



**FIRESCOPE OPERATIONS TEAM
Meeting Minutes**

**June 7-8, 2023
San Francisco / Teams**

0900 hours, June 7, 2023 Welcome/Roll Call – Kendall

Members Present: Operations Team

X Walder (Mutual Aid IV)	X Cook (VNC)	X O'Brien (LAC)
O Matt Ahern (USFS)	X Nishimoto (Mutual Aid II)	X Tuttle (Mutual Aid VI)
X Stornetta (SBC) (Huff)	O Steers (KRN)	X Kendall (CAL FIRE)
X Neamy (NIMS Consortium)	X Zipperman (LFD)	X Heggstrom (Mutual Aid III)
X Gerboth (SND)	X Kaialoa (Mutual Aid II) (D'arcy)	X McGovern (ORC)
O McLaughlin (TLC)	X Bachmeyer (RBU)	X Johnstone (OES)
X John Goss (DOI)		

X Present – O Missing

Others Present: BoD & Task Force

Johnson, C. (OES)	Brown (CNT)	Spelman (CAL FIRE)
Eric Roberts (LFD)	Serrano (BDU)	
Huff (SBC)	Rezende (SND)	

Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics – Chief D'Arcy, SFFD

Agenda Review – Kendall

Ops Team Meeting Minutes Review/Approval – No minutes

Task Force Report - Spelman

- Draft EIT Personnel Tracking Survey – Brown (Request Motion to Approve)
- Discussion of survey
- Targeted at executive staff of departments
- Discussion of the Dingle Act requirements
- Request moving to BoD

Motion to approve moving to BoD: Walder

Second: Zipperman

Approved unanimous.

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Task Book – Serrano (Informational Item Only)

- Approved by CICCS
- Intent is to send out for beta-testing ahead of end of historical recognition period
- Will hold creation of other PTBs until beta test of CISM

Civil Disturbance Project Update – Sherwood / Tomlinson (Informational Item Only)

- Structure subcommittee has addressed any issues related to structure
- Moving to EMS and Safety

Haz Mat Minimum Equipment List – Roberts (Request Motion to Approve)

- Moves to 8 members staffing
- Five additional Personnel and additional pieces of equipment
- Request moving to BoD

Motion to move to BoD: Tuttle

Second: Heggestrom

Approved. Unanimous

FIRESCOPE Tasking Form - Spelman (Informational Item Only)

- Use form to identify initiator and express clear leaders intent
- Tracking mechanism
- Will present to BoD as an informational item

ICS 910-1 - FF Accountability Revision – Spelman (Informational Item)

- Tasking to Safety Subcommittee-Spelman
- Firefighter entrapment avoidance, started as “Wildland Mayday”
- Subcommittees, including Safety, did no support curriculum
- The discussion promoted the discussion to update the ICS 910 Firefighter Accountability

Update: ITSU/ITSL Inclusion in FIRESCOPE ICS – Spelman (Informational Item)

- As a result of NIMS refresh advocating a Communications Section
- After review, FIRESCOPE did not support a Communications Section
- Communications Subcommittee recommended the creation of an IT Support Unit, and IT Support Leader
- Directed the Communications Subcommittee to draft a White Paper

Bi-Annual MAC Group Exercise Rotation North and South – Brown (Request Motion to Approve)

- Discussion and recommendation of merging meeting, 1 time per year
- North and South Rotations
- Alignment with Region meetings
- Move to full day

Motion to move to one per year: Cook

Second: Zipperman

Approved. Unanimous

Tentative date: May 8, 2024 at South Ops

MACS 410-1 – MAC Group Procedures Guide Revision – Spelman (Informational Item)

- Being opened for updates
- Working with NorthOps and SouthOps to align
- Working to get 410-1 comments back in July

Tech Connect Update – Brown (Information Items)

Area to share Hardware, Software and Liveware recommendations

- Moving forward
- Place on website identified

Update: Handcrew Typing Standard – Kazal (Informational Item)

- Working on various projects
 - Firing Checklist
 - Entrapment Protocol
 - ICS-600, Wildland Urban Interface
 - Handcrew Mobilization / LG Handcrew Standard

Old Business

Ops Team Confidential Roster Review – Johnstone

Technical Search and Rescue Subcommittee Update - Hall

- Technical Search and Rescue is developing a Tower Rescue Guideline
- Working in coordination with State Fire Training

Structure Fire Subcommittee Update - Henry

- **ICS-500, Structure Fire Guidelines**
 - Completed Review
 - Working on Formatting
 - Anticipated ready for Task Force review in early Calendar year 2024
- Adjunct support including Wildland Preplan, Next Gen Scout, Incident personnel tracking, CAD to CAD, Blue Ribbon Commission

New Business

Movement of January TF/OPS Team Meeting to December 12-14, 2023 – LA City

FIRESCOPE Funding Analysis and 2023 Plan of Work – Johnstone

- Discussion of funding needs
- Underfunded for FOG
- Possibility of looking for grants
- Funding for logistics for BoD and TF/Ops Meeting (venues,
- Member costs and how to support from Subcommittees to the BoD

Presentations

Gridwide Fire-Spy – Alan Snook

- Fire sensors to locate overhead distribution transformers
- Grid monitoring and atmospheric sensing
- Mounted on utility poles

Underwriters Laboratories (UL) – Alkonis

- Discussion of ongoing and recent studies regarding science-based fire suppression

Fire-Flood – Afrack Vargas

- Technology used to deployed large fire systems
- Application for WUI, earthquakes, etc.

Updates and Reports

Cal OES Johnstone

CAL FIRE Kendall

- Moving to full staffing
- Not as many crews as would like
- CDCR crews below desired strength
- 18 Exclusive use aircraft
- 3 large air tankers
- Done with Fire severity hazard zone comment period
- Online burn permit program has rolled out

- VMPs continuing
- Shortage of Engineers and Captains
 - Opened additional training academies to accommodate
- Night Flying capabilities coming online. Starting with Copter 205 at Vina week of June 19, 2023
 - Starting with water dropping first, then night hoist

USFS/DOI – Goss

- Complex Incident Management transition plans are due back from each Geographic Area Coordination Center on June 15th. The CWCG Ops Committee provided a draft recommendation plan to the CWCG Executive Board this week for them to look at and approve in time to meet the deadline. Six different elements were addressed. Rostering/Mobilization/Recruitment and Retention/Team Rotation/Qualifications and CIM Field Evaluations/Application and Selection Process. This is a nationwide request from the National Multi-agency Coordination Group.
- Work continues on the implementation of the new wildland firefighter series position description job series "0456". Potentially late summer early fall federal agencies will begin asking employees to switch over to the new series. Congress needs to approve the 2024 Presidential Budget in order for the firefighter pay to increase, this will also include portal to portal for federal employees at 50% of their base salary.

State Fire Training Bisbee/Petty

- No report

NWCG NIMS Integration Committee Gerboth

- Discussion of Position Naming Board
- ITSU/ITSL

Next Ops Team Meeting

September 13, 2023 – Virtual

Next Board of Directors Meetings

July 12-13 – El Dorado Hills Fire Department

October 4 -5 – Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Roundtable

Updates from the following

Waterloo-Moraga

Linda Fire Protection District

Orange County Fire Authority

San Diego Fire-Rescue Department

Los Angeles Fire Department

San Bernardino County Fire

Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Ventura County Fire Department

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Motion to adjourn: Cook
Second: Zipperman

Approved. Unanimous.

Adjourn 1155 hours

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