



**Structure Fire
Subcommittee Group
Meeting
March 14-15, 2022
Santa Barbara County Fire
1676 Oak St. Solvang, CA
March 14th, 2022, 1300-
1700
March 15th, 2022, 0900-1300**

Welcome – Jim “Hank” Henery

- **Ground Rules**
 - Brief history of group from high rise to structure fire, meeting structure, description of workflow.
- **Members Present quick introductions**
 - Jim Henery, Guy Tomlinson, Brian Price, Shane Sherwood, Steve Tracy, Jason Ghorbani, Michael Liversedge, Sergio Sanchez, Patrick Rabbit (Zoom)
- **Members Absent:**
 - David Hudson, Kim Iannuchi
- **Review minutes from January 2022 meeting**

FIRESCOPE Liaison Communications – Sherwood

- Smart Sheets email should be coming from Cathy Johnson from OES to have our group log in and post all the minutes, roster, plan of work. Not much work from the TF, anticipate the structure defense coming back to this group for final review, will be coming from the wildland group. TF confirmed that this group will not be tasked with curriculum development, that belongs to another group in SFT. Dialog about the need

for additional membership from Northern California, Hank will reach out to Kim to seek direction and he will let Shane know whether to pull more membership. Shane will reach out to Santa Clara, El Dorado Hills, Sac City, Pat will reach out to San Jose, North County and Oakland. Guy will reach out to Hudson to confirm his continued involvement. Flyers should be emailed to Cathy Johnson 45 days in advance. **Hank or Guy will need to attend the TF Meeting June 8 in San Francisco.** Dialog from Hank about involving the group whenever SFT sets learning objectives, the committee's involvement has historically been very helpful. Upcoming dates, March 24 Ops Meeting (Zoom), April 6-7 in San Diego, in person Board of Directors meeting. Dialog from Hank about the scope of work for this group and what is our scope, dose RIC touch us? Next meeting for TF will be at Redding city hall and involve a MAC report, April 13th 8-12. Another will be in south ops (riverside) in May 10/11.

Member Roster Update – Brian Price/Jim Henery

- **Bios**
 - Still in need of Bios from Guy, Hank, Kim, and Mike (for Smart Sheets)
- **Agency Support Letters**
 - Still in need of ASL from Mike, Kim and Jason (for Smart Sheets)

Review Plan of Work- Sherwood/Henery/Tomlinson

- **Review ICS 500 document**
- Dialog about taking on ICS500 preemptively as it hasn't been updated in 7 years. Group all in support of the plan, TF to reach out to Chair to verify, TF replied that they are in support of this group updating that document.
- Additional dialog about high rise response across the agencies and the different response plans:
 - San Diego: Goal of getting 100 bodies on scene within 20 minutes
 - La City – 36 bodies within 5 minutes then incremental request based on need
 - La County – 36 bodies initially then alarm as requested
 - San Bernadino – 100 bodies within 30 minutes, High High-Rise Response triggers Auto Aid from Riverside to cover city
 - SF – Initially 38 bodies then 23 to follow
- Reviewed document up to page 14.
- **New Shirts**

New Business – Group

- Visit from Chief Hartwig and Chief Huff. Good dialog about FIRESCOPE involvement and county operations.

Future Meetings

- **Look at OPS/TF meeting schedule**
 - Tentative plan for May 19/20 in SF.
- **Plan for in Person, Video Conference if COVID protocols are reinstated.**

Roundtable

- Price – question if each agency has a policy on FIRESCOPE participation? No agencies with policies, chiefs support. FFD added squads, hired 80 over the past 12 months
- Henery – OCFA, ambulance issues with status 0, 35–45-minute waits for boxes. Issues with local EMSA and shoot times, new operations chief starting soon. Looking at FIREHAWKS after Emerald Bay fire.
- Tomlinson – New fire chief – Chief Crowley, change of personnel in administration, projections for upcoming budgets show the city in the hole, encampment fires extending into structures is a problem. Dialog about E-Engine going into service in Hollywood soon.
- Ghorbani – 100-year celebration next year, impacted by ambulance shoot times, using the AP units having a good impact – going to 4 units. Staffing is an ongoing issue, promotions and hiring is struggling to keep up with demand. Looking at expanding paramedic assessment units to bring call volume down per rig. 8-10 recruit classes this year.
- Sanchez – Promotion April 4th, Support Services Division Chief, academy in progress, All stations in SB County will be ALS by July 1, first female BC starting this week, dialog about MQ's for promotions, impacted by a young agency as the need for promotions increase. Going to tablet command in April.
- Tracy – Ops Chief is retiring, currently have an interim, lots of personnel movement, academy on going, graduates in June 60 new hires in the past 6 months, looking to fly lateral positions targeting members released for VAC status. 4 stations being rebuilt, 2 new stations being built will result in adding a battalion in Fontana, looking at providing service for Running Springs, adding companies (SAFER Grant – 16 bodies)

in high desert divisions

- Liversedge – Staffing issues on going, just stopped brown outs, brought administrative personnel back out to the field to help with staffing, just graduated an academy, changed training staff schedules to have dedicated training officers, running 6th engineer exam in 3 years, struggling to get enough qualified members to take the test, Prob B passed, changes in the retirement system coming. Ops chief retiring this year, 3 new stations coming in this year, looking at running peak engines – 12-hour shifts, wildland prep starting for the season, FIREHAWK in service with nightflying.
- Rabbitt - Staffing down by 300, mandos are on the drop, new Lt academy starting in May, 18 members separated for Vaccination status, 15 retired early, encountering fentanyl OD's more and more, issues with status 0 ambulances, looking to increase staffing in ambulance division, high sick leave usage, looking to institute a wellness program please provide info if you have one. New fire boat station open, floating barge replacing a 105-year-old station.