



FIRESCOPE Task Force Meeting South Ops MACS Exercise

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Brook Spelman (CAL FIRE)

Jason Serrano (BDC)

Robert Rezende (SND)

Garrett Huff (SBC)

Mark Bisbee (SFM)

Cathy Johnson (OES)

Dave Brinsfield (BLM)

Cary Wright (KRN)

Pedro Arreguin (VNC)

Shane Sherwood (ORC)

Justin Moore (LFD)

Matt Brown (CNT)

Jim Tomaselli (USFS)

Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)

Dustin Hall (EDH)

Scott Lewis (SCR)

Brian Martin (LAC)

Caryn Petty (SFM)

Guests

Jim Johnstone (OES)

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics.....

Sherwood

2. Moment of Silence for Firefighters and Police Officers LODD

Jan Tchoryk Chicago Fire Department Chicago, Illinois Apr 5, 2023

Anthony "Tony" C. Duivenvoorde Sussex Fire Department Sussex, New Jersey Apr 12, 2023

Cody J. Mullens West Virginia Division of Forestry Charleston, West Virginia Apr 13, 2023

Horace D. Wright Abbott Volunteer Fire Department Abbott, Texas Apr 14, 2023

Fred Fedeler Chester Volunteer Fire Department Chester, South Dakota Apr 22, 2023



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Chester T. Lauck Frederick County Fire Department Winchester, Virginia Apr 23, 2023
Roy Sewell North Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department Tazewell, Tennessee Apr 24, 2023

****And all Police Officers LODD****

3. Agenda Review and Additions.....Spelman

4. Review and Approval of March Meeting Minutes..... Rezende

Serrano motion, Brown second to approve minutes from April TF meeting.

5. Task Force Update.....Spelman

Spelman: MACS Lessons learned: Grading of ICS209s varies. Consistency is important. Successful due to several new people from different "ventures".

Push to have MACS drill back at South Ops for next year.

Johnstone: Chief Marshall is supportive to do a MACS exercise in the morning and having a Region VI meeting. Invite more SITL to the exercises.

Need to select some dates in May. Rotate through the Regions each year. Looking to go to El Dorado Hills next year in April.

Spelman: What about going to 1 MACS drill per year? Bringing more mixing of North and South Ops and Regions.

Brown: Agrees with the idea of going to 1 MACS.

Consider 1 MACS vs 2 and identify any repercussions and how it would travel through California.

Brown: 209 is a little issue from Teams that do not have resource issues. Do we pass on to CWCG to discuss how the IMTs get involved in SITL development?

Johnson: Agreed. Missing Type 3 organizations to appreciate the relevance and importance of a 209 early in the incident.

Spelman: Get a group of SITL to develop some training materials, videos, etc. to assist?

Tomaselli: The 209 will be updated heavily soon. New tech needs to assist in developing consistent product.

6. Ops Team Update.....Johnstone

Johnstone: OES is understaffed and a lot of multi-work. Getting close to posting all documents pending in the next week or so. July BoD meeting will be at El Dorado Hills. More videos to be recorded and updated with BoD member interviews.

Spelman: MACS video should be updated as well.



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Johnstone: January meeting has been moved from CalOES HQ to Burbank, CA. HQ being renovated and revamped. Sent out CFAA revision. Includes local government and dozers. An overlap of the HM SC meeting scheduled at the same time as Ops. As a reminder to keep those separate. Building the agenda for the Ops Team and need a final list of what can be expected to be approved.

Cost analysis – We do not have funding to print FOG manuals. We anticipate August they will be gone.

Spelman: Good with the hand crew from CalFire side.

Action Item: Rezende HM MEL amendment to go to Specialist Group first prior to TF.

Action Item: All Task Force members need to tie-in with their respective Specialist Groups and schedule a meeting with the Chair or Vice Chair and 1 other member.

7. Cal OES Update..... Johnson

Johnson: FOG app is back available on all platforms. Interviews for vacancies in Region II.

8. CSFM Report.....Bisbee/Petty

Bisbee: Process of onboarding 3 new Deputy SFM.

Marine Firefighting class is active

Ag and livestock is active

RSI RSII and Veh Ex time out June 30

Fire Investigator course updated

Last version of CICCIS did not include Appendix A which creates a glitch in the system for STEMs. There is an S-219 out there without live fire. Trying to bridge that with 2024 version.

9. Old Business/Projects Updates

A. FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Sales – App Update..... Johnstone

B. *Additional members to subcommittees*.....All

D’Arci nominating to Cancer Subcommittee, Matthew Alba (SFFD).

Motion to approve: Brown, Second: Tomaselli, Discussion: We maintain current process of the TF voting to allow for open discussion.

