFS)

Guests:

Shelley Dorsey (OES)

Pedro Arreguin (VNC)

Jim Johnstone (OES)

Welcome, Introductions and Logistics – Sherwood

Moment of Silence for Firefighters and Police Officers LODD – Spelman

Agenda Review and Additions – Spelman

- Sherwood requesting addition of presentation by Structure Fire Subcommittee Chair and Vice-Chair at 1300 – Indexing Structures.

- Sherwood offering presentation of newly acquired Starlink satellite system at 1500hrs by members of OCFA.
- Horton advising Arreguin will be permanent VNC Task Force Representative effective March 2023.
- Wright advising, he is replacing Stinnett as KRN Representative effective this meeting.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – None

- Serrano taking meeting minutes for February.

Task Force Update – Spelman

- Inquiry to Chief Johnstone on solicitation for new additions to FIRESCOPE organization, based on newly approved changes to the MACS 410-4.
- Making a point to clarify that the work-flow process is followed properly with subcommittees needing to focus on Plan of Work items. New ideas are encouraged but should be vetted through the adopted process.
- Petty: Future training items needing curriculum development should be referred to and work with Training and Education Specialist Group.
- Johnstone: These items are important to capture as guidelines for the fire service, statewide. The training component has not typically been the responsibility of the Task Force in the past.
- Sherwood: A member from San Jose FD is requesting to join the Structure Fire SC. Recommended that the individual submit a bio, resume, and letter of support for consideration as a SME/Associate Advisor.
- Spelman: Reminder that FIRESCOPE meetings are open and subcommittees should make every attempt to adhere to the requirement of producing flyers for website posting and public notification.

Ops Team Update - Johnstone

- With the 420-4 expansion, Shelly has been extremely busy with other tasking and will be pausing on Task Force minutes.
- Held an Ops team conference call this morning; be mindful of items or topics that may be cutting edge - looking to improve presentations at the Ops Team. Intended to be 1.5 days. If something would be of interest, please bring forward to San Francisco, in June.
- Lodging during June in San Francisco can be difficult. Host agency encouraged to begin working on accommodations and meeting location ASAP.
- Need email indicating the new liaison assignments to update on the FIRESCOPE website.

Cal OES Update – Johnson

- Vacancy announcement for OES Region 4 and for FIRIS.
- Ken Kempner took new position at Sacramento OES Fire WFTIC.

CSFM Report – Petty/Bisbee

- No new updates since January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS / PROJECTS

FOG ICS 420.1 2022 -Sales – App Update – Johnstone

- In the last month sales have been great. Have printed 15K and now have permission to print additional 10K. Many people are using the app. BoD discussion on printing the manual in the future. Many training facilities give hard copies to students. Will be decided in the future for version.

Specialist/Working Group Reorganization, POW, Charters, Rosters - All

- Spelman: Mentioning that all TF members should be presented with newly proposed SC members for good measure and familiarity.
- Johnstone: We should review the 410-4 document together to ensure all TF members are interpreting the changes and document verbiage.
- Brinsfield: Members on SC that are not SME for the topic still bring value back to their agencies for generalized awareness and knowledge.
- Spelman: Going to write up process for liaisons to ensure it is clear how to correctly place documents in/on FIRESCOPE website – including flyers, bios, meeting minutes etc. these all need to be captured and pushed out.
- Serrano: All liaisons should pass on to SC members to please ensure ADA compliant documents as they are produced prior to sending up to the TF.
- Sherwood: Shawn Raley proposed to represent wildland SC – TF reviewed bio. Motion to add Raley: Sherwood / Second: Serrano
- Approved
- Spelman will get Raley name added to CalFire LOS.
- Matt Brown presenting proposal for Comms SC new member: Captain Tad Suwa from Sac City – TF reviewed bio. Motion to add Suwa: Sherwood / Second: D'Arcy
- Approved
- Brown will forward Suwa bio
- Matt Brown: Proposing Captain Mike Mackenzie (EDH) for Comms SC. TF reviewed. Motion to add Mackenzie: Horton / Second: Sherwood
- Approved
- Chris Landry proposal for UAS participation pushed to next meeting to allow Chief Hall to present on behalf of EDH.

REMS, ICS-223 Implementation / National Standard – Spelman

- No new update

TS&R OSD, ICS-162 – Hall

- Spelman: No change to the OSD. Has been sent to the BoD for approval at February 23rd meeting.

HazMat OSD – Wright

- No change on the OSD. Has been sent to the BoD for approval at February 23rd meeting.

