



# FIRESCOPE



## TASK FORCE MEETING

Location: San Francisco, CA

Host: San Francisco Fire Department

June 18 & 19, 2024

## MINUTES

**Call to order:** 0900 June 18<sup>th</sup> by Chief Serrano

0900 June 19<sup>th</sup> by Chief Serrano

### Members Present: Task Force

Robert Rezende (SND)

Jason Serrano (BDC)

Matt Brown (CNT)

Steve Davis (SBC)

Cathy Johnson (OES)

Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)

Cary Wright (KRN)

Pedro Arreguin (VNC)

Eric Roberts (LFD)

Chris St. Pierre (USFS)

Tim Adams (ANA)

Dan Coyle (MNL)

Brian Duffy (TLC)

Dave Semple (CAL FIRE)

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Jim Henery (ORC)

Caryn Petty (OSFM)

Derick Chapman (LAC)

### Guests

Jim Johnstone (OES)

Mohammed Khazaal

Kyle Dodds (Santa Maria City)

Larry Collins (OES)

Jack Fry (OES)

Aide Barbat (SND)

Brook Spelman (CAL FIRE)

Steve Maisonet (ORORATECH)

**Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics**.....Pat D’Arcy (SFR)

**Moment of Silence for Firefighters and Police Officers LODD**

**Andrew Pontious**, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles, CA. June 14, 2024.

**\*\*And all Law Enforcement Officers LODD\*\***

**Agenda Review and Additions**.....Serrano

**Review and Approval of May Meeting Minutes**..... Rezende

- Motion to approve May meeting minutes: Wright, Second: Arreguin

**Task Force Update**.....Serrano

- Subcommittee membership rules of engagement completed.

**Ops Team Update**.....Johnstone

- Encouraging all Task Force members to network and meet the Ops team.

**Cal OES Update**..... Johnson

- No update

**OSFM SFT Report**.....Petty

**Staffing/Promotions**

- State Fire Marshal Daniel Berlant confirmed by Senate May 2024
- SFT positions
  - Deputy State Fire Marshal A/B Applications just closed, additional will be flown Fall 2024
  - Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Supervisor) just closed, interview soon
  - Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist) to be advertised soon

**Invoicing program**

- New invoice/payment program to be implemented via Acadis July 1, 2024
- Tutorial video will be made available in coming months.
- Students will need ID prior to course attendance, “New Student” option will not be available

**SFT ID Legacy Look-up** site discontinued. The options for obtaining an SFT ID are:

- SFT User Portal allows those with an email to “Retrieve your existing SFT ID” via email: [Administration | OSFM \(ca.gov\)](mailto:Administration@OSFM.ca.gov)
- Request a new SFT ID via : [WebForms \(acadisonline.com\)](https://acadisonline.com)section of the SFT User Portal (no login required)
- All other inquiries email [SFTHelpDesk@fire.ca.gov](mailto:SFTHelpDesk@fire.ca.gov)

**Blueprint 2030**

- Presented at October 2023 STEAC, under review
- BP2020: Blueprint 2020 Final Jan 2008 .doc (azureedge.net)

### **Annual Report**

- SFT Annual Report FY2022

### **Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1 and 2 – IFSAC/Pro Board Expansion (2025)**

- Intended to rollout January 2025
- When class is conducted at ALA/ARTP – class, written and skills exam, Certification sans Task Book
- When class is conducted at private/non-accredited location – class, course completion and student will need to either:
  - o Complete Task Book to received CA Certification
  - o Attend a written and skills exam at ALA/ARTP to receive Certification without completing a Task Book

## **CURRICULUM AND CERTIFICATION UPDATES**

### **Tower Rescue (2021) – AVAILABLE NOW**

- Staff Report - Tower Rescue Technician (azureedge.net)

### **Rope Rescue (2021) – AVAILABLE NOW**

- Staff Report - Rope Rescue Technician (azureedge.net)

### **Peer-Based Suicide Awareness**

- To be presented to STEAC/SBFS Summer 2024 for approval
- 4-hour course in conjunction with Cal-JAC
  - o Instructional materials will be available soon via Cal-JAC for delivery

### **Fire Fighter 1 and 2**

- Cadre met May 2024 for update in alignment with NFPA
- Proposed introduction October 2024 STEAC

### **Water Rescue A/O**

### **All things water rescue and boats**

### **ECFO – FO (include task book change info)**

### **Curriculum Development**

- To submit a curriculum proposal, complete the form template (link: SFT Curriculum Proposal Form) and email to Chief Chris Fowler at Chris.Fowler@fire.ca.gov
  - BHCA (2024)
  - Driver/Operator (2024)
  - Fire Marshal (2024)
  - Fire Inspector (2024)
  - Plans Examiner (2024)
  - Dive Rescue – *under review*
  - Drone – *under review*
  - Forcible Entry – *under review*

