



FIREScope OPERATIONS TEAM Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 0900-1700
San Francisco Fire Department

Welcome/Roll Call

O'Brien

Members Present: Operations Team

Ahearn (USFS)

Fligiel (LFD)

Stornetta (SBC)

Taylor (Lg. Cities North)

Cook (VNC)

Sheppard (Mutual Aid IV)

Johnstone (OES)

Steers (KRN)

Heggstrom (Mutual Aid III)

Serna (Fire Dist. South)

McClellan (ANA)

Bachmeyer (Volunteer FD)

Kaialoa (Mutual Aid II)

O'Brien (LAC)

McLaughlin (TCFD)

Barnes (Cal Chiefs)

Henning (SFM)

Brinsfield (BLM)

Eddy (Lg. Cities South)

McGovern (ORC)

Others Present: Task Force & Specialist Groups

Johnson (OES)

Rezende (SND)

Coyle (MNL)

Serrano (BDC)

Roberts (LFD)

D'Arcy (SFR)

Brown (CNT)

Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics – O'Brien/D'Arcy

Agenda Review – O'Brien

***Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes** – O'Brien

March 2025 Ops Team Minutes

Approved

Task Force Report – Serrano

- *FIREScope Quarterly Brief Draft
Approved
- *Indexing Unique Shaped Structures White Paper
Approved
- *Structure Fire Chapter into FOG Manual White Paper
Approved
- *Standard Wildland Preplan White Paper
Sent back to the Task Force for revision
- *UAS Incursions White Paper
Approved
- *ICS 208HM (HazMat Site Safety & Control Plan)
Approved
- *MACS 410-1 (Scoring Criteria Revision) MAC Group Procedures Guide
Approved
- *ICS 802 Night Helicopter Coordinator (HLCO)
Approved
- *ICS 910 Firefighter Incident Safety & Accountability Guidelines
(Update/Revisions)
Approved
- *CRR/Fire Prevention Subcommittee Charter
Approved
- *ICS 400-2 Documents and Forms Description
Approved
- *WUI Structural Defense White Paper (Revision and Update)
Approved

Subcommittee and Specialist Group Status Update Reports

Old Business

- Mutual Aid for Prescribed Wildfire at Scale White Paper – Brown
 - Communities continue to be at risk.
 - Need for a system that does both preparation and response.
 - Task Force discussed this at their meeting yesterday.
 - Asking to get the concept out there.
 - Ops Team discussed.
- Urban Conflagration Training Update – Serrano
 - Urban conflagration fires are increasing and becoming more regular.
 - Firefighters may not have any previous training or experience.
 - Currently there is no formal training.
 - Development of a training curriculum that emphasizes preparedness is necessary.
 - Presented the issue of training to STEAC.
 - Training could be incorporated into FF1 Curriculum as a stand-alone class, and/or included as an additional module(s) of existing ICS training.
 - Document was created for awareness. It will be shared with the Ops Team.
 - Chief Meston requested a presentation at the Cal Chief's Annual Conference.
- FIREScope FOG App Update & Discussion of Plan for Future FOG App Revisions – Johnson/Johnstone
 - No more FOGs will be printed.
 - Revamping the app. May need more funding.
 - Ability to build in chapters.
 - Adding Wildland Fire, Structure Fire chapters and all the associated documents.
 - Drop down lists of all of the documents available on the website.
 - Will be more user friendly.
 - Will share the FOG White Paper at the September Ops Team meeting.
 - Adding subcommittee chapters and document links.
 - Chief Johnstone asked for members to contact him about other apps that are user friendly that can be mirrored

- FIREScope Mutual Aid Coordination Team Update – Walder
 - MACT is still going strong. Just taking a backseat to the executive order work group right now. Lots of work to be done.
 - All day meeting next week. South Ops.
 - Also see the update under New Business.
- Update on Lithium-Ion Subcommittee Name Change and EV Hazards – Rezende/Taylor
 - Possible expansion of their scope to be able to address a broader range of issues.
 - Request that the subcommittee become permanent vs ad hoc.
 - Looking at the challenges of alternative fuel.
 - Will be working on a White Paper and will bring it to the BoD in October.