D’Arci Action Item: Have the chair update smartsheet and upload resume and letter of support from agency



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D'Arci nominating Shane Francisco (SFFD) to Maritime Operations SG

Motion to Approve: Huff, Second: Martin

D'Arci Action Item: Support Letter, Bio, Resume all in Smartsheets and an introductory letter to the SG

Action Items: Please provide D'Arcy a POC for your Dispatch Center.

C. *REMS, ICS-223 Implementation / National Standard*..... Spelman

D. FIRESCOPE / NCG.....Brown / Johnstone

Brown has accepted the position to the SG for NCG Technologies in place of Spelman.

Brown: Meeting update. Discussed some ICAC (Comms). Proponents for a Comms

Section Chief. Will attend the meeting in D.C. with the tech group with a report to the Sept TF meeting.

Brown Action Item: Please send an update on status to Johnstone.

E. Tech Connect.....Brown

Brown: Email to reengage with OES. EIT will get Van involved. Continue to monitor the follow-up with Van. Trying to advertise that its available for participation and for POC identification.

Action Item: Brown to give an overview at the Ops Meeting.

F. Structure Defense Guidelines, ICS 600.....Sherwood

G. Structure Fire Operations, ICS-500.....Sherwood

H. Handcrew Standards..... Sherwood

Sherwood: WL SC and LG HC came together at a similar time. They were given the direction to define almost an OSD.

Spelman: Appreciate work done by WL SC. Still waiting on feedback from CalFire

Brown: Some language speaks to supervision and responsibilities vs leadership. It also breaks down "small" firing, "small" unit, "complex" vs "simple" without definitions.

Recommend taking out subjective words such as "small" or "complex". T2 HC "construct" vs "implement" firing operations.

Tomaselli: Intro needs to be looked at. Why use foreman? Change to captain?



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T1IA – Raise 70% to 80% to national standards.

T2IA – national standard at 60%. Change crew size minimum to 18-20. Ordered following the MOB guide.

T2 – would need to be changed to minimum of 18 as well.

5-7 is suppression module in the national standard. Not far off, so go with national standard.

Then the intro can say “positions identified meet or exceed all national standards.”

Nice to know expectation of fire service experience.

Why not describe T2 vs T2IA here

Johnstone: OSD are program standards. This is a typing standard.

- I. Wildland Entrapment (910-1?)..... All

Safety had concerns over this issue. Document should be recirculated. Safety SC to reengage on the 910-1 document. Will be discussed at Ops to get some direction.

Serrano: Reiterated minutes from last month.

Action Item: Clarify to the Safety SC at the Ops meeting.

Spelman: Tasking Document shared with group. Good discussion to continue finalizing document.

- J. Wildland firing checklist.....Sherwood

- K. Behavioral Health PTBs..... Wright/Serrano

Serrano: CISM lead was approved and is in Beta. Phase II for the Task Books is the CISM (Critical Incidents Stress Management). Looking for approval to begin Beta testing for this Task Book as well. Starting April 2024, Task Books will be required for positions. Tomaselli CICC document that cannot be mandated to federal.

Spelman: CalFire will likely adopt it.

Huff: It’s important to understand what FIRESCOPE classes are approved/supported by FIRESCOPE. Recommend creating a document to identify what courses FIRESCOPE supports.

Motion to approve to move to Beta testing: Huff, Second: D’Arci

- L. ITSU/ITSL.....Brinsfield

Brinsfield: Would like a meeting with Johnstone for clarity and direction.



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Johnstone: ITSU and ITSL has already been approved for FIRESCOPE ICS.
FIRESCOPE does not include a Branch level for Comms. NIMS has approved a Branch level. We want to be consistent with our federal partners.
Brinsfield Action Item: Meet with Comms folks + Johnstone + Brown + EIT for discussion.

M. Integration with National Organizations..... Spelman

Spelman: On going. Meeting with Gerboth to get in alignment.
Johnstone: Approved to send a letter to all partner agencies to be more engaged with FIRESCOPE.

N. Assembly Bill No. 2380 and Private Resource Utilization.....Spelman

Spelman: Have not received anything yet. Waiting for further from Chief Kendal.

O. FIRESCOPE Subcommittee assignments - Mentorship.....ALL

Spelman: Bring forward people to attend Task Force meetings or Subcommittee meetings. They are open meetings.

P. 2023 Quarterly Briefings.....ALL

Spelman: Really needs help in creating Quarterly Briefings!
Brown: Put something in for Tech Connect
Spelman: NGSCOUT

Q. Document numbering.....Johnstone/Spelman

Action Item: Needs to be revisited

10. Current BOD Tasking

R. **Standard Wildland Preplan Working Group Tasking**.....Sherwood

S. **BoD EIT Tasking, Tracking**Brown

Action Item: Present to Ops and BoD – clear intent for higher level input

T. **Civil Unrest BoD Tasking**..... Huff/Sherwood



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EMS and Safety went through it with no issues. It is now back with Sherwood and Structure Fire.

