



DATE: Wednesday, July 12, 2023
Thursday, July 13, 2023

TIME: 1330-1700 Wednesday
0830-1430 Thursday

LOCATION: District Church – El Dorado Hills

Call to Order

A FIRESCOPE Board of Director's meeting was held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 and Thursday, July 13, 2023, at the District Church, El Dorado Hills. The meeting began at 1330 hours on July 12, 2023 and 0830 on July 13, 2023. It was presided by Chief Brian Fennessy.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included:

Brian Fennessy, Chair, Orange County Fire Authority
Maurice Johnson, Vice-Chair, Fire Districts North
Brian Marshall, Executive Coordinator, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Joe Tyler, CAL FIRE
Aaron Duncan, Kern County Fire Department
Anthony Marrone, Los Angeles County Fire Department
Mark Hartwig, Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Dustin Gardner, Ventura County Fire Department
Colin Stowell, City Fire Departments South
Jeff Gilbert, Volunteer Fire Departments
Nate Gogna, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Charlie Norman, County South
Mark Lorenzen, Small-Medium Cities North
Pat Russell, Small-Medium Cities South
Suwana Kerdkaew, County North
Jaime Gamboa, USDA Forest Service
Dan Munsey, Fire Districts South
Daniel Berlant, State Fire Marshal
Eddie Sell, California State Firefighters' Association
Chris Tubbs, California Fire Chiefs Association

Members not in attendance included:

Mike Minton, National Park Service
Jennifer Hinckley, Fish & Wildlife Service
Peter Kelly, BLM
Jeanine Nicholson, City Fire Departments North
Kristin Crowley, Los Angeles City Fire Department
Brian Rice, California Professional Firefighters

Partner Agencies in attendance:

Kim Zagaris, Western Fire Chiefs
Aitor Bidaburu, USFA

Guests in attendance included:

Nancy Ward, Cal OES, Director
Brook Spellman, CAL FIRE – Task Force Chair
Mark Kendall, CAL FIRE – Ops Team Secretary
James Newman, Bureau of Land Management
Shane Kaialoa, San Francisco Fire Department
Jim Johnstone, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Cathy Johnson, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Yesenia Serafin, FIRESCOPE, Cal OES

Approval of Previous Minutes*

April meeting minutes to be approved at October 2023 meeting.

Cal OES Director's Update

Cal OES Director's Report presented by Director Ward

- Pala Band of Mission Indians are the first Tribal Agency to sign into the Mutual Aid System. They are receiving a fire engine on July 20.
- WFTIIC program online for products and advanced predictive modeling.
- NextGen Scout online as of May 20, 2023
- FIRIS now under CalOES from Orange County Fire Authority
- Swiftwater resources – OES prioritizing funding to upgrade and outfit additional teams.
- Thank you to the fire service for the support to vulnerable areas during the recent flooding.

Cal OES Fire & Rescue Update

Update presented by Marshall.

- Tracking forecasted hot weather. Second heatwave predicted for this year.
- First PSPS has been issued for Southern California
- July 1st, FIRIS transferred to Cal OES from Orange County Fire Authority
- AB-74 Preposition report provided to Legislature.
- Pala Band of Mission Indians are new Assignee for OES Fire Engine
- CalOES continues to receive new Type 1 Engines.
- CalOES Fleet received funding to replace OES Water tenders.
- Completed requisition process for swift water vehicles.
- Supported San Luis County Sheriff with All Hazard Type 3 IMT for search of missing 5-year-old.
- California Military Department Engine assignee conducting training at Camp Roberts
- Additional new positions being added at CalOES.
- WFTIIC program is partnering with CPUC, CALFIRE, and National Weather Service to provide products to the California Fire Service.

Wildland Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center

Presentation by Ken Kempter

CALFIRE/SFM Update

Update presented by Tyler/Berlant

- CALFIRE:
 - CALFIRE vacancies include: Chief Deputy Director, Deputy Director Cooperative Fire, Fire Marshal, and Deputy Director Tribal Relations.
 - Supplementing fire season with 24 additional helicopters
 - CALFIRE has 129 of 233 hand crews available this season.
 - There is a backlog on light and medium utility vehicle in addition to fire engines.
 - State Budget was signed; however, it is anticipated there

- will be a budget deficit next year.
- CALFIRE to update 2019 Strategic Plan – looking for the future of the department.
- State Fire Marshal:
 - The Fire Hazard Severity Zone Mapping is out for public comment.

CALFIRE 2024 Strategic Plan

Presentation by Phyllis Banducci

Request to have stakeholders review the Strategic Plan and provide feedback to CAL FIRE

USFS/DOI Update

Update presented by Gamboa/Newman/Gogna

- USFS
 - Regional suppression resource update
 - No change in aviation assets for this season
 - Nationally, there will be 36 unmanned aircraft.
 - Redding Air Attack Base update
 - Fire season is slow to start this year.
 - Two types of retardants will be used at San Bernardino Air Attack Base with 2 specific air tankers identified for Fortress retardant.
 - Staffing a Regional Office position for Fire/Fuels Operations
 - Supporting Canada wildfires with personnel
 - Training firefighters in the Pacific Islands for wildland fire support

- BLM
 - Statewide resource update
 - Continued funding to retain Year-Round staffing.
 - Prescribed fire accomplishment update
- BIA
 - Tribal Agencies continue to enter All Risk programs.
 - Cultural Burning – partnering to follow policy and procedures depending on the land base.
- NPS
 - No Report
- Fish & Wildlife Service
 - No Report

Partner Agencies

US Fire Administration

Presentation by Bidaburu

- Overview of his position
- Update to National Incident Fire Reporting System.
- National Strategic Plan –seeking input from partner agencies.
- Internal reorganization – Developing EMS Service Branch

Western Fire Chiefs

Presented by Zagaris

- Wildfire Technology Specialist involved in many different programs.
- Nationally, develop Catalog of National Mutual Aid Resources
- Resources for Canadian fires were mobilized via Northwest Compact.

