



FIRESCOPE



TASK FORCE MEETING

Conference Call

May 11, 2021

Minutes

Call to order: 0900 May 11th by Chief Gerboth

Members Present: Task Force

David Gerboth (SND)	Cathy Johnson (OES)	Jason Serrano (BDC)
Brook Spelman (Cal Fire)	Garrett Huff (SBC)	Matt Brown (CNT)
Josh Stinnett (KRN)	James Tomaselli (USFS)	Rob Capobianco (ORC)
Dustin Hall (EDH)	Dan Horton (VNC)	Andrew Henning (SFM)
Dean Zipperman (LFD)	Dave Brinsfield (BLM)	Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)

Members Not Present: Task Force

Jon O'Brien (LAC)

Guests:

Shelley Dorsey (OES)

Jim Johnstone (OES)

David Baldwin (SCR)

Welcome, Introductions and Logistics – Gerboth

Moment of Silence for Firefighters and Police Officers LODD – Gerboth

Agenda Review and Additions – Gerboth

Review and Approval of April Meeting Minutes – Gerboth

Motion: Serrano

Second: Horton

Approved with corrections

Task Force Update – Gerboth

- **Task Force Report**

- Most of the work has been the FOG review and revisions over the recent months.
- One issue is holding up one chapter. A Disagreement between OES and the sponsored agency Chiefs for the FEMA Teams on some modifications that were made in the Memorandum of Agreement on how those teams, on the team agreement between OES, FEMA, and each of the sponsoring agencies.
- The current agreement that exists, has a couple of lines on the state's responsibility. It's basically a notification.. FEMA, OES and each of the sponsoring agencies are now working through who has what authority.
- The Operational System Description for Technical Search & Rescue was completed this week. The mobilization language is also in the OSD for Technical Search & Rescue. The BoD is not inclined to support the OSD which is linked to the FOG chapter 16. Looking at ways to modify it in the FOG.
- Looking forward to getting back to in person meetings. Next month's meeting is in San Francisco. Make reservations now. The locked in rate was up yesterday. Now it is just based on availability. The flyer for the July meeting has been posted on the website. That will be in Lake Arrowhead. Currently working on August.

Cal OES Update - Johnstone

- Next month's meeting in San Francisco will be our first chance to meet new members in person. Last in person meeting was March of 2020. Possibility of going to a baseball game together.
- Fire season is upon us. Local government has prepositioned over the weekend. Three different prepositions: in regions 2 and 4.
- Transitioning away from the vaccination sites. Partnered with FEMA. Very

effective program. Thanks to all of the participants.

CSFM Report - Henning

- Chief Henning has been promoted to Assistant Deputy Director of Fire Life Safety and State Fire Training. Will probably be looking for a replacement.
- No report.

OLD BUSINESS/PROJECTS

FOG ICS 420.1 2022 Revision/Review – Johnson

- Last Thursday received the approval to move forward with State Publishing. They will be working on the wire charts. Everything is ready to go just checking to make sure that the FOG is ready to be delivered to them.
- Continuing to convert content from Word to InDesign. About halfway through the process.
- All chapters are approved, after the edits that were requested by the BoD for chapter 16 are completed. There will be a special meeting in June for the BoD following our meetings in San Francisco that will focus on the OSD.
- Goal is to have all of the chapters submitted to State Publishing by July 1.
- Message from Smartsheet this week stating that they are moving away from Internet Explorer by late summer. Be sure to use an alternate search engine.

Standard Wildland Preplan Working Group – Scott/Kennedy/Capobianco

- Gave a short presentation.
- Preplan standards and sharing recommendations.
- No central sharing place for WUI plans or what they should include.
- No statewide standard on symbology or product layout.
- Recommendations on essential elements of information that a plan should include, symbology to use, technology solution to support capture and sharing of Map Data, standard map design, and technology solution to support a statewide WUI plan repository for sharing.
- Sent out a survey to find out which essential elements should be included in the preplan.
- Will present to the Ops Team in June and the BoD in July.

ICS 215C Contingency Form – Spelman

- Form was emailed earlier this morning.
- Some changes were made.
- Reformatted the conclusion.
- Needs to be in pdf and a fillable form.
- Will be working with NIMS to ensure that there aren't different documents throughout the state.
- White paper is 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.

- Went out to the Type I, II & III Teams in California and was utilized outside of California as well this last fire season. Was used for Covid as well.

Motion: Spellman

Second: Serrano

Approved

DECON Unit Typing Project – Stinnett

- Met last week virtually. The group understands the mission. Moving in the right direction.
- A lot of different ideas discussed.
- Would like something all-inclusive and that takes care of the problems.
- Types I, II & III are very loose on what they involve. Wanted to bring in a Type IV that involves personnel.
- Looking at what the unit is supposed to look like and whether it is going to be so many people per hour.

UAS Training – Huff

- The Forest Service and Cal Fire met mid-April.
- Worked out an A450 class which is a remote pilot course.
- Scheduled to do the S373 class the week following next week.
- Will do a presentation at the next combined meeting with the Ops Team on June 10th.

REMS Task Book, CICCS, Qualifications, REMI, REMH – Gerboth

- Next meeting is May 21st.
- Group has been formed and is working again.
- CICCS has been going out to the different regions for feedback on the updated qualifications guide draft.