HazMat Staffing – Wright/Spelman

- Needs further discussion due to cost implications. Considering a phase-in. SC asking why there was not uniformity with FEMA... will examine further.
- SC is leaning to match the standards and compare with pros and cons. How will this affect the CA fire service?
- Johnstone: Good candidate for a whitepaper and go through the decision process. Still needs further work due to the significant cost impact to agencies. Motion for HMSC to create supporting documents for any change or upgrade to minimum staffing for HM Teams: Spelman / Second: Sherwood
Approved
- Wright will pass along to SC and modify POW.

FIRESCOPE / NCG – Spelman/Johnstone

- Spelman: Unable to leave the state to attend but Matt Brown may possibly have the ability. These high-level conversations are very enlightening on how to use technology as a fulcrum to create a better system. Involvement in this is a good time to aggregate different ideas and be part of the FEMA process. Opportunity to inform them on FIRESCOPE and MACS.
- Johnstone: Important for a TF member or higher, participate to ensure a solid “big picture” and wholistic view of ICS.

Tech Connect - Brown

- The Tech Conference summary was hosted by EIT SC in Redlands, last month.
- Everyone on the committee has submitted a sample piece of technology of what they are using and populated in the virtual environment. Should have a functional beta version of something in 60 days.
- Spelman suggested running the ESRI Technology summit concurrent with the January TF and Ops integrated meeting with invite to all since there is excellent value in attending.

Structure Defense Guidelines, ICS 600 – Sherwood

- No additional update. Still being worked on by the Wildland SC.
- Brinsfield: DOI looking to provide representation in the WL SC to deliver input for product development.

Structure Fire Operations, ICS 500 – Sherwood

- Presentation from Structure Fire SC Chair, Jim Henry and Vice-Chair, Guy Tomlinson on Indexing unique shaped structures expanding on recently developed draft whitepaper.
- Questions from TF members posed for clarification and edification.
Motion to have the structure fire subcommittee produce/validate/finalize the white paper discussing the indexing of structures not currently covered in ICS 500:
Serrano / Second: Horton
Approved.
- Jim Henry, Chair of SFSC reiterating action items and acknowledge.

Handcrew Standards – Sherwood

- Ongoing. No update.

Form Numbering – Spelman

- Ongoing. No update.

ICS 701, Unified Response to Violence – Huff

- Spelman: Reviewed by Incident Safety SC. Ongoing. No further update.

Wildland Entrapment (910-1?) – All

- Waiting for input and consensus from Wildland SC and Incident Safety SC with the change in verbiage. Already agreed upon by Aviation.
- Sherwood: Want to ensure proper FIREScope process is followed...
Motion to have ISSC and WLSC work with Damian Julianni from GIS SC to produce a white paper identifying the need for a Wildland Entrapment Protocol:
Sherwood / Second: D'Arcy
Approved.
- Sherwood will coordinate with Moore to notify and guide both subcommittees.

Retiree Behavioral Health White Paper – Serrano

- Agency poll including benefits coverage included as attachment as requested by Ops.

Behavioral Health PTBs – Serrano

- Still waiting on input from Scott Vail/CICCS.
- Johnstone will follow-up with Vail.

Cancer Prevention White Paper – Moore/Serrano

- Ready for BoD review / approval with presentation to BoD by Dr Urwin (CPSC Chair) in April.

ITSU/ITSL – Brinsfield

- The Incident Technology Specialist Group will need to collaborate and give input on documents/products moving forward.
- TF needs to look back at past direction given. Comms was the lead on the ITSS

previously.

- Serrano will reach out to Gerboth for available information.

Integration with National Organizations – Spelman

- Ongoing. No additional update. Still working with Chief Gerboth. A letter is forthcoming on behalf of FIREScope inviting outside and National organizations to participate as advisory.

Assembly Bill No. 2380 and private resource utilization – Spelman

- Spelman has been in contact with members that brought it over from private. Chief Kendall looking for options on how to facilitate and integrate use. Topic should be discussed at the IMT conference and engage in a group session.
- A desire exists to hold accountable the private resources and ensure compliance to contract.
- Need specific guidelines for teams.

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

- Deferred to next meeting.

CURRENT BOD TASKING

Standard Wildland Preplan Working Group Tasking – Sherwood

- Steve Kennedy giving update to BoD in April – Suggested practices and product options (Ventura).
- Sherwood to coordinate presentation to Ops/TF on March 15, 10am virtual.

