



TASK FORCE MEETING

Location: Avalon, CA

Host: Los Angeles County Fire Department

October 10 & 11, 2023

MINUTES

Call to order: 0900 October 10th by Chief Serrano

0900 October 11th by Chief Serrano

Members Present: Task Force

Brook Spelman (CAL FIRE)

Jason Serrano (BDC)

Matt Brown (CNT)

Robert Rezende (SND)

Garrett Huff (SBC)

Cathy Johnson (OES)

Dave Brinsfield (BLM)

Pedro Arreguin (VNC)

Eric Roberts (LFD)

Patrick D’Arcy (SFR)

Dustin Hall (EDH)

Brian Martin (LAC)

Jim Henery (ORC)

Scott Lewis (SCR)

Caryn Petty (OSFM)

Tim Adams (ANA)

Dan Coyle (MNL)

Brian Duffy (TLC)

Guests

Jim Johnstone (OES)

Dave Semple (CAL FIRE)

Marcus Hernandez (CAL FIRE)

Patrick Byde (SBC)

Members Not Present: Task Force

Cary Wright (KRN)

Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics – Chief Alegria

Moment of Silence for Firefighters and Police Officers LODD

Mia R.Ethridge, Louisa County Department of Fire & EMS, Virginia. September 1, 2023
Joe Parish, Diboll Volunteer Fire Department, Texas. September 1, 2023
Josh Kogel, Cavour Volunteer Fire Department, South Dakota. September 4, 2023

****And all Law Enforcement Officers LODD****

Agenda Review and Additions – Serrano

Review and Approval of July Meeting Minutes – Serrano

- Motion to approve August by Arreguin, second by Brown.

Task Force Update - Serrano

Ops Team Update – Johnstone

Cal OES Update – Johnson

OSFM Report - Petty

• **OSFM UPDATES**

- **SFT Overview**
- **Invoicing program**
 - Course payment through SFT User Portal/Acadis
 - Only Accredited Academies will be permitted to receive post-course invoices, all else will pay upon upload of course completion materials
- **Division Chief appointment - pending**
- **Academy of Excellence**
 - ALA/ARTP Award
 - Application period: November 2023 to January 2024
 - Award presented at Fresno Symposium, March 2024

• **CURRICULUM AND CERTIFICATION UPDATES**

- **NWCG Ratios:** Staff Report - NWCG Ratios (ca.gov)
 - SFT will utilize existing NWCG ratios as “recommended” rather than “required”
- **FC3 Ratios:** Staff Report - Fire Control 3 Amendment of Maximum Class Size and Instructor to Student Ratios (ca.gov)
 - Increase of max enrollment from 25 to 30 students
 - Variance for additional students remains an option with ratio satisfaction required
- **Tower Rescue:** Staff Report - Tower Rescue Technician (ca.gov)
 - Being presented at STEAC (10/13/23)
- **Rope Rescue:** Staff Report - Rope Rescue
 - Being presented at STEAC (10/13/23)
- **Peer Support (Nov 2023)**
 - Per direction of Assembly

- Will align with FIRESCOPE and Cal-JAC/CPF Behavioral Health Task Force work
- **Fire Fighter Survival and Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Ops – AVAILABLE NOW**
 - FFS Course Plan
 - FFR and RIC Ops 24.0 hours (formerly RIC Ops)
 - IUC Courses posted for enrollment now: FFR and RIC Ops IUC (google.com)
 - Last IUC on October 19, 2023.
 - FFR and RIC Ops Course Plan
- **FIRE FIGHTER CERTIFICATION**
 - **Fire Academy Instructor Qualifications** (per *PM*, Section 6.6)
 - SFT system-wide query
 - Instructor 1 Certified (or equivalent)
 - Completion of Ethics
 - Possession of Fire Fighter 2 or Tenured Path Certification
- **UPCOMING SFT COURSE DELIVERIES**
 - **Registered Instructor Orientation (RIO)**
 - October 24 – LAFD (Los Angeles)
 - November 2 – South Bay (Scotts Valley)
 - December 5 – CAL FIRE SDU (El Cajon)
 - November 20 (tentative) – Sacramento FD
 - January 16, 2024 – Fresno FD
 - March 2024 – Fresno Symposium
 - May 1, 2024 – LACOFD (Los Angeles)
 - Spring 2024 – San Jose FD
 - **Certification Examination Evaluator Training (CEET)**
 - October 24 – LAFD (Los Angeles)
 - November 2 – South Bay (Scotts Valley)
 - December 5 – CAL FIRE SDU (El Cajon)
 - November 20 (tentative) – Sacramento FD
 - January 16 – Fresno FD
 - March 2024 – Fresno Symposium (Fresno)
 - May 1, 2024 – LACOFD (Los Angeles)
 - Spring 2024 – San Jose FD
 - **Behavioral Health and Cancer Awareness 1A, Front-Line Responder**
 - December 11 – Mountain View FD (Bay Area)
 - March 2024 – Fresno Symposium (Fresno)
 - **Behavioral Health and Cancer Awareness 2A, First-Level Supervisor**
 - Winter 2023 – Novato
 - Winter 2023 – Monterey
- **STATEWIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STEAC) AND STATE BOARD OF FIRE SERVICES UPDATES**
 - **Accreditations**
 - Recent ARTPs

- Antelope Valley College
- College of San Mateo
- American River College
- Cosumnes River College
- Recent ALAs
 - Hayward Fire Department
- Upcoming Accreditations
 - Modesto Junior College
 - Columbia College

OLD BUSINESS / PROJECTS

FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Sales – App Update – Johnstone

Additional members to subcommittees - All

REMS, ICS-223 Implementation / National Standard – Hall

- No Update

FIRESCOPE / NCG - Brown / Johnstone

- Brown – They held a meeting, however, no contact or invite to FIRESCOPE.

