



TASK FORCE MEETING

San Francisco

June 8-9, 2021

Minutes

Call to order: 0900 June 8th by Chief Gerboth

0900 June 9th by Chief Gerboth

Members Present: Task Force

David Gerboth (SND)

Josh Stinnett (KRN)

Jason Serrano (BDC)

Brook Spelman (Cal Fire)

Cathy Johnson (OES)

Rob Capobianco (ORC)

Dustin Hall (EDH)

Garrett Huff (SBC)

Andrew Henning (SFM)

Jon O'Brien (LAC)

Dan Horton (VNC)

Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)

Dean Zipperman (LFD)

Members Not Present: Task Force

James Tomaselli (USFS)

Matt Brown (CNT)

Dave Brinsfield (BLM)

Guests:

Shelley Dorsey (OES)

Jim Johnstone (OES)

Yesenia Serafin (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 May Meeting Minutes – Gerboth

Motion: O'Brien

Second: Horton

Approved with corrections

Task Force Update – Gerboth

- The work has been completed on the FOG. Some modifications were made to chapters 16 and 19.
- All of the Task Forces are governed by a tri-party agreement. It's a MOU between OES, FEMA and the sponsoring agencies that have US&R Task Forces. Within the agreement there are responsibilities for each group. There was a document drafted by Cal OES that was sent to FEMA. They would like changes to the tri-party agreement that would put more statutory authority to prevent those teams and task forces from being deployed. They have had the authority to prevent them from being deployed for the last couple of years. That same verbiage was inserted into the draft US&R OSD. Legal counsel is working through the issues for both sides. A special BoD meeting will be held June 17th to further discuss the OSD.
- The Fire/Rescue Joint Powers Agreement between Cal OES, Sacramento City and Sacramento Metro Fire Departments was put together to deliver US&R training throughout the state. It is funded and runs most of the US&R training in the state. 100,000 dollars for each Task Force every four years from the State of California and FEMA. OES has petitioned to dissolve that. There is a meeting coming up on this for comments.
- The Task Force, Ops Team and BoD members all donate to a fund that pays for FIRESCOPE mugs to recognize members who retire and for other things for the groups. The amount is \$20 per member.
- Moving multiple products up to the Ops Team this week.
- Task Force and the Ops Team have joint meetings twice a year in June and January. January will be in Pismo Beach. The BoD meets quarterly. All members are invited to attend these meetings.
- All of the meeting flyers and minutes are posted on the FIRESCOPE website. Other FIRESCOPE documents can be reviewed under Publications. Under the MACS documents you will find the Task Force Member Orientation Guide. Also,

a lot of historical FIRESCOPE documents are available for review on the website.

Cal OES Update - Johnstone

- Social media on the website was discussed. Invited members to suggest content ideas to post on FIRESCOPE's social media.
- The JPA for Cal OES, Sacramento Metro, and Sacramento City Fire Departments is being dissolved. It is going to be a process. All of the current services that are being provided by the JPA will be transitioned to CSTI. CSTI is based out of San Luis Obispo.

CSFM Report - Henning

- Released their annual report. Will send out to the group.
- Significant decrease in courses delivered and student contact hours due to Covid. In the year before Covid had 1.1 million student hours and classes and has dropped to approximately 100,000.
- The State has helped make fee adjustments. That will be a new ongoing process. The goal is to have new adjustments out at the end of each year. Have to wait until all of the courses get returned in mid-August.
- The 2013 editions of Firefighter I & II retire at the end of this year as well as the tenured path. This will be the last year for Firefighter II without doing certification testing. Look at memberships and rosters to see who doesn't have a Firefighter I and Firefighter II. Email any questions.
- Quarterly SFT news should be going out later today.
- Updating course roster template, so all courses being returned on or after July 5 need to use the new template. A column was added asking what your employment type is. Will use the information for stats. Will help decide what they do with fees, and curriculum development.
- NWCG course update: Retired a few courses that have been discontinued by NWCG or haven't been taught in the last 10 years. If there is a demand to bring a course back it can be added to the SFT curriculum.
- Updated course catalog. The new fees have brought in new revenue for curriculum development. The budget is \$300,000 for curriculum development. Plan to use as much of it as possible. Proposing several different curriculum projects. Will be opening up a cadre announcement in the e-news that is coming out. Cadre will be meeting in mid-August. Second group will be meeting in mid-October.
- Looking at updating courses in Firefighter Survival. Which hasn't been updated for 10 years and adding other courses. Aligning with the NFPA protocols.
- Taking feedback from the Maritime groups in order to see which courses are needed.