BoD EIT Tasking, Tracking – Brown

- Brown: Limited responses to the proposed survey so far. Johnstone: would be a good time in April to share the survey with the BoD. Share the finished product with the Ops team in March prior to the BoD. EIT to give overview presentation March 15, 1030. TF gave input and proposed modifications at the January meeting.
- Starlink Presentation: Chief Kevin Fetterman with OCFA presenting TF with newly acquired system.
- TF members posed questions regarding costs and functionality.

Civil Unrest BoD Tasking - Huff/Sherwood

- Sherwood: Ongoing. SFSC working on document and will move to EMS in April.

Lithium Ion Battery Presentation - Moore/Rezende

- Spelman: Rezende continues to work on the project. Presentation has been distributed widely across the State.

NEW BUSINESS / PROJECTS

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

- See previous notes under “Structure Fire Operations, ICS-500”
- Reviewed and discussed the content of the document.
- Tasking given to SFSC for revisions, edits, and omission of attachments.

December 12/13 Task Force/Ops Meeting 2023 – Spelman

- Will focus on this possible change at next meeting since LAC and LFD TF members are not present at this meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – All

Health and Safety - Next meeting for H&S SG is March 6, at OCFA

Incident Safety – Moore

- No report

Behavioral Health – Serrano/Moore

- Nothing new to report since January meeting.

Cancer Prevention – Moore/Serrano

- Conducted meeting on February 6, 2023 hosted by OCFA
- Initiated work on subtopics for hierarchy of controls pyramid
- Johnstone: Jack Fry being supported by OES to join CPSC - will be in contact with Derek Urwin.

Special Operations

Technical Search and Rescue

- No report

Maritime Operations - Hall

- No report

Hazardous Materials - Rezende

- No report

Rapid Extraction Module Support

- No report.

Incident Technology

Emerging Information Technology – Brown

- EIT was solicited for new member participation.
- They did a write up for Cal Chiefs from EIT going over the experience they had at Tech Connect.
- Presentations from numerous vendors. The big takeaway is that the conference is something that every TF member can benefit from.
- Will work to ensure future meetings do not conflict with the conference.

Geographic Information Systems – Horton

- Next meeting is Thursday Feb 16. One outlying issue remains with vacant vice-

chair position.

Predictive Services - Brown

- Sent out the Technology questionnaire to Ops in January.
- Will be given to BoD during April TF report.

Communications - Brinsfield

- Have made draft changes to the Annual Frequency Plan (441).
- 441 not yet ready for distribution.
- On hold until conferral with Cal Fire.
- Will be shared with Ops/TF when complete.

Emergency Operations

Emergency Medical Services - Huff

- No report.

Structural Firefighting - Sherwood

- Nothing additional to report since last meeting and today's presentation.

Wildland Firefighting

- Nothing additional to report since last meeting.

Wildland Pre-plan

- Nothing additional to report beyond today's agenda discussion (item 12.W)

Air Operations

Aviation Operations – Martin

- No report.

Unmanned Aerial Systems

- No report

Training and Education

California State Fire Marshal – Bisbee/Petty

- Division chief of SFT position is still vacant. A few new hires have taken place.
- Will coordinate with Structure Fire SC regarding Indexing training.

State Training Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) - Lewis

- Nothing additional to report.

California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS)

- No report.

Review of 2023 Task Force Meeting Schedule

March 14-15	Tahoe	Brown
April 18-19 MACS	Alameda Co.	Johnson
May 16-17 MACS	OCFA	Spelman/Sherwood
June 6-8 (With Ops Team)	San Francisco	D'Arcy
July 11-12	Lake Arrowhead	Serrano
August 15-16	San Diego	Rezende
September 12-13	Ventura	Arreguin
October 10-11	Los Angeles	Martin
November 14-15	Paso Robles	Huff
December 12-13	EDH or LA	Hall or Moore

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

BoD	Virtual	February 23, 2023
Ops Team	Virtual (10am)	March 15, 2023
BoD	San Diego	April TBA, 2023
Ops Team	San Francisco	June 7-8, 2023

Day 1: Spelman motion to adjourn, Horton: second – 1600hrs

ROUNDTABLE – ALL

- Horton: Last meeting as a task force member. Expressing gratitude for the experience and opportunity to serve on the TF for over 6 years.
- Johnstone and Spelman: Expressing appreciation for Chief Horton's contributions to the California Fire Service.

Day 2: Horton motion to adjourn, Wright: second – 1130hrs