Tech Connect – Brown

- Chief Ambrose reporting for EIT, Tech Connect, and Tracking
 - a. Group met at Apple HQ.
 - b. Tech Connect
 - i. Created a form to populate responses to send directly to builder.
 - ii. Wire frame is built and being filled in.
 - c. There was no white paper completed at this time for ITSU/ITSL... work in progress due date will be next TF meeting.
 - d. Tracking
 - i. White paper has been initiated, in draft form with an expected delivery on the November meeting.

Structure Defense Guidelines, ICS 600 – Adams/Henery

- An ongoing project.
- Firing Checklist – BoD Approval

Structure Fire Operations, ICS-500 – Henery

- Nearly complete, hope to present to TF by end of the year.

Handcrew Standards – Adams/Henery

- Spellman: To clarify: the document should have 3 lanes and should be a place to identify what each crew, local, state, or Fed, consists of. This is not intended to create a global standard for all hand crews.
- Recommend utilizing hyperlinks inside this standard document to documents within each organization that describes the crew standard.

ICS-910 update (Safety and Wildland) – Roberts

- No Report

ICS-800 NFG – Martin/Serrano

- BoD Approval, addendum for UAS – new tasking for HLCO NVG standard training and guidelines. Aviation aware, tasking tracked on form.

ITSU/ITSL - Brown/Brinsfield

- See Tech Connect update.

Assembly Bill No. 2380 and Private Resource Utilization – Spelman

- Nothing to add.
- Please review the bill carefully.
- Will be an agenda item for Nov TF meeting

FIRESCOPE Task Request Form – Roberts

- Application to current tasks.
 - Tracking sheet contains:
 - Civil Unrest
 - Entrapment Protocol
 - NVG Task Book
 - REMS
 - Hand Crew Standards
 - GIS Document
 - Task Force performed a thorough review of Tasking Forms for each to ensure direction, task, purpose, and end state are captured correctly.

MACS 400-1 (Document Control) – Roberts

- This document is on CalOES (Johnstone and Johnson) for completion.
- ADA compliance could have further guidance and training.
- Recommend utilizing a living distribution list. Possibly the same as the Quarterly Brief.
- Spelman: We should identify who's working on the documents to have reference and ability to reach out to original authors.

FIRESCOPE Subcommittee assignments – Mentorship – ALL

- Reviewed and provide clarification of all positions.

BREAK FOR LUNCH @ 12:15
RECONVENED @ 13:45

2023 Quarterly Briefings - ALL

- Next brief for January.
- New additions to the BOD.
- Use current template.
- Please have all materials submitted by end of November or first week of December.

CURRENT BOD TASKING

Standard Wildland Preplan Working Group Tasking - Sherwood

- Tasking form created.

BoD EIT Tasking – Brown

- Tasking form created.

Civil Unrest BoD Tasking – Roberts

- Tasking form created.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRESCOPE Task Book Hosting – Petty and Lewis

- Still identifying a location to host. Some challenges due to ADA compliance. Most likely make them an ADA compliance.

CWCG Direction on Wildland topics and teamwork - Spelman

- Spelman requested further clarification on wildland topics. Awaiting response.

Review Plans of Work for 2024 – All

- Plans of work expected to be completed by November 5, 2023
- Doc package sent out on November 7, 2023
- Charters not necessary, just need date changes
- Validate rosters and ensure Chairs and Vice chairs have completed elections
- Review and update past documents as needed.
- Chairs/Vice Charis expected to be on December 13, 2023

**LAST OFFICIAL TASK FORCE MEETING FOR BROOK SPELMAN
 Congratulations and Thank You!**

Specialist Groups and Subcommittee Reports – All

<u>Health and Safety</u>	<u>Special Operations</u>	<u>Incident Technology</u>
<i>Incident Safety</i> Nothing to report	<i>Technical Search and Rescue</i> Nothing to report	GIS Meeting at the end of the month in Bishop Several White Papers being prepared
<i>Behavioral Health</i> Nothing to report	<i>Maritime Operations</i> Nothing to report	Predictive Services Meeting McClellan Nov 8/9
<i>Cancer Prevention</i> Significant amount of grant money identified for research. Identify best use cases.	<i>Hazardous Materials</i> ADA work continuing. Moving forward effectively.	Communications Preparing 441
	<i>REMS</i> Nothing to report	Emerging Information Technology Previously Covered
	<i>Lithium-Ion Ad-Hoc – Rezende/Roberts</i> Meeting in San Diego on Oct 26, 2023	
<u>Emergency Operations</u>	<u>Air Operations</u>	<u>Training and Education</u>
EMS	Aviation Operations	CSFM Training
Structure Fire	Unmanned Aerial System	STEAC
Wildland Fire		CICCS
Wildland Preplan		

Review of Upcoming Task Force Meetings – All

2023 Meeting Schedule

- a. November 14/15, Paso Robles - Huff
- b. December 12/13, Los Angeles – Roberts

2024 Meeting Schedule

- c. January 2024 (8/9 TF Anaheim, 10/11 BoD - Burbank)
- d. February 6/7 2024, Sacramento - Lewis

- e. March 12/13 2024, Menlo Park - Coyle
- f. April 9/10 2024, Solvang - Huff
- g. May 2024 (TBD)
 - i. MACS Exercise, May 29, 2024 - South Ops
- h. June 2024, San Francisco – D-Arcy
- i. July 2024 (9&10 TF, 10&11 BoD), Lake Arrowhead - Serrano

14. Future Ops Team and Board of Directors Meetings

2023 Board Meeting Schedule and Venues

- o October 4 & 5 @ Santa Barbara
- o January 10 & 11, 2024 @ Burbank

15. Roundtable.....All