



TASK FORCE MEETING

Lake Arrowhead

July 13-14, 2021

Minutes

Call to order: 0900 July 13th by Chief Gerboth

0900 July 14th by Chief Gerboth

Members Present: Task Force

David Gerboth (SND)

Josh Stinnett (KRN)

Dave Brinsfield (BLM)

Brook Spelman (Cal Fire)

Cathy Johnson (OES)

Jason Serrano (BDC)

Jon O'Brien (LAC)

Garrett Huff (SBC)

Phil Johnson (ORC)

Dean Zipperman (LFD)

Dan Horton (VNC)

Matt Brown (CNT)

Dennis Breshears (LAC)

Members Not Present: Task Force

Dustin Hall (EDH)

James Tomaselli (USFS)

Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)

Andrew Henning (SFM)

Guests:

Shelley Dorsey (OES)

Jim Johnstone (OES)

Anthony Rapoza (BDC)

David Baldwin (SCR)

Welcome, Introductions and Logistics – Serrano

Moment of Silence for Firefighters and Police Officers LODD – Gerboth

Agenda Review and Additions – Gerboth

Review and Approval of June Meeting Minutes – Huff

Motion: Stinnett

Second: Zipperman

Approved with corrections

Task Force Update – Gerboth

- The Board of Director's meeting took place on July 7-8, 2021.
- First day focused on updates and a Wildland Pre-fire presentation delivered by Mike Scott.
- Forest Service is having issues with retention and recruitment.
- Inmate crews are being reduced. Trying to obtain more people to be on Firefighter I crews. Transitional position. Do have Type II IA crews for the units. Will be difficult to meet the needs of all the firefighters this year. A lot of transition going on.
- Presentation given on marijuana cultivation. The dangers and hazardous materials surrounding it. Guidelines are needed.
- Chief Richardson's departure and the Ops Team elections.
- Discussion of the FOG. 50th year anniversary.
- The updated Quarterly Briefing was approved by the BoD.
- Discussed the Behavioral Health White Paper. BoD was supportive.
- Specialist group reorganization was approved by the BoD.
- The ICS 215C was presented to the BoD and approved. Working on a fillable form for the document. Recommended that a letter from the BoD chair be shared with the teams stating that the form is now available once it is completed.
- REMS working group has reconvened. Charter, roster and POW were completed and approved.
- The MACS Exercise video was viewed and approved at the BoD meeting.
- Recognized the members of OCFA and the Riverside unit. Letters will be sent out.
- All of the products that were pushed up to the BoD were approved.
- CFAA update included discussion regarding some of the logistical challenges with the federal incidents that are happening. Having struggles with getting regular services. Agencies are going to have to become more self-reliant. Would

like to have these issues handled at the lowest level possible. Talk to your OES rep. They are there to assist with any problems.

- Chief Fennessy and Chief Meston discussed the Blue Ribbon Commission.
- Discussion on private fire resources.
- Everyone is welcome to attend the BoD meetings either in person or virtually.
- Chief Vail gave a CICC update. They are going to start reaching out to the regions. Going to do some regional meetings.
- FIRIS 3.0 should be coming online by the end of the month. Right now, FIRIS isn't operating. FIRIS 3.0 will have two platforms, one up north and one in the south.
- Discussed next generation S.C.O.U.T. Working with a vendor.
- Presentation on Incident Workforce Development Group. Main focus is complex incident management.
- Presentation on resource tracking. Integrated with Blue Force. A lot of different avenues out there.
- Went over most of the specialist groups at the BoD meeting.

Cal OES Update - Johnstone

- Polo shirts are available to order. The information is located on Smartsheet. Orders can be delivered or picked up in Riverside. Link will be shared with members of the Task Force, Ops Team and BoD. Chief Spelman offered to pick up orders.
- OES has close to 35 strike teams or task forces out right now. Plenty of surge available but the fire season has started. Having mechanical issues with some OES Type VIs. Four strike teams in Oregon from California.
- Received an 18% increase in the budget and 229 positions. Did not get a position for an Assistant Chief for FIRESCOPE at South Ops.

CSFM Report - Henning

- No report.

