

FIRESCOPE BOARD MEETING MINUTES



DATE: Wednesday, July 10, 2019
TIME: 09:00 AM
LOCATION: Burbank Fire Training Center

Call to Order

A FIRESCOPE Board of Director's meeting was held on Wednesday, July 10th, 2019 at 1845 N. Ontario Street Burbank, Ca.91505. It began at 0915 hours and was presided over by Chief Daryl Osby.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included:

Daryl Osby, FIRESCOPE Chair, Los Angeles County Fire Department
Brian Fennessy, FIRESCOPE Vice-Chair, Orange County Fire Authority
Brain Marshall, Executive Coordinator, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Thom Porter, CALFIRE
David Witt, Kern County Fire Department
Al Poirier, *representing* Los Angeles City Fire Department
Mark Hartwig, Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.
Tony Scardina, *representing* U.S Forest Service
Dustin Gardner, *representing* Ventura County Fire Department
Tony Bowden, County Fire Depts. North
Jeff Meston, City Fire Depts. North
Colin Stowell, City Fire Depts. South
Rich Webb, Fire Districts North
Jeff Gilbert, Volunteer Fire Departments
Mike Shrou, California State Firefighters' Association

Members not in attendance included:

Sam Marouk, Dept. of Interior, BLM
Vacant, Fire Districts South
Robin Wills, National Park Service
Mike Richwine, *acting* State Fire Marshal
Brian Rice, California Professional Fire Fighters

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Guests in attendance included:

Jim Johnstone, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Cathy Johnson, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Art Torrez, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Brian Woodbeck, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
John Salvate, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Dave Stone, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Randy Unkovich, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Pete Mercado, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Bill Bondshu, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Lori Lopez, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Joy Budnovich, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Yesenia Serafin, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Dan Johnson, CAL FIRE
Joe Tyler, CAL FIRE
Mike Mohler, CAL FIRE
Brian Rhodes, U.S Forest Service
Robert Garcia, U.S Forest Service
Jim Tomaselli, U.S Forest Service
Tim Kelly, LA City Fire – FIRESCOPE Task Force Chair
Sean Fraley, Kern County Fire Department
Jon O'Brien, Los Angeles County Fire Department
Jeff Ohs, Long Beach Fire Department
Baryic Hunter, Orange County Fire Authority
David Gerboth, San Diego Fire and Rescue
John Owings, Burbank Fire Department

Approval of Previous Minutes*

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous April 10th 2019 meeting. Motion was made by Hartwig and seconded by Webb. Motion approved.

Cal OES Director's Report

Cal OES Director's Report was presented by Chief Marshall.

- Budget:
 - New budget allows for 94 new positions. Several positions in the Recovery Section branch and some in the Fire and Rescue Section.
- Earthquake Early Warning Program
 - Substantial earthquakes in Kern County tested the Earthquake Early Warning System.

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- Kern County Earthquake:
 - First earthquake was on July 4th 2019.
 - Requested resources were ordered through Master Mutual Aid.
 - July 5th 2019 a second earthquake of 4.4 hit and followed by another earthquake of 7.1
 - OES Type I engine ST were ordered from Region V and VI.
 - Resources requested from Region I for Orange County, LA County, and LA City for Type I USAR Companies.
 - OES Type II HazMat was deployed from LA County.

Cal OES Fire and Rescue Report

Cal OES update was presented by Chief Marshall.

- Intel Mobilization Unit:
 - Funding available to create an Intel Mobilization Unit.
 - Authorized positions are; Deputy Chief, Communications Operator Supervisor, and two Communication Operators.
- SCOUT:
 - Over 2 million dollars are going into a SCOUT update that will allow for real time information.
- Staffing:
 - OES looking into having more Assistant Chiefs to respond for California emergencies.
 - OES currently has 4 mechanics and currently asking for 2 more to have one mechanic per region.
 - Researching the possibility of partnering with fire departments to put the OES mechanics in their shops.
 - Requesting for more staff in the Intel Section.
 - Requesting for more staff for the Reimbursement Program.
 - Requesting for more positions in FIRESCOPE.
 - Requesting for more positions in the Special Operations section.

CAL FIRE/SFM Update

CAL FIRE report presented by Thom Porter.