New Business

- Update on Fire Resource Ordering Process Workgroup – McGovern/Walder/Cook
 - Honest and courageous conversations putting everything on the table
 - Making good progress.
 - Working through many comments and the process.
 - Being very transparent on challenges.
 - Survey was sent out. Receiving great feedback.
 - Looking at one or two recommendations by July 1st that can be implemented in the short term.
 - Getting immediate resources out quicker.
 - Three or four phases that Jackie Williams and Lori Lopez have set. Currently in phase one.
 - Ops Bulletin One discussion.
 - Master Mutual Aid discussion.
- Presentations
 - F.A.S.T. App Update - Zander

Updates and Reports

- Cal OES – Johnstone
 - Discussed with the Task Force yesterday. Proud of all the work that FIREScope does at all levels. Thankful for everyone's effort.
 - Conversations are respectful while dealing with tough issues.
 - Encourages FIREScope to continue doing that.

- Importance of coordination with the BoD.
- CAL FIRE
 - At peak staffing as of March 15th.
 - 66-hour work week implemented. Work 9 months a year statewide. March 15 through December 15.
 - Moving to implement traditional staffing. Fire captain, fire apparatus engineer and a firefighter on each piece of equipment. Over the course of a four-to-five-year period.
 - As of June 1st, all CAL FIRE helicopter bases are now staffed with Type 1 Firehawks. Having trouble getting reserves into place.
 - Two C-130's currently staffed.
 - Prescribed fires are a big focus. Accomplished 50,000 black acres across the state.
- USFS/DOI – Ahearn/Brinsfield
 - Resources similar to last year.
 - Just completed a hiring round.
 - Hotshot crews - 45 to 46.
 - Working on the Fed side of aggressive rapid mobilization.
 - Document on the South Ops website. Lists every available Federal piece of equipment in the state.
 - Working with CAL FIRE and Cal OES on closest source mobilization.
 - The President recently signed an executive order on the federal agencies bringing fire programs together.
 - Discussed 2026 budget. October 1st.
 - Major changes coming. A lot of it could be positive.
- Office of State Fire Training – Henning
 - Hosting a Battery Energy Storage Systems Fire Safety Symposium on July 24th in Nashville from 8am-5pm. Registration on their website.
 - New 2025 codes were approved by the Building Standards Commission. Will be published on or before July 1st. Implemented January 1, 2026.
 - Working on future code changes.
 - Discussed 2025 Training.
 - Setting up a new wildfire prevention grant solicitation to be launched in the next couple weeks.
 - Large firework seizure in Commerce going into Memorial Day weekend. Filled up all the capacity in Southern California to accept seized fireworks.

- DOI – Brinsfield
 - Just finished up with the National Fire Preparedness Review.
 - Currently five-day staffing with seven-day coverage in the station, with the engines spread out.
 - Two helicopters in Apple Valley.
 - Working on filling vacancies quickly.
 - Looking upbeat this year. Fully staffed crews. Strongest in a while. Diamond Mountain and Primm Valley will not get their status this year.
- NWCG NIMS Integration Committee - Gerboth
 - Looking at some reorganization.
 - New chair, first meeting next Tuesday.
 - Chief Gerboth is staying on as the Vice-Chair.
 - Complexity analyses discussed in the last meeting put on hold until we see what the path forward looks like.
- NFPA – Neamy
 - No report

Next Ops Team Meeting

September 10 & 11, 2025

San Diego/San Diego Fire

Next Board of Director's Meeting

July 9 & 10, 2025

Arcadia/USFS

October 8 & 9, 2025

Brooks/BIA & Yocha Dehe Fire Dept.

Roundtable

Adjourned 1515