OLD BUSINESS/PROJECTS

FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Johnson, Cathy

- In the final stages of editing the chapters.
- Starting to get the wire charts back from State Publishing.
- Goal is to send it to print at the end of the month.
- Working with the IT department on the cover logo.
- Contract went out for 15,000 FOGs and an assessment in 2.5 years if more are needed or pushing efforts toward the app.
- Considering a price increase. May include a challenge coin with purchase.
- FEMA has a "What's New" section in the front of their document. Considering

doing the same with the FOG.

- May be the last printing of the FOG. Possibly using only, the app in the future.
- The FOG doesn't have a printable version. It was copyrighted in 2014. Will check into seeing if we can make a pdf version that is printable again.

Standard Wildland Preplan Working Group – Johnson, Phil

- Discussed earlier in the meeting.

ICS 215C Contingency Form – Spelman

- Discussed earlier in the meeting.

DECON Unit Typing Project – Stinnett

- Haven't met since that last Task Force meeting.
- For Type I, 1,000 people capable, Type II, 500 people, and Type III, 250 people.
- The subcommittee is working on a draft.
- Will have the draft prior to the September Task Force meeting. If the Task Force decides that that is the way they want to go, a presentation can be set up.

UAS Working Group/Training – Huff

- Haven't met since the last Task Force meeting.
- Had a presentation at the Ops meeting in San Francisco given by the Forest Service UAS Manager for Region VI. Have made significant advancements in the training curriculum. Working hand in hand with Cal Fire.

REMS Working Group – Gerboth

- Charter, roster and plan of work were approved.
- Were supposed to meet yesterday. The meeting was postponed.

CICCS – Gerboth

- Working through the new qualification guide. Getting it finalized. Looking at fall for completion.
- Chief Vail is going to reach out to the regions and have them give a presentation on the changes.

Specialist/Working Group Reorganization – All

- Received approval from the BoD to move forward.
- Implementation by the end of the calendar year is expected.
- Some documents need to be changed.
- Documents to be completed by the next BoD meeting.
- Reviewed the updates to the reorganization.
- Chief Marshall had a couple of changes that he would like to see.
- Will schedule a Teams meeting for all of the chairs at the August Task Force meeting in San Diego.

- Let Cathy Johnson know when you have changes in your group members so that she can give them access to the Smartsheet documents.

Behavioral Health Position Mnemonics – Serrano

- Discussed earlier in the meeting.

2021 MACS Exercise –Spelman/Johnstone

- Was completed.
- Working with OCFA. They completed the formatting yesterday.
- The video will be posted shortly on the FIRESCOPE website.

NEW BUSINESS/PROJECTS

Pilot Helicopter Carding – All

- Tasking from the BoD.
- Reviewed and discussed the document.
- Things have changed significantly over the last 30 years.
- The qualifications are considerable. The aircrafts have changed.
- They fly 24/7. All hazard missions.
- For night flying they are getting carded with Cal Fire and Forest Service policies.
- Some of the items on the inspections are not applicable.
- Most of it is legacy documents. Starting to work through those.
- The intent of the BoD was to give it to the Aviation Operations Specialist Group and have them start to look into it. Report back in October.

HELCO – All

- Is there a workaround for not using HELCO operators?
- Bridging the gap.
- Many operators are not HELCO qualified.
- Does the name need to change?
- Operators thinking that they are HELCO when they aren't.
- Taking on a lot of liability.
- Do we need more HELCOs? Do we need a training program developed?
- Report from Aviation at the Task Force Meeting in September.

Marijuana cultivation Safety Guidelines – All

- Will see if the Safety group will take this on.
- Will send out the PowerPoint presentation to everyone.
- Many hazardous materials are used in the cultivation of marijuana. Some that were banned decades ago.
- Discussed other challenges such as methamphetamine production and homeless

encampments.

EIT, Blue Force, Tracking – Spelman

- Will have the Forest Service reach out to Blue Force.
- Will contact EIT and see what they want to do with it.