### **Distance Education**

- Only ALAs and ARTPs
  - All DE and hybrid delivery courses require SFT approval prior to delivery
  - Okay to submit preemptively (each semester/quarter)
  - Distance Education Info Bulletin
  - Electronic Course Delivery Application (azureedge.net)
  - Distance Education Outline Example
- Not COVID-specific, available year-round

## **FIRE FIGHTER CERTIFICATION**

### **Fire Academy Instructor Qualifications (per PM, Section 6.6) – *DISCUSSION/PETTY***

- Completed and issued January 2024, will occur ever quarter
- SFT system-wide query
  - Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1 Certified (or equivalent)
  - Completion of Ethics (any version)
  - Possession of Fire Fighter 2 or Tenured Path Certification

### **IMPORTANT: Certification Exam – Compliance Issues**

- Candidates shall be supervised at all times (Staging, breaks, to/from stations).
- Written Exam shall be in an approved location and supervised throughout – personal devices are prohibited
- Simulation available ONLY if corresponding FSTEP course complete (FC3, FC4, CPVRT)
  - New Exam Request Form will require course code/information
- **Certification Exam Simulation**
  - Report: Certification Exam Simulation (azureedge.net)
- Any record of written exam questions is strictly prohibited
  - No photos, written account, etc.
  - Confidentiality is paramount.

### **IMPORTANT: Certification Exam – FF1B Reminder – ERICKSON/PETTY**

- SFT Certification Exam provides candidate with IFSAC and Pro Board Certification for Haz Mat FRA, FRO, Decon, and Product Stabilization.
- CSTI/IAFF provide candidates with only Pro Board Certification.
  - This is important for students seeking employment outside CA as an “IFSAC State” will not accept Pro Board in lieu of IFSAC.
- SFT recommends delivery of FF1B Certification Exam to ensure complete certification for your students/candidates.
- CSTI/IAFF Results, if applicable
  - Candidates may incur FF1 issuance delay
  - SFT modules cannot be processed until results are received from IAFF/CSTI

### **Certification Exam – Retake Candidates – BENNETTS**

- **NEW** WebForm: Certification Exam Retake Completion form
- Can be completed by Evaluator or Candidate
- Will streamline FF1 Certification issuance

### **Responsibility of Academy to verify candidate prerequisites are satisfied**

- CSRA, FC3, etc.
- Outside/Alternate Candidates: Verification of training
  - Fire Fighter Training Record (azureedge.net)
  - Alternate Candidate Chief Letter
  - Additional permitted per accreditation
- Retake Candidates: ensure approval attained from SFT prior to participation
- Documentation may be requested at any time from SFT

### **Certification Exam tiering system**

- Report: Fire Fighter Exam Random Skill Issuance (azureedge.net)

### **Exam Requests – minimum 6 weeks prior to start of first module**

- Utilize most-current version of Form and Roster from website
  - Fire Fighter (2019) Certification Exam Scheduling Request (azureedge.net)
  - Certification Exam Roster Template

## Certification Exam Results Template

### How to Guide: Certification Exam Request (azureedge.net)

- Notation in accreditation files for non-compliance

## **UPCOMING SFT COURSE DELIVERIES**

### **Registered Instructor Orientation (RIO) and Certification Examination Evaluator Training (CEET)**

July 17 – LAFD	November 22 – Contra Costa County
September 16 – Glendale FD	FPD
September 19 – Modesto JC	December 17 and 18 – San Diego (CAL
November 7 – El Dorado Hills/ARC	FIRE)

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **AUTHORIZED SIGNERS**

- If there has been a change to your agency leadership and/or Training Division designees, ensure agency Authorized Signers in SFT system are up-to-date

**ARTP Letter Template:** [Here](#)

**ALA Letter Template:** [Here](#)

- Emailed completed letters to [Diane.radford@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Diane.radford@fire.ca.gov)

### **LETTERS**

- A separate verification letter must be supplied for varied application submittals.  
Use the [Chiefs Letter - Registered Instructor](#) template  
Use the [Evaluator Verification Letter Example \(azureedge.net\)](#)

## **STATEWIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STEAC)**

April 2024 [STEAC Agenda \(azureedge.net\)](#)

## **ACCREDITATIONS**

### **IMPORTANT:**

- Must notify SFT:
  - o Any updates/changes to personnel, facilities/sites
  - o Any major injury to student/candidate
  - o Any instance of misconduct (ie. Cheating)