U. Structure Fire Subcommittee White Paper "Indexing Structures" (ICS-500)ALL

No update

11. New Business

A. Update MACS Video..... ALL

Need to review and update as needed.

B. Presentations at San Francisco Task Force / Ops.....ALL

LG Handcrew

HM update

Cost analysis overview

Tracking Survey

Task Book/Behavioral Health

ITSU/ITSL

Grid Wide – vendor (15 min)

Fire Flood Services – vendor

UL Presentation

Johnstone: SC should be vetting vendors and presentations. SC is not endorsing the vendor or product, but only listening to new technologies.

C. December 12/13 Task Force /Ops Meeting.....ALL

Roberts: Dec 12 & 14 small conference room and 13th large conference room. Rooms locked out from 12/11-13.

Spelman/Johnstone: probably need the large conference room for all three days. Lots of presentations.

D. MACS Drill practice.....ALL

Available for review from Spelman



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E. SCF&FW-2024..... Spelman

Spelman: Recommending setting up our Task Force meeting in Riverside near SCF&FW around the same time.

F. ICS162 – OSD. Search and Rescue

Hall: Changes made that were requested by the BoD from initial review. Looking to see where it needs to go for final.

Johnstone: Making sure we don't have to go through the decision process twice. Sounds like we can move forward with final editing of the document.

1. Specialist Groups and Subcommittee Reports..... All

| <u>Health and Safety</u> | <u>Special Operations</u> | <u>Incident Technology</u> |
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| Incident Safety | Technical Search and Rescue Tower Rescue ICS162 | GIS Met and worked on the Search and Rescue common operating plan (SARCOP) Communicating with UAS to deconflict products SITL task book recommendations coming from NWCG |
| Behavioral Health | Maritime Operations Working with CSTI and OES Driver operations training Survey sent out ICS420-1 Maritime Operations | Predictive Services Set to meet in Sacramento in person |
| Cancer Prevention | Hazardous Materials Mass Decon getting typed MEL documentation ready for approval Deconflict 6/7 meeting | Communications Met in person in South Ops, March 30. Discussed ITSU/ITSL |



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| | | Possible additional member Looking for clarity on their Plan of Work. Proposed to be done by March 1 st . |
| | REMS NWCG well received document | Emerging Information Technology Working through contact at OES to move TechConnect forward Working with development of tracking survey |
| | Lithium-Ion Ad-Hoc – Rezende/Roberts Hazmat, Safety, and Cancer Prevention | |

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| <u>Emergency Operations</u> Question regarding Civil Unrest – Huff/Sherwood to discuss Civil Unrest with Specialist Group | <u>Air Operations</u> No report | <u>Training and Education</u> |
| EMS Lake Tahoe, June 15 meeting | Aviation Operations | CSFM Training |
| Structure Fire Meets May 18 & 19 ICS500 identification of lacking information in document – ensure home agency is in support of strategies | Unmanned Aerial System | STEAC Lewis is primary and Serrano is secondary |
| Wildland Fire Met and completed LG doc | | CICCS |



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| Meet end of June in San Diego Firing check list Wildland Entrapment - Safety SC needs to focus on updating 910 document and not endorsing training from San Diego and then WF will reengage | | S219 – appendix not updated. CA219 includes firing component Complex incident management component into CICC PIOF vs PIOT – trying to do the legwork in the background Extension of behavioral health positions |
| Wildland Preplan No update | | |

13. Review of Upcoming Task Force Meetings.....All

2023 Meeting Schedule

- a. May 16/17 MACS – OCFA – Spelman / Sherwood
- b. June 6-8, San Francisco (with Ops) – D’Arcy
- c. July 11/12, Lake Arrowhead - Serrano
- d. August 15/16, San Diego - Rezende
- e. September 12/13, Ventura - Arreguin
- f. October 10/11, Los Angeles – Martin
- g. November 14/15, Paso Robles - Huff
- h. December 12/13, Los Angeles – Roberts
- i. January 2024 – Redlands?
- j. February 2024 – Orange County – Sherwood
- k. March 2024 – Northstar
- l. April 2024 MACS
- m. May 2024 MACS May 1st?

14. Future Ops Team and Board of Directors Meetings

- 2023 Board Meeting Schedule and Venues
- o July 12 & 13 @ El Dorado Hills
 - o October 4 & 5 @ Santa Barbara



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15.Roundtable.....All