



**FIRESCOPE OPERATIONS TEAM**  
Conference Call Minutes  
November 19, 2020  
1030

**Welcome/Roll Call**

Richardson

Members Present: Operations Team

Walder (SPFD)	Neamy (NIMS Consortium)	Johnstone (OES)
Fraley (KRN)	Richardson (LA Co FD)	Kendall (CalFire)
Poirier (LFD)	Tom Marshall (BDC)	Minton (NPS)
Skelton (USFS)	Gardner (VNC)	

Others Present: Task Force & Specialist Groups

Johnson, C. (Cal OES)	Gerboth (SND)	O'Brien (LAC)
Huff (SBC)	Spelman (CalFire)	Henning (SFM)
Zipperman (LFD)	Tomaselli (USFS)	D'Arcy (SFR)

**Agenda Review\***

Richardson

**Review and Approval of Minutes\***

Richardson

September 22, 2020 – Conference Call

**Motion: Walder**

**Second: Kendall**

**Approved**

**Task Force Report**

Gerboth

FIRESCOPE Quarterly Report\*.

- Making the best of virtual meetings.
- Working on 2020 FOG revision. Preparing and updating chapters for distribution.
- All Specialist Groups are moving to a calendar year for their Plan of Work. Preparing Charters, Bios, Letters of Support and POW to be ready for January 2021.
- Six products up for approval today.
- Working on a decision flowchart for website content to ensure that we get approval for new website content.

- Working on Rehab Resource Cache that should be complete next month.
- Wildfire Prefire Plan is moving forward. New committee members.
- Working through approval for the 215C Contingency Plan Form. Looking at how the form was utilized during the fire season this year. Taking any input on it.
- Working on typing for Decon Unit.
- Updates to the FOG Chapter 14 WUI SD. Includes incorporation of TIER into the FIRESCOPE documentation.
- The Task Force and Specialist Groups are undergoing elections currently in order for officers to be seated in January 2021. Nominations were taken at the TF meeting yesterday.
- The officers for 2021 are: Chair – Dave Gerboth, Vice Chair – Brook Spelman and Secretary – Ira Peshkin.
- Working on the Quarterly Briefing for January distribution. Will include Mutual Aid information/statistics, highlighting new documents, and changes/issues due to Covid.

#### **Discussion/Approval of Task Force Documents\***

Ops Team

- Aviation Specialist SG Night Flying Guidelines – ICS 800 Revision\*
  - Has been on the Aviation Group's POW to revise the guidelines to include night hover fill.
  - Product was produced and brought to the Task Force. Was reviewed thoroughly.
  - Consensus support from the Aviation Group.
  - Each departments' policies and procedures will dictate if each agency is going to use the guidelines.
  - Many Southern California Fire Departments are already implementing this.
  - Full support from Task Force at yesterday's meeting to bring forward to the Ops Team.

Motion: Marshall

Second: Kendall

Approved

- Emerging Info Technology SG Networking White Paper\*
  - Not completely finished. GIS and EIT have been working on this together in order to ensure best practice products are being brought to FIRESCOPE.
  - One thought was that there is no true way to order connectivity at incidents from small to large.
  - Wanted to bring back to the agencies and to the Ops Team to receive any feedback that they would like to add in.

Approved to move to the BoD.

- Emerging Info Technology SG Interoperability White Paper\*
  - CAD-to-CAD Paper came down to the group about a year ago.
  - Took EIT a while to be able to fully understand CAD-to-CAD.
  - Came up through the many incidents that use Mutual Aid throughout the state.
  - Wanted to delve into whether CAD-to-CAD would assist in reducing lag time and being able to share data among boundary departments.

Motion to present what has been completed to the BoD: Richardson.

Second: Gardner

Approved

- Technical Search & Rescue Operational System Description\*
  - Result of about three years' worth of work. Designed to combine all the TS & R disciplines into one operational system description separated into groups.
  - All levels and disciplines have been involved in creating this document.
  - Significant changes to the terminology (NIMS compliant).
  - The biggest change is to the Regional Task Forces. Getting the document in line with the NIMS model.
  - One change is that the number of members on the Regional Task Force go from 29 to 30.
  - Added position descriptions that did not exist before. The Typing has all remained the same. Reflecting NIMS Typing.
  - Ops Team would like to review the changes that were made on the document.

Motion to move to the BoD: Marshall

Second: Johnstone

Approved

- FIRESCOPE 2021 Plan of Work\*
  - Was submitted previously.
  - Group has reviewed it. Everything is up to date and reflects the BoD direction.
  - Task Force approved it and it was tabled at the last Ops meeting.

Motion to move the FIRESCOPE 2021 Plan of Work up to the BoD: Johnstone.

Second: Gardner

Approved

- Predictive Services Decision Support Systems White Paper\*
  - Product has been out for a couple of years.
  - Captain Jeff Shelton from Orange County Fire Authority did a presentation at the Pismo Beach meeting regarding this documentation. Submitted the document at that time.
  - Revisions were requested.
  - Draft document of best practices. It gives the background so that the agencies can get the products they need.
  - Provides contact information for advice and more information.

Motion: Marshall

Second: Kendall

Approved

### Old Business

- 2022 Field Operation Guide – Revision Update Gerboth/Johnson
  - Item is currently a heavy focus at the Task Force and Specialist level.
  - Delays due to fire season and Covid. Extra time built in is being used wisely.
  - Should be completed and reviewed by the first week of December.
  - Will be ready for the Ops Team in January & BoD in April
  - Chapter 14 WUI Structure Defense, was discussed at the meeting in Pismo Beach in January. Volunteers were asked to serve on a group that would both provide revisions and offer opportunities to incorporate TIER into it. The committee consisted of: Dustin Gardner, Brook Spelman, Tim Chavez, Jon O'Brien, Scott Jones, Dean Zipperman, and Jim Johnstone.
  - The group has met a couple of times in the last two weeks. The final version of their work is complete
  - The Document has now entered the decision process at the Task Force Level.
  - To the Task Force in December and Ops Team in January for final approval of all chapters of the 2022 FOG. To be presented to the BoD in April 2021. That gives time to get everything completed and printed by January 2022.

### New Business

- Changes to the FIRESCOPE Mission Statement Skelton
  - Mention that there was concern regarding the wording of the FIRESCOPE Mission Statement at the January 2020 BoD from the Forest Service standpoint.

- USFS has submitted a draft document for BoD review. Submitted copies to Richardson and Johnstone yesterday for consideration.
- Looking for feedback and suggestions.
- Will share the document at the next meeting in January and finalize. Important to get consensus on any wording changes based on the fact that the FOG has the mission statement on it. It's on the website and many of our documents. Prior to this, it should be shared with our overhead members. Beneficial to share it with the Task Force, Ops Team and BoD. Will be placed on the agenda for the BoD meeting in January.
- Election of Ops Team Officers – 2021 Ops Team
  - An email was sent out this morning with the results. An email was sent out a couple weeks ago for nominations.
  - Nominations
    - Chair – Richardson
    - Vice Chair – Poirier
    - Secretary – Gardner

**A vote was taken for all Nominations. All were approved without opposition.**

**Roundtable**

**Next Board of Director's Meeting**

January 13-14, 2021      Santa Barbara

**Next Meeting**

January 28-29, 2021      TBD

**Adjourned: 1153**

\* Denotes shared documents for discussion/approval