### **Recent ARTPs**

Sierra College

### **Recent ALAs**

LAFD

Fresno FD

San Francisco FD

Stockton FD

### **Upcoming Accreditations (2024)**

Sac Metro FD

Bakersfield College

Merritt College

Berkeley FD

Fremont FD

Southwestern College

El Camino College

## **Old Business/Projects Updates**



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Tuesday, June 18, 0900-1700  
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- A. FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Sales – App Update.....  
Johnson
  - a. New App Beta  
Test.....Lewis/Johnstone
    - i. There is still time to review and provide recommendations.
- B. Additional members to subcommittees.....All
  - a. Southern and Northern California Solicitation Letter (standby).....Serrano
    - i. New participants encouraged to attend SC meetings, will do conferrals of new members upon anticipated approval of 410-4 update outlining participation and voting.
- C. FIRESCOPE /  
NCG.....Brown
  - a. It's important for FIRESCOPE to engage with the national NIMS discussions.
  - b. They are looking for help with the FIFA World Cup coming to USA.
    - i. Funding streams are being discussed and assessed.
    - ii. At this point is mostly an awareness for FIRESCOPE to begin to engage and having AHJ discussions.
  - c. Department of Homeland Security Technology Clearing House
    - i. Agreed to manipulate the architecture to reflect some of the work from Tech Connect done by FIRESCOPE.
    - ii. EIT should get engaged with the clearing house.
  - d. Dashboards
    - i. Awareness dashboards for global view for situational awareness.
    - ii. GIS is currently working on these.
    - iii. Several states are looking to develop these dashboards.
    - iv. Looking to develop multi-disciplinary dashboard to assess resource availability and capability.
    - v. Oregon has a dashboard product that covers all-hazard disciplines. We could use their template for California.
  - e. They're looking for SMEs to help rewrite the position description for INCM, COML, RADO and other Comms positions. We need to ensure our subcommittees are engaged in these rewrites to ensure proper language within our ICS system.
  - f. FEMA is looking to do resource typing. They want FIRESCOPE to get involved. However, the discussions are not getting to the FIRESCOPE level.
    - i. Johnstone – FEMA region 9 sits at the BOD and it's an opportunity to give that clarity to the FEMA representative.
    - ii. IROC presented at FEMA.



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- g. FED OSHA will be adopting NIMS.
  - i. Not a lot of clarity yet on what OSHA will adopt.
- h. REMS Implementation National Standard White Paper (Going to Ops).....Coyle
  - i. Two white papers and PMS552 for reference will be presented to Ops.
  - ii. White Paper 1 – changing plan of work for subcommittee. Would be replacing Chapter 6 with the PMS552 language.
    - a. Task Force recommending making it 162-4.
  - iii. White Paper 2 – 1220 job aid to be created as opposed to requiring a Task Book for the leader position because the leader should be Engine Boss qualified already.
- D. Structure Defense Guidelines, ICS 600.....Adams
  - a. No update
- E. Structure Fire Operations, ICS-500 (Going to Ops).....Henery
  - a. Final edits have been made and ready to present to Ops.
- F. ICS-910 update (Safety and Wildland) .....Landry
- G. Assembly Bill No. 2380 and Private Resource Utilization.....Johnstone/Brown
  - a. White Paper Update and Comments (Going to Ops)
  - b. ICS 901 draft

**BREAK**  
**Returned at 10:45**

- H. FIRESCOPE Task Request Form.....Roberts
  - a. Application to current tasks, updates
- I. MACS 400-2 (Update Going to Ops).....Johnstone/Roberts
  - a. Motion to accept MACS400-2 pending small typo correction and updated with ICS 162-4: Arreguin, Second: Henery.



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- J. 2024 Quarterly Briefings.....Rezende
    - a. July QB (Going to Ops June BoD July Meeting)
  
  - K. MACS 410-1 MAC Group Procedures & SOPS MAC Group Procedures.....Johnstone
    - a. Tabled until September Ops.
  
  - L. Standard Wildland Preplan Working Group Tasking.....Duffy/Arreguin
    - a. Draft to be presented to Task Force in July.
  
  - M. TS&R Document Review.....Coyle
    - i. TS&R Training Bridge Presentation.....Collins
      - a. Looking for support on whether rescue members can be grandfathered in without having to meet the new rescue requirements.
      - b. Brown: Recommending a PACE2 plan to increase the number of instructors in the state and as a way to gain compliance with ICS 162 training requirements.
      - c. Brown: Recommending coming up with a process to document the proper training.
      - d. Task Force requesting a single white paper with group consensus on the process to ensure compliance with the new standards and a plan to attain compliance. Also provide a financial impact analysis.
- BREAK**  
**Returned 13:20 hours**
- ii. Large Animal Rescue White Paper
  - iii. Tower Rescue Job White Paper
  - iv. Machinery Rescue White Paper RTF Letter

### Current BOD Tasking





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- A. ICS-800 NFG Addendum (Night HLCO Going to Ops).....Semple/Chapman
  - a. Motion to move the document to Ops: Semple, Second: Brown.
- B. Civil Unrest/URV BoD  
Tasking.....Landry
  - a. No update.
- C. Local Government Hand Crew Standards White Paper (Brief to Ops).....Adams
  - a. Motion to present this as a standard: Adams, Second: Johnson