- Taking to STEAC for recommendations in July.

OLD BUSINESS/PROJECTS

FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Johnson

- The Office of State Publishing is currently working on the wire charts.
- Continuing to convert content from Word to InDesign. About halfway through the process.
- On June 17th there will be a special meeting of the BoD to approve the last two chapters.
- The goal is to have all of the chapters submitted to State Publishing in July.
- Paper product will be available for sale January 2022.
- Next big challenge is the FOG app. The goal is to have the app ready at the same time as the paper version. All changes will have to be done simultaneously to both products. Photos are needed from the specialist groups. Approximately 50-70 photos are in the current app and need updating. More information to follow.
- 2022 is the 50th year anniversary of FIRESCOPE. Would like an insignia on the cover of the new FOG to commemorate the anniversary. Will reach out to our IT Department to set up some of the graphics. Suggestion of a gold cover with a banner recognizing the anniversary. Both for the FOG and the website. Open to input on what other things we can do for the 50th anniversary.
- Outreach on getting the word out on what FIRESCOPE is all about. Suggestion was made about a 50th anniversary challenge coin.
- A couple of years ago we had a messaging and marketing focus. Part of that was to offer up a sticker that could be for apparatus to show that the agencies are FIRESCOPE members. This may be an opportunity for a FIRESCOPE 50th anniversary sticker.

Standard Wildland Preplan Working Group – Capobianco

- No update since the presentation that was given at the last meeting.
- Met last week. Mostly spent narrowing down recommendations of a platform and how to share the current plans. As it continues to move forward, figure out the process and the time it will take to start sharing a standardized document across the state.
- The group will be giving a similar presentation that mirrors the white paper on Thursday to the Ops Group.
- Funding issue to get a platform and consistency across the state.
- Would like the director to hear the presentation at the BoD in July.

ICS 215C Contingency Form – Spelman

- Three documents were pushed out.
- Worked on for three years.
- Created because there was nothing else like it.

- Checks and balances used for contingency planning.
- The form was pushed out to the Type I, Type II and Type III. So, state, federal and local government teams for them to utilize it. There is a need for training. People back east were using this document during Covid. They put their information into a Survey Monkey survey to get feedback.
- There is some standardization of GIS symbology that needs to move forward.
- Asking for the Ops Team and the BoD to approve the document so that it can be moved forward without the word “draft” on it. So that people can use the form as they see fit.
- Will present to the Ops Team and the Bod.

DECON Unit Typing Project – Stinnett

- Presented the group with the information gained at the last Task Force meeting.
- The subcommittee is working on a draft.
- Will have the draft prior to the July Task Force meeting. If the Task Force decides that that is the way they want to go, a presentation will be set up.

UAS Training – Huff

- The group has not met but there have been some significant advancements.
- Cal Fire and the Forest Service participated in a S373 class in April.
- The Region V UAS Manager from the Forest Service will give a presentation to the Ops Team on Thursday.
- Currently, there are two courses. The A450 and the UAS S373. Trying to come up with a gap analysis to see what works.

REMS Working Group – Gerboth

- Brief history of the working group given.
- Group has been formed and is working again. Waiting for letters of support for the roster. Charter, and plan of work are completed.

Motion to approve the charter

Spelman

Second: Serrano

Approved

Motion to approve the plan of work

Capobianco

Hall

Approved

CICCS – Gerboth

- Working through the new qualification guide. Getting it finalized. Looking at fall

for completion.

- Recognition of US&R positions for the first time. Looking at discipline specific qualifications.

Specialist/Working Group Participation – Gerboth

- Reviewed 410-8. All of the responsibilities of the liaisons.
- Meeting dates should not conflict with the Task Force, Ops Team or BoD meetings.
- Each member needs to be approved by the Task Force. They need to do a bio, have a letter of recommendation from their chief, and a resume. Process starts with a recommendation.
- Currently have primary liaisons for each of the specialist/working groups and a backup. If the primary is unable to attend the meetings, make sure that the backup attends.
- The liaison's job is to make sure that processes are being followed.
- No formula on which agencies have to participate. Should only be one representative per agency in a group.