- Executive Orders:
 - Executive Order 4-19
 - Executive Order 5-19
 - Mitigating Threat to communities at risk.
 - Executive Order also known as the 45 day report/ 45 day plan.

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- Strategic Plan Goals:
 - Operational analysis of core functions.
 - Administrative analysis of the business structure of CALFIRE.
 - Health and Wellness of all employees.
 - Resilient and retainable workforce.
- Staffing and budget:
 - Chief Deputy Director position currently vacant.
 - Fire Marshal position currently vacant: Mike Richwine currently acting.
- Power Safety Power Shutdown:
 - PSPS notification process still needs work.
 - OES and CALFIRE currently having weekly discussions with the three major IOU's reference notification processes.

No State Fire Marshal update given.

USFS/DOI Update

USFS update was presented by Tony Scardina.

- Agency Administrator certification clarification in progress.
- Completed NOPS and SOPS pre-season meetings.
- Staffing levels are at the 80-90 percentile.
- Nationally putting together an Executive Team of fire leaders to focus on the following;
 - Workforce
 - Infrastructure
 - Technology
- Budget:
 - USFS has been reimbursed for the 720 million that were transferred last year for fire borrowing.
 - Possibly the last year USFS has to deal with fire borrowing.
- Operations:
 - Anticipating an increase in fire activity.
 - Alaska is currently in planning level 5.
 - Sending 5 Hot Shot Crews to Alaska next week.
 - Southwest is currently in planning level 3 (anticipating monsoons next week).
 - 10 Type III engines supporting Region 3.
- Aircraft resources:
 - Angeles NF is hosting a cobra helicopter for USFS

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- Primary mission for the resource is to serve as a Helco
- Do real time mapping of incidents.
- Give ground resources real time Intel on incidents.
- Two additional air attacks in the region (Redding and San Bernardino).
- Two lead planes within the region.

DOI Report

- No Report

Task Force/Ops Team Report*

Task Force /Ops Team Report was presented by Tim Kelly and Al Poirier.

- Task Force Report:
 - Staffing:
 - Task Force – Rob Capobianco from OCFA representing Orange County.
 - Task Force – Dave Baldwin from Sacramento City representing Cities North.
 - Task Force – Volunteer Fire Departments position currently vacant.
 - Task Force – Tim Kelly retiring in December.
 - Task Force – Woody Enos leaving at the end of the year.
 - Specialist Groups: List given to Board of Directors members identifying primary and alternate liaisons for all specialist groups.
- Plan of work:
 - Management objects for 2019 have stayed the same.
 - Transitioned to SmartSheet software.
 - Rehab Unit project has been assigned to the Safety Specialist Group.
 - The Task Force will see some of the completed work in the July Task Force meeting.
 - Cad to Cad has been reassigned to the EIT Group and have a revised completion date of 12/31/2019 - possibly longer.
 - Marketing and Messaging Group:
 - Marketing and Messaging Group has completed all the work outlined in the approved white paper.
 - They launched FIRESCOPE website July 1st, 2019.
 - Behavioral Health Working Group:
 - Coming soon to the Board of Directors: white paper on integrating behavioral health into the incident command system.
 - Safety Specialist Group:
 - Safety Specialist Group has been given direction to develop a series of procedural checklists for “Serious Accident Review Team (SART)(estimated to

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be completed in September).

- ICS 225 AH – Incident Personnel Evaluation
 - Adopted Coast Guard format
 - ADA contractor is doing the ADA conversion
- Review of NIMS Alert 14-19:
 - Summary provided to Board of Directors and reflected in items 3-4.
- 2019 Plan of Work for Specialist Groups

A motion to approve the 2019 FIRESCOPE Plan of Work for Specialist Groups. Motion was made by Webb and seconded by Meston. Motion approved.

- MACS Exercises:
 - NOPS Exercise was held April 24th
 - SOPS Exercise was held May 15th
 - Breakdown of the Matrix presented to the Board of Directors.

- *Documents submitted for approval:

- Channel Load/ Radio Capacity Survey:
 - PowerPoint presented
 - Recommendation to increase statewide channel load from 240 channels to 400 channels.

A motion to approve the Channel Load/Radio Capacity recommendation. Motion was made by Bowden and seconded by Shrout. Motion approved.