### New Business

- A. Review Documents for  
Ops.....All
  - a. Next, Going to BoD July.
- B. 410-4  
Updates.....Henery
  - a. Reflected in other MACS Documents
    - 1. Serrano: Need to examine other docs to ensure seamless integration and no conflicts.
- C. 4.9 Spectrum White  
Paper.....Johnstone
  - a. Confirmed that the Communications subcommittee is opposed to releasing the 4.9 GHz and will develop an assessment document.
- D. 410-2 Resource Designation (Going to Ops).....Semple/Spelman
  - a. Motion to approve the block number revision: Brown, Second: Wright.
- E. Honey Oil White Paper and PowerPoint.....Landry



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a. No report.

### MEETING ADJURNED

Specialist Groups and Subcommittee Reports..... All

<b><u>Health and Safety</u></b>	<b><u>Special Operations</u></b>	<b><u>Incident Technology</u></b>
<b>Incident Safety</b> No report	<b>Technical Search and Rescue</b> - OSD should be ready for Ops and BOD.	<b>GIS</b> - Updating the “ready, set, go” products to improve standardization. - Visualization for predictive services. They will reach out and collaborate with Wildland. - Presentations on SARCOPs. - Presentation on drones. - Need a forest service representative.
<b>Behavioral Health</b> No report	<b>Maritime Operations</b> - Working on a chapter in FOG. Expecting to have product delivered by December.	<b>Predictive Services</b> - Working on prescribe fire position pieces to facilitate implementation. - NFDRS changed 8 years ago. It’s affected burning index from previous values. It can no longer be divided by 10 for predictions of flame length. Working on a white paper to provide this information to decision makers.
<b>Cancer Prevention</b> - Discussing cancer prevention throughout the industry.	<b>Hazardous Materials</b> - Met on May 5 & 6 in Santa Clara. - Working on Hazmat Foam typing.	<b>Communications</b> - No updates



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Early detection testing review.</li> <li>- Will work on a white paper to provide minimum guidelines for screening.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identified a few members that are representing the same BOD member and will be waiting on further discussion and direction from BOD.</li> <li>- Discussed HZMASO which will be the next white paper.</li> <li>- Next meeting in September.</li> </ul>	
	<b>REMS (Ad Hoc)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NWCG implementing PMS 552.</li> <li>- Documents ready to go to the BOD.</li> </ul>	<b>Emerging Information Technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with CAD to CAD.</li> <li>- Update to standards to firefighter tracking.</li> <li>- Presentation on an active shooter event.</li> <li>- Meeting in November 2024.</li> </ul>
	<b>Lithium-Ion (Ad-Hoc) – Rezende/Roberts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussing and comparing best practices from other agencies to develop a guideline from FIREScope.</li> </ul>	<b>CAD to CAD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working to define the types of CAD to CAD.</li> </ul>

<u>Emergency Operations</u>	<u>Air Operations</u>	<u>Training and Education</u>
<b>EMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report. Meeting this week.</li> </ul>	<b>Aviation Operations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No additional report beyond the white paper discussed.</li> </ul>	<b>CSFM Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report.</li> </ul>
<b>Structure Fire</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparing for presentation on ICS 500 to Ops.</li> </ul>	<b>Unmanned Aerial System</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report.</li> </ul>	<b>STEAC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report. Next meeting July 12, 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>Wildland Fire</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No additional reports beyond the handcrew standards.</li> </ul>		<b>CICCS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report.</li> </ul>



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<b>Wildland Preplan</b> - No report.		
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**Review of Upcoming Task Force Meetings.....All**

**2024 Meeting Schedule**

- a. July 9/10 TF 10/11 BoD, Lake Arrowhead – Serrano
- b. August 13/14, South Lake Tahoe- Landry
- c. September 17/18 TF, 18/19 Ops San Diego – Rezende
- d. October 8/9, Paso Robles - Duffy
- e. November 12/13, Huntington Beach – Adams/Semple
- f. December 9/10/11 TF 11/12 Ops, Los Angeles City – Roberts
- g. January 14/15 Sacramento TF, Sacramento City – Lewis
- h. February 11/12 Riverside TF, South Ops Cal Fire – Semple
- i. March 11/12 Truckee TF 12/13 Ops, Santa Clara County – Brown
- j. April 8/9 Dana Point TF, Orange County Fire Authority – Henery

**Future Ops Team and Board of Directors Meetings**

2024 Ops Team Schedule and Venues

- September 18 1300 September 19 0800 San Diego
- December 11 1300, December 12 0800 Los Angeles

2024 Board Meeting Schedule and Venues

- July 10/11, 2024 @ Lake Arrowhead
- October TBD

**Roundtable.....All**