



TASK FORCE MEETING

Conference Call

January 26, 2021

Minutes

Call to order: 0900 January 26th by Gerboth

Members Present: Task Force

David Gerboth (SND)	Dan Horton (VNC)	David Baldwin (SCR)
Cathy Johnson (OES)	Ira Peshkin (KRN)	Dean Zipperman (LFD)
Dustin Hall (EDH)	Garrett Huff (SBC)	Brook Spelman (Cal Fire)
Jason Serrano (BDC)	Andrew Henning (SFM)	
Jon O'Brien (LAC)	Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)	

Members Not Present: Task Force

Shanna Kuempel (CNT)
Dave Brinsfield (BLM)
James Tomaselli (USFS)
Rob Capobianco (ORC)

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 December Meeting Minutes – Gerboth

Motion: Spelman

Second: Horton

Approved with changes.

Task Force Update – Gerboth

- **Task Force Report - Gerboth**

- Quarterly Briefing: Was put together before the BoD meeting in January. Reviewed by Poirier, Johnstone and Fennessy.
- Technical Search & Rescue Operational System Description: Was Discussed at the BoD. The OSD was approved by the Task Force and the Ops Team. Chief Gardener requested the addition of an Executive Summary. Was tabled and will be discussed at the April BoD.
- Swift Water Position Update: Last year made a proposal that went to the BoD to update the position requirements for the California Flood Swift Water Task Forces. The qualification changes were accepted and are in place now. Moved from 14 to 16 members for a Type I. Made the change in anticipation of NIMS making the change. To be made concurrently. NIMS has not yet made the change. Requested that this be tabled until NIMS has made the change.
- UAS Working Group Challenges: In the last few weeks there have been some big developments in the UAS curriculum. Challenging to get the approved curriculum from DOI in the past. Trying to push forward as a rewrite. They did not feel that it would be appropriate to release a document that is going into rewrite. UAS programs are available through specific departments. Cal Fire, LA City, and LA County have programs. Many sheriffs are using UAS' within their sphere of influence.

Cal OES Update - Johnstone

- Prepositioning for mud and debris flow in anticipation of the upcoming storm in Central and Northern California. Five operational areas that have prepositioned resources.
- OES has updated their documents and forms for prepositioning.
- Selection process for S.C.O.U.T. A new vendor has been selected. Positive

development. On schedule for January 2022.

- Operations Team has been tasked to develop or revise ICS 900 now named MACS 409. Document has to do with all the series of agreements that our State Fire Service have. Goal is to have the revision completed by April 2021. Thinking to base it on the reality of what was dealt with on the Thomas Incident a few years back.
- Plan is for the Ops Team to sign off on the FOG revisions this week. Planning to hold an additional meeting in mid-February to make final approval of those revisions. Special BoD meeting in March in order to review all of the revisions. Looking to have final approval at the April BoD.
- Cal OES looking for personnel to support the Covid 19 vaccine and consistency.
- Two new Strike Teams of Type VI Apparatus. One has been placed in San Francisco Fire and the other in Orange County.
- Three new Comm. Ops. Hired in OES working to support the movement of resources.

OLD BUSINESS/PROJECTS

FOG ICS 420.1 2022 Revision/Review – Johnson

- Draft is with the Ops. Team. Will be reviewed at Thursday's meeting.
- Submitted request to State Publishing. Have not received their bid yet.
- Received an addition from the GIS Group. Reviewed at this meeting.
- In the process of the group's review and comments period.

Standard Wildland Preplan Working Group – Capobianco

- No report.

ICS 215C Contingency Form – Spelman

- Started about 2019. Dave Barnett brought it to the Task Force.
- Through the 215 process there wasn't really a contingency planning document.
- Form has been pushed out from the working group. Has been pushed to a State, Federal and Local Government team. From Type I Teams all the way down to Type III Teams.
- Trying to get the document utilized.
- There is a form out there that allows you to leave the pros and the cons regarding the form.
- Currently in final draft form as of two weeks ago. Would like for it to be adopted. Document is functionally useful.
- Would like the form to be moved up the ladder to the BoD. Hopefully people would then see it as a useful tool.
- Will be an editable form. Added into Smartsheet.

- Chair of the group, Dave Barnett, answered questions. Send any comments to Chief Spelman or Chief Barnett.
- There is a presentation video explaining the form.
- Revisit at February Task Force Meeting.

DECON Unit Typing Project – Peshkin

- No report.

UAS Training – Huff

- Discussed earlier in this meeting.

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

- Moving forward.
- A lot of movement in the Tactical Search and Rescue group. New chair is leading the group.
- OSD at the BoD level being reviewed.

Specialist Groups POW, Charters and Rosters – All

- A few groups are still outstanding.
- Chief Johnson went over the newly submitted documents and specified the documents that have not yet been submitted.