Specialist/Working Group Reorganization – All

- Went over the white paper at the last meeting.
- Reviewed the organizational chart. Added to the white paper and org chart that subcommittees can be standing or ad-hoc.
- Purpose is to adjust the span of control, provide mentorship, and to provide some deconfliction as we move through our products.
- Proposal has six specialist groups each with two liaisons. Sub-committees would have a chair and be run by the chair. Products that are developed by the sub-committees would come up to their specialist group. The specialist groups would be made up of members of the sub-committees.
- Will present to the Ops Team this week and to the BoD possibly in July.

Behavioral Health Position Mnemonics – Serrano

- No update from the last meeting.
- White paper will be presented to the Ops Team this week.

Maritime Specialist Group – D'Arcy

- Schedule of all of the specialist/working group meetings is posted on the FIRESCOPE website. All flyers are supposed to be 45 days out.
- Will be working on a meeting schedule for the rest of the year.
- This group is different than the OES Maritime Group. This group is more focused on the ICS.
- The second virtual meeting is scheduled for June 28th.

- Focusing on creating the charter.

Smartsheet and FIRESCOPE Website – Johnson

- Orientation given on Smartsheet and the website for new members.

MACS-441 Appendix A – Brinsfield

- No report

2021 MACS Exercise –Spelman/Johnstone

- Error on the original document has been corrected.
- Will present the video to the Ops Team this week.
- Would like to recognize the PIO shop for their work.
- Invite RIO to give a presentation to the BoD.

NEW BUSINESS/PROJECTS

Cad to Cad Working Group – D’Arcy

- Group is in the beginning process.
- Bidding process by state contract to get a contractor.
- Next Gen S.C.O.U.T. could be the common operating platform. They are already intermingled with Cad to Cad.
- Give presentations to the Ops Team and BoD.
- Some members of the EIT group are interested in joining this group.
- Mike Scott out of San Diego has been a big proponent of Cad to Cad.
- Need additional members who would like to join the group. Have them contact Chief D’Arcy.

Quarterly Briefing – Gerboth

- Discussed the Quarterly Briefing and edits.

SPECIALIST AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Aviation

- Has not met since the last meeting.
- Still working on helicopter typing. NIMS and FIRESCOPE should be in alignment.

Behavioral Health

- Has not met since the last meeting.
- Asking that members review the list of links on Smartsheet line 11 to be voted on at the July meeting.
- Still working on task books for CISL and CISM.

Communications

- No report.

EIT

- Has not met since the last meeting.
- Sent out a Survey Monkey to see when and where they can have their next in person meeting.
- Looking into social media. Using Twitter and Instagram. Working on a calendar to change off who is doing the posting. Making sure that postings are appropriate for FIRESCOPE.
- Discussed putting together a document for guidelines on social media.

EMS

- Has not met since last meeting.
- Next meeting is scheduled for June 30th.
- Focusing on reviewing and revising the Active Shooter Guidelines.

GIS

- Making progress on the OSDs for the GISS and SIDL. On target to have them done by the end of the year.
- Discussing the location of their fall in person meeting.
- Next virtual meeting is scheduled for Thursday.

Hazmat

- The US&R change sparked a lot of discussion.
- Looking to make some changes to verbiage in the SDL. Making sure to maintain consistency.
- Still working on the DECON Project.

High Rise

- No report

Predictive Services

- Had their spring meeting in May.
- No report.

Safety

- Next in person meeting is June 21st & 22nd in Kern County.
- Last meeting was held virtually in February.
- Reviewing other agencies Fire Ground Decontamination policies.
- Discussed Incident within an Incident.
- Looking at Infectious Disease for the future.
- Working on some new information regarding solar panels.
- Firefighter ladder safety, three points of contact while climbing discussed.
- Testified in front of an Administrative Judge for Cal OSHA. They wanted to minimize and parameterize the aerial and functioning of the aerial which would have changed the Fire Service completely in California. The judge decided with LAFD. Big win for the Fire Service.
- Looking on direction from the Task Force when it comes to Fire Ground Decontamination.

STEAC

- No report.
- Next meeting is July 9th.

Technical Search & Rescue

- Had a special meeting on May 20th to clean up some of the language related to the FOG and the OSD.
- Will have a special meeting on July 17th.
- Work is continuing on chapter 16 and 19 of the FOG.

UAS

- Update given earlier in the meeting.

Review of Upcoming Force Meetings – All

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

Ops Team	San Francisco	June 10-11, 2021
BoD Meeting	Orange County	July 7-8, 2021
BoD Special Meeting	TBD	July 17, 2021

ROUNDTABLE

Meetings Adjourned at 14:50 on Day 1 and 10:32 on Day 2.