Specialist Groups POW, Charters and Rosters – All

- The preplan working group still needs to complete theirs. Chief Capobianco will work on it.
- Will be due in December this year.

Specialist/Working Group Reorganization – All

- At the last meeting there was a discussion about having to make some reassignments for liaisons into the specialist groups.
- Had a motion to move the chair, vice-chair and secretary to the secondary positions on the current group that they are the liaisons for.
- Chief Peshkin left, which opened up HazMat. Chief Stinnett will be the primary

liaison.

- Chief Hall will be the primary for Technical Search & Rescue. Chief Gerboth will be the secondary.
- Chief Spelman will move into the secondary position for EIT. Chief Brown will be the primary.
- Chief Gerboth will keep REMS.
- Chief Huff will keep Aviation and UAS for the time being.
- Pre Fire Plan will be Chief Capobianco.
- White paper and a new org chart was sent out.
- Lori Lopez's staff is working on a revised org chart with more clarification.
- Will bring up to the Ops Team in June.
- Will send out any updates throughout the month.

Motion to approve and move to the Ops Team: Tomaselli

Second: Spelman

Approved

Behavioral Health Position Mnemonics – Serrano

- The specialist group is aware that the white paper was approved by the Task Force and will be moved up to the Ops Team in June.

Maritime Specialist Group – D'Arcy

- Currently nine members. A couple more would like to join.
- The group met yesterday virtually. Chief Collins represented OES. He informed the group that they need to elect a chair, vice-chair and secretary.
- Will be working on establishing a roster, POW and charter.
- Scheduling an in-person meeting in Santa Barbara for the end of June.

2021 MACS Exercise – Gerboth/Spelman/Tomaselli/Johnson

- Moving forward with creating a MACS video. Adding to it the historical year we have had.
- Met a couple of weeks ago. Did some additional video in the Riverside County area.
- When the video is complete it will go to Chief Marshall at OES for approval.
- Will send out to everyone who would normally receive a MACS Exercise invitation.

NEW BUSINESS/PROJECTS

Cad to Cad Working Group – Spelman

- People are wondering if it is still beneficial to have a statewide Cad to Cad system.

- How do we share that data?
- Linked into the wildfire preplan.
- Need to get people in the group who are versed on Cad to Cad. Nobody in EIT was a true Cad to Cad person.
- Need to get department Cad to Cad people and dispatch involved as well as agreements.
- Working group had to go out and learn about Cad to Cad before they could work on a white paper.
- Need to start completing a roster, POW and charter for the group.
- Two to three people in the EIT group would like to stay on the Cad to Cad group that is being built.
- Chief D'Arcy will possibly take over the group. Forward contacts of Cad to Cad knowledgeable people to Chief D'Arcy.
- Will discuss at the Ops Team meeting in June.

SPECIALIST AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Aviation

- Had a virtual meeting on April 21.
- Went over the charter and POW.
- Productive roundtable.
- No new topics brought up.
- Plan to meet again early this summer.
- OES reached out to FIRESCOPE to ask if the group could provide some expertise on all of the helicopter types.

Behavioral Health

- Met yesterday.
- Continue to work on task books. Currently using the template that the state has used before.
- Still working on assembling some resources for webpages and links. Currently have 19 resources that they are looking to submit when the list is complete. Will bring to the Task Force for review. All resources are ADA approved. None are paid sites.

Communications

- Met on April 7th.
- Went over the POW. Saw what they are committing to.
- Made some updates to the roster.
- Looking to meet in person in October.

EIT

- Had a conference call with a few of the members recently.
- Continuing to work on items from the POW.
- Looking into social media. Using Twitter and Instagram to post meetings and summits that are coming up in California.

- A lot of meetings and summits are online.
- Discussed the Cad to Cads.
- Experienced difficulty getting the members together. A lot of them had other tasks they were assigned to such as Covid.
- Meeting is scheduled for this Thursday.

EMS

- No report.

GIS

- No report.
- Next meeting is May 20th.

Hazmat

- Met last Wednesday
- Continue to work on the DECON Unit.
- Will be meeting again in the beginning of June.

High Rise

- Trying to figure out how to keep the group together. Looking for direction.
- Perhaps changing to a special firefighting group.
- Looking at someone from the City of Anaheim to fill a spot in the group.
- Will have more clarity after the June meeting.

Predictive Services

- Decision Support white paper is done and on the website. Will review every couple of year for changes.
- Five items on the POW are not pushed up through FIRESCOPE. Question whether they should remain on the POW. Group agreed that the items should remain.
- Looking at some reorganization. Do we want to bring CalTrans in?
- Working on to organize the meetings with specific topics specific to Predictive Services.
- Looking at meeting the first week of November or December if November's dates don't work out.
- Would like to offer in the near future a Desert Research Institute presentation. The subject matter expert hired for the weather service on red flag warnings. Survey was sent out. Results were very helpful.

Safety

- No report.

STEAC

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

Technical Search & Rescue

- Met last week.
- Reviewed the OSD. The changes that were requested by the BoD were incorporated. There is some disagreement on the mobilization part of it. Will discuss with the Chair and Chief Hall.
- Future reports will come from Chief Hall.

- o Went over the small additions to chapter 16 and 19 in the FOG.

UAS

- o Update given earlier in the meeting.

Review of Upcoming Force Meetings – All

June 8-9, 2021	San Francisco
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/El 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	TBD

ROUNDTABLE

Meeting Adjourned at 1223