Specialist/Working Group Reorganization – All

- Do we need Specialist/Working Groups? Are they all necessary? Are they all doing consistent work?
- Should some Specialist Groups be moved down to Working Groups?
- Currently have a total of 11 Specialist Groups including the newly added Behavioral Health Group.
- During the last BoD, the members took a vote to establish a Maritime Specialist Group. Will start building a list of potential members for the new group.
- High Rise may do better as a Working Group.
- Can we consolidate some of the Specialist Groups that are working on similar paths? Introduce sub-committees?
- Would like to move forward and make progress with this subject at the February meeting.
- Suggestion of a White Paper listing the different options was made. Then send to the Ops Team for input and on to the BoD.

NEW BUSINESS/PROJECTS

Behavioral Health Mnemonics – Serrano

- At the January 8th meeting, the group decided that they wanted to put forth a proposal to get the CICL, CISC and CISK mnemonics approved from the NWCG Position Naming Board.
- Those positions are Clinician, Chaplain and K-9.
- The lead and management positions are recognized and have been previously approved.
- Potentially California only mnemonics, that can be utilized at local government levels. These are getting harder to approve.
- All of these positions would be ordered up as a Tech Spec in an attempt to clean things up.
- The Team Lead and the Peer Support Member mnemonics were already in IROC and ROSS. The Feds were already using them.
- CISL and CISM are currently in the system.
- The group would like to compose a white paper emphasizing validation and approval to move forward. The white paper should be completed by the next meeting.

Maritime Specialist Group – Gerboth

- Will mostly be coastal agencies.
- Recommendation for Chief D'Arcy to be the liaison. Email Chief D'Arcy if interested in joining the group.
- SFT would like to have a member in the group.

2021 Task Force Meetings – All

- Discussed upcoming meetings and who will be hosting them.
- Will probably not meet in person for February. Will know by the end of the week.

January Ops Team Meeting/Reports – All

- Would like each of the Specialist and Working Groups to give a short update during the Ops Team Meeting. Will send out an email reminder.

SPECIALIST AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS

- **Aviation**
 - Met last week. Had elections. Chuck McFarland will remain the Chair.
- **Behavioral Health**
 - Had a meeting on January 8. The Plan of Work hasn't changed since it was reviewed last month. Two new members were approved. Kevin Malloy is still the Chair. Scott Ross is the Vice Chair.

- **Communications**
 - No report.
- **EIT**
 - Haven't met in the last two months. Had a quick conference call a few days ago. Still working on the Connectivity White Paper. Waiting on direction from the BoD.
- **EMS**
 - Hasn't met since November. Presented the white paper on the Rehab Project. Chief Black and Chief O'Brien have been tasked to work under OES as part of the Vaccine Distribution Working Group. Focus is on removing boundaries for the use of fire service in the administration of vaccines at any of the Public Health pods being stood up.
- **GIS**
 - Met on January 21. Bulk of the work has been completing the yearly documents. Next meeting is February 18. Will be working on the two OSDs and some white papers in 2021.
- **Hazmat**
 - Last meeting was in December. A lot of new members coming on board. Some leaving for other assignments. Been working on the yearly documents. Will be working on the Decontamination Unit Typing.
- **High Rise**
 - No report.
- **Predictive Services**
 - No report.
- **Safety**
 - No report.
- **STEAC**
 - Met on January 8 for a quick meeting.
 - Reappointment of the members for the year.
 - Updating some accreditations.
 - There was a need for SFT to adjust their fees. Finally went into effect January 1, 2021.
 - SFT does not receive any General Fund money. Funded 100 percent by user fees.
 - All information on fees is on the SFT website. Fee schedule and fee report.
 - Legacy Firefighter I & II 2013 curriculum (retired 12/31/20) and new 2019 Firefighter I & II curriculum. Applicants can apply for the 2013 Firefighter I & II certification using the Legacy curriculum and exams for the rest of this year. 2019 Firefighter II requires the SFT verification exam administered through community colleges unless you are an accredited local academy or if you partner with one of your neighboring ALAs.
 - A second textbook, Wildland Fire Principles was added to the new 2019 Firefighter I curriculum.
 - Temporary exception for Chief Firefighter Training Certification. Using additional work experience with college credit in instead of having an

- associate degree (retires 12/31/2022).
- Next meeting for STEAC is April 9.
- **Technical Search & Rescue**
 - Met at the end of December.
 - Finishing up all of the FOG updates.
 - OSD was submitted. Waiting to hear back.
 - Met with CICCIS Task Force on January 12 to review the positions that are going into new CICCIS Qualification Guide.
 - Working through the process to see what the historical recognition will look like and some of the details.
 - Friday the 28th there will be a meeting of the Cal OES USR Training Working Group. Eight Task Forces from California will be meeting. Discussing the qualifications then as well. Chief Lolley is the new chair of the Specialist Group.
 - No meetings are currently scheduled.
- **UAS**
 - Update given earlier in this meeting.

2021 Task Force Meetings – All

February 9-10, 2021	Dana Point
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/EI Dorado Hills
December 14-15, 2021	Ventura

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

BoD Meeting	San Francisco	April 2021
Ops Team	Virtual	January 28, 2021

ROUNDTABLE

Meeting Adjourned at 1416