- ICS 010-1 Glossary of Terms:
 - Master glossary of terms for FIRESCOPE

A motion to approve ICS 010-1 Glossary of Terms. Motion was made by Bowden and seconded by Hartwig. Motion approved.

- CA Law Enforcement & FIRESCOPE Evacuation Working Group White Paper:
 - Standard terminology of evacuation warning and shelter in place.

No motion required.

- Incident Communication Advisory Council (ICAC):
 - Document package sent to Board of Directors members to review the recommendation to support the establishment of a new unit under Logistics Service Branch.
 - This will need to be vetted through our groups.
 - This will impact CWCG, Cal Fire, and All Hazard Incident Management Teams.

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No motion required. Email reminder to Board members will be sent in two weeks.

- FIRESCOPE website design update:
 - Combination of the Marketing and Messaging effort
 - Moved from a private domain to a state domain
 - Website meets ADA compliance requirements
 - Documents are currently being migrated to the website as they are completed and returned from the ADA contractor.

- Marketing and Messaging Update:
 - Working on writing some proposals on how agencies can market and message FIRESCOPE within their organizations.
 - If desired by agencies, FIRESCOPE logos for vehicle will be provided from Cal OES free of charge to agencies to increase awareness of FIRESCOPE.
 - Recommendation to get a dedicated person to handle marketing and messaging on a longer term for FIRESCOPE.

- Quarterly Briefing Report presented.

A motion to approve the Quarterly Briefing for posting on the FIRESCOPE website. Motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Webb. Motion approved.

EMS Update

EMS Report presented by Mark Hartwig.

- EMS Bill 1705:
 - Not going to be heard
 - GEMT IGT Bill (currently getting 50 million through GEMT, and 400 million statewide)

- SB 438:
 - Has gone through assembly and through the senate.
 - Getting a good indication that the Governor is going to sign.

- AB 1544:
 - Community para-medicine bill.
 - Possibly getting signed.

- AB 932:
 - Off duty workers compensation bill.

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- Bill protects firefighters performing the duties of a firefighter that are not within the chains of command/ off duty in the state of California.
- SB 537:
 - Mental health workers compensation bill.
 - Moving PTSI into a workers compensation condition.
- AB 1116:
 - Firefighters Peer Support Services Pilot.
- State EMS Case:
 - There was a legal report that didn't include the recent filing of California Fire Chiefs Association with the Office of Administrative Law that challenged some of the State EMS Authority guidelines pertaining to determination of 201 and exclusivity.
 - Filed a complaint with the OAL.
 - The OAL determined State EMS Authority have not gone through APA.
 - Currently the case is at the Superior Court level. Attempting to have State EMS remove the ambulance summary form.

CFAA Update

CFAA update was presented by Rhodes, Scardina, and Marshall.

- CFAA 2018/2019 Update:
 - 2018 Update:
 - Numbers being presented are out of the Albuquerque Service Center (number may differ from what agencies are tracking)
 - Albuquerque is currently tracking 7.8 million dollars in outstanding reimbursements for 2018.
 - 1.7 million currently being withheld due to issues from departments such as;
 - Expired Dun numbers
 - Mileage for privately owned vehicles while having a rental vehicle
 - 6.1 million dollars currently in queue for processing reimbursements.
 - 2019 Update:
 - Agencies that are still pending payment notify Brian Rhodes to assist in solving the complexities and process reimbursement.
 - OES requests that they are kept updated on payment status and issues that are non-consistent with agreement.
 - USFS honoring the CFAA agreement as it is currently written for the 2019 fire season.
 - The rewrite of the CFAA agreement will have to align with the audit results.

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- For the rewrite we will have to collaborate with OES, CALFIRE, and local agencies and design a pathway pertaining to actual costs.
- For the CFAA rewrite, Region 5 and Regional Forester have the authority to negotiate the agreement with the consultation of the subject matter experts and the Washington office leadership. (Regional Forester will continue to have authority to sign the agreement).

CWCG Update

CWCG update was presented by Art Torrez.