Safety Specialist Group Discussion – Don Reyes, Vice-Chair

- Discussed the verbiage in the TRA, Tactical and the Mayday that the Safety Specialist Group has a concern with.
- The TRA issue is what advantage does this name change bring?
- Is there an operational advantage, ICS or something strategic that they don't see?
- They feel that the language that is used now is working. What is the reason for the change or additions?
- Decision from the Board of Director's was explained by Chief Johnstone.

September Task Force Meeting/2022 Meeting Schedule – Gerboth

- Discussed 2022 meeting schedule. The following are the tentative schedules and locations:

January 11-12, 2022	Pismo Beach (combined with Ops meeting)
February 8-9, 2022	Dana Point
March 8-9, 2022	Lake Tahoe
April 12-13, 2022	Redding – MACS Exercises
May 10-11, 2022	Riverside – MACS Exercises
June 8-9, 2022	San Francisco (combined with Ops meeting)
July 12-13, 2022	Lake Arrowhead
August 9-10, 2022	San Diego
September 13-14, 2022	Ventura
October 18-19, 2022	Solvang
November 15-16, 2022	Sacramento
December 13-14, 2022	Los Angeles

SPECIALIST AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Aviation

- Haven't met since the last Task Force meeting. Scheduling a meeting within the next couple of weeks to address the two topics brought down from the BoD. Will cover the aircraft typing.
- Would like to have the Chair of the group, Chuck McFarland, speak to the Task Force at the August meeting.
- Position papers by September meeting in order to be ready for the October BoD meeting.

Behavioral Health

- Has not met since the last Task Force meeting.
- They are aware that the white paper was approved.

- Will begin work on putting a package together for NWCG for the Naming Board.
- Waiting for support letter that was discussed.
- Continuing to work on the task book for the two approved positions for lead and management.

Cad to Cad

- Group is just getting started.
- Anyone who has someone for the group, contact Chief D'Arcy. Having trouble finding recruits.

Communications

- In person meeting scheduled for October 27-28.
- Will get the flyer out.

EIT

- Has not met since the last Task Force meeting.
- Working on scheduling a meeting for the end of summer.
- Looking into social media. Using Twitter and Instagram
- Still talking about Cad to Cad.

EMS

- Last month's meeting was postponed.
- Next meeting is scheduled for mid-July.

GIS

- Last meeting was June 17th.
- Next meeting is scheduled for July 15th.
- The OSD for the GISS is complete. Submitting it next week. Will share with the group.
- Will begin working on the SIDL OSD.

Hazmat

- Has not met since the last Task Force meeting.
- Looking to make some changes to verbiage in the SEL. Waiting on a draft from US&R.
- Still working on the DECON Project.

High Rise

- No report

Maritime

- Have had a couple of meetings.
- Preliminary roster, POW, and charter completed.
- Looking at the differences between the specialist group and the OES group.

Predictive Services

- No report.

REMS

- Charter, roster and POW was approved by the BoD.
- Last meeting was postponed. Working on rescheduling it.

Safety

- Met on June 21 and 22 in Kernville. Productive meeting. All members

were present.

- Gave a Task Force update to the group.
- Continuing to review Fire Ground Decontamination policies. Getting input from other agencies. Requesting input from the Task Force.
- Continuing with Covid. Looking at continuous processes with decontamination in the fire stations.
- Discussed water safety.
- Cal OSHA hearing process and the decision from that. Still looking at the safety factors.
- Working along with Cal OSHA requirements.
- Working on some new information regarding solar panels. In regard to fire service ventilation.
- Looking into lithium ion battery energy stored systems and how they can be incorporated in solar panels. White paper being developed that should be ready in December.
- Discussed the 215A Incident Action Safety Analysis.
- Discussed the Mayday and TRA.
- Next virtual meeting is in October.

STEAC

- Report was emailed to the group.

Technical Search & Rescue

- Met last month.
- They issued the OSD. It has been corrected and modified. Back with the BoD.
- Looking at tower rescue.
- Next meeting is at the end of this month.

UAS

- Update given earlier in the meeting.

Review of Upcoming Task Force Meetings – All

August 10-11, 2021	San Diego
September 8-9, 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

BoD Meeting Anaheim October 7-8, 2021

ROUNDTABLE

Meetings Adjourned at 1551 on Day 1 and 10:21 on Day 2.