CAL Chiefs

Presented by Tubbs

- Update on AB40, AB 767, AB 118, SB 577, AB Constitutional 1

CFSA

Presented by Sells

- Working with Partner organizations

CPF

Presented by Rice

- SB 450 update

Seismic Safety Commission Update

Presentation by Annde Ewertsen

EDF Wildfire Satellite Constellation Study

Presentation by Kate Dargen

Ops Team / Task Force Report

Report presented by Kendall/Spelman

- Ops Team/Task Force Report
 - Recognition of Brook Spelman who is leaving the Task Force
 - New Chair- Jason Serrano San Bernardino County Fire, Vice Chair – Matt Brown Santa Clara County Fire
 - MACS Exercise provided in Dublin and Orange County.
 - Anaheim, Tulare and Menlo Park will be adding new members to the Task Force
 - Quarterly Briefing getting a new look, will be forthcoming.
 - *EIT Subcommittee Update on Incident Personnel Tracking.
Presentation was given by – Matt Brown
 - *Behavioral Health CISM Task book Review
Presentation was given by – Jason Serrano
 - *FIREScope Tasking Form
Presentation was given by – Robert Rezende
 - *ITSU/ITSL Addition to ICS
Presentation was given by – Matt Brown
 - *Haz Mat Minimum Equipment List (MEL)
 - **Presentation was given by – Eric Roberts**
 - Motion: Johnson
 - Second: Munsey
 - Approved
- MACS Exercise moving to Biannual – will rotate between Northern and Southern California. 2024 Southern California will combine MACS exercise and Region 6 meeting.

EMS Update

Update presented by Hartwig/Thompson.

- Ambulance patient offload delay are not as pronounced as before.
- AB40 – ambulance wall time is still in progress.
- 201 JPA Bill is moving forward.
- Opioid Crisis funding – working on how funds can be utilized.
- Vaccine requirements for paramedics are being dropped by most counties.
- RFPs statewide – Ambulance awarding for fire to manage ambulance contracts.
- Medication shortages – community paramedicine
- 438 Dispatch Bill –only public safety can dispatch. Draft regulation comment forthcoming

CFAA Update

Update presented by CFAA Committee Members

- CFAA went into effect May 8
- CFAA allows mobilization of LG bulldozers and hand crews.
- Electronic reimbursement for F42 (MARS). 12 trainings scheduled for this year.
- Tribal Fire Departments reimbursement language updated.
- Removed use of supplemental personnel
- Travel for USDA Forest Service must be approved by Region 5 FS
- Travel reimbursement update

CWCG Update

Update presented by Gamboa.

- CIM issued and concerns for 2024.
- California will not participate in CIM for 2023
- CIM implementation plan submitted for 2024.
- Federal Incident Commander retirements affecting 3 IMTs.
- CIM directions are rostered number, adjusting downward.
- Survey forthcoming for Local Government on what their commitment will be regarding rostering.
- Discussed new frequency changes. Will be giving further clarification before the 2024 fire season.

Old Business

Update presented by Marshall/Vail/Johnstone

- Mutual Aid Ad Hoc Committee Update
 - Mutual Aid Summit Agenda items. Identify issues and potential fixes.
Work group identified address short term and long-term fixes.
- Blue Ribbon Commission Update
 - Purpose: updating the document to address expanded all hazard issues
 - Identify a committee in October 2023 to continue the revision.
- Complex Incident Management Update (CIM)
 - Only Type 1 positions will be CIM qualified.
 - Focused on getting people to 520 and or AIMS courses.
 - Nationally, Type 2 pathway will be maintained.
- CICCIS Update
 - Chief Vail provided an overview of changes to CICCIS.
- FIRESCOPE History Project
 - Chief Vail provided an update provided on project.
- FIRESCOPE Coordination with Partner Agencies
 - Chief Marshall acknowledged the new Partner Agencies
- 2023 Plan of Work Update
 - Chief Johnstone briefing on 2023 Plan of Work

New Business

Update presented by Fennessy/Zagaris/Gilbert

- International Mutual Aid
 - Conversation regarding mobilization agreements and compacts
- National Mutual Aid System (NMAS)
 - Conversation regarding identifying movement of All Hazard resources. Building awareness. Identify a mechanism to mobilize All Hazard resources.
- Local Government Prepositions concerns
 - Discussed perceived inconsistencies within the program approval process.

2023/2024 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule and Venues

October 4-5, 2023	Santa Barbara County
January 10-11, 2024	Burbank Fire
April 3-4, 2024	Williams Fire
July 10-11, 2024	San Bernardino Co Fire - Lake Arrowhead
October 9-10, 2024	Santa Clara County - Campbell

Roundtable

Adjournment

Chief Brian Fennessy moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Approved at 1650 on Day 1 and at 1344 on Day 2.