- CWCG IMT's:
 - Entering 2019 with 11 Incident Management Teams:
 - 4 Type I Teams
 - 7 Type II Teams
 - 1 short Type II Team
 - CWCG currently working towards converting all incident management teams to Type I teams.
 - In order to meet the objective, CWCG has acquired the assistance of the National Incident Management Team Organization out of Boise.
- Cal MACS Exercise Recommendation:
 - A recommendation was made to conduct a table top exercise.

California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System

Mutual Aid System Update presented by Chief Brian Marshall.

- Prepositioning/ Mobilization update:
 - 25 million in State general fund for prepositioning.
 - 25 million in ongoing funding to support the Prepositioning Program.
- Mud and Debris Working Group:
 - Mud and Debris Flow Working Group developed.
 - 29 pre-positions approved between the end of 2018 and 2019.
 - Working with Technical Search & Rescue Specialist Group to develop a criteria.
 - Objective is to get the mud and debris flow criteria draft to the Board of Directors by the October BoD meeting.
 - Next meeting for the Mud and Debris Working Group is July 25th.
- OES Engine Purchase:
 - 25 Type III fully equipped model 34 on order and are due for delivery May 2020.

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Engines are fleet expansion engines not replacement engines.

- Funding available for 79 Type VI fully equipped engines. Recommendation was for 81 Type VI engines. OES is considering using OES funds to pay for the remaining two engines to meet the recommendation of 81 engines.
- Deliveries should start in June of 2020 with 15 engines per month being delivered.
- Replacement Engines:
 - 20 Type I replacement engines (some have been delivered, and some soon to be delivered).
 - Type I replacement engines are part of a 7 year replacement plan.
 - Water tenders are on a 20 year replacement cycle.
 - Replacing Water Tender #12 for Ventura County (estimated to be delivered late summer).
 - Currently outfitting 4 Incident Support Units for LA City, Santa Clara, Corona, and Chico.
- Public Utilities Power Shut Off:
 - Presentation given by Bill Bondshu in reference to the PSPS notification protocol process.
 - Dialogic robocall system.
- AVL and Situational Awareness Product Survey:
 - 20 million available for AVL program.
 - The Emerging Information Technology (EIT) Specialist Group has developed a comprehensive survey.
 - The survey focuses on AVL and situational awareness capabilities.
 - Survey was developed through survey monkey.
 - Will need 100% participation from all departments.
 - Chief Marshall will send out the survey through a transmittal letter to Regional Coordinators for them to distribute to all operational areas.
- Mutual Aid Reimbursement System (MARS)
 - Over 1 million dollars invested into MARS
 - Beta testing has been completed.
 - Phase 1- Rolling out January 1st 2020.
 - Phase 2- will be the Salary Survey and will have the ability to upload the MOU's, MOA's, and GBR's.
 - Phase 3- Capability of submitting electronic F-42's and tracking payment process.
 - Implementation schedule (Phase 1):
 - Region 5 – Now
 - Region 1 – July 22nd.
 - Region 3 – August 12th

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- Region 6 – September 3rd
 - Region 4 – September 23rd
 - Region 2 – October 14th
 - If screens are not completed during their three week intervals agencies will not be able to produce an invoice.
- MACS 409 (ICS 900)
 - Document previously known as the ICS 900.
 - Intention to rewrite Ops Bulletin 1 to provide more flexibility.
 - MACS 409 will be updated to provide a clear understanding of local, state, and federal agreements.

Old Business

Old Business update was presented by Chief Marshall.

- Blue Ribbon Commission Update:
 - Discussion on updating the Blue Ribbon Commission Report or review and retire the present document.
 - Item tabled until further direction from Director Ghilarducci is present for discussion.

New Business

New Business presentation was presented by Chief Marshall.

- Future FIRESCOPE meeting locations:
 - Chief Marshall proposes for FIRESCOPE Board meetings to be moved to various locations throughout California (open for discussion).
- Future to Course of FIRESCOPE:
 - Considering holding longer meetings of 1 ½ days to meet the FIRESCOPE mission.

Roundtable

Roundtable was presented by all Board of Directors.

- Fennessy – approached by utilities about hosting a night flying Helo. Aircraft in service July 1st and may be available to all 15 counties for local support.
- Hartwig – Reclassifying Woody Enos to Deputy Chief. Also, fire black hawk currently in Alabama and should be bucketed by January.

Adjournment

Osby moved for the meeting to be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 02:44 p.m.