



TASK FORCE MEETING

Virtual

September 8-9, 2021

Minutes

Call to order: 0900 September 8th by Chief Gerboth
0900 September 9th by Chief Gerboth

Members Present: Task Force

David Gerboth (SND)	Andrew Henning (SFM)	Garrett Huff (SBC)
Brook Spelman (Cal Fire)	Josh Stinnett (KRN)	James Tomaselli (USFS)
Jon O'Brien (LAC)	Dennis Breshears (LAC)	Jason Serrano (BDC)
Dean Zipperman (LFD)	Cathy Johnson (OES)	Phil Johnson (ORC)

Members Not Present: Task Force

Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)
Dan Horton (VNC)
Dustin Hall (EDH)
Matt Brown (CNT)

Guests:

Shelley Dorsey (OES)
Jim Johnstone (OES)
David Baldwin (SCR)
Molloy, Kevin

Welcome, Introductions and Logistics – Gerboth

Moment of Silence for Firefighters and Police Officers LODD – Gerboth

Agenda Review and Additions – Gerboth

Review and Approval of June Meeting Minutes – Gerboth

Motion: Breshears

Second: Spelman

Approved with correction

Task Force Update – Gerboth

- The movement of resources, the need for additional resources and the lack of resources have been an issue within the Mutual Aid System.
- Sent out two bulletins this morning on the Mutual Aid System from Chief Marshall.
- Meetings are being held and work is getting done virtually.
- Made the request for updated pie charts and field stats on the current fire season to be included in the Quarterly Briefing. Would like to complete the draft for the Ops Team meeting. If there is anything that you would like to add to the Quarterly Briefing contact Chief Gerboth.
- Next Ops Team meeting is on September 22nd.

Cal OES Update - Johnstone

- Mutual Aid Bulletins: The intent of the bulletins sent by Chief Marshall was to maximize the deployment of available resources to the statewide firefight. The Region Coordinators are expected to share with each of their operational area coordinators, who will then share with each individual fire agency within their OA. Have not been getting success statewide on the documents being shared. In the future, will share the bulletins with the BoD, Ops Team, and the Task Force.
- The MACS 405 form shows the region equipment availability statewide of both single resources and STENs. Some of the regions show availability when no resources are available. If we do have single resources available at the region level, the BoD supports adding one or two additional single resources to our STENs. At that point, they would be referred to as Task Force Water Handling.
- Seven-day rotations are acceptable and will be supported. 14-day rotations are preferred.
- We have a new Region V Assistant Chief, Van Arroyo. Chief Arroyo has a Fire Service background with the USFS and BLM. He served time as a Type II IMT IC. He is currently shadowing on the Dixie Fire.

- The FIRESCOPE Org Chart has been updated and is posted on the website.
- Kern County has a new Fire Chief, Aaron Duncan, who is now on the Board of Directors. They also have a new Ops Team member, Billy Steers. Alameda County has a new member on the Ops Team, Ryan Nishimoto.
- Will be sending out the Confidential Rosters for each of the levels.

CSFM Report - Henning

- Recently updated their Fire Apparatus Driver Operator certification track. There is a total of five in the series. No major changes to the courses. But the new curriculum is required to be transitioned to in the next couple of months. There also is a task book update. That is for anyone who currently has an open certification task book. They will need to go to the SFT website to printout the update pages. There will be the additional JPRs based on the new NFPA protocol standards.
- The SFT Update Report was emailed to each of the members. There is an implementation plan link on it.
- In the process of updating their procedure manual.
- Reminder that the 2013 Firefighter I certification retires at the end of this year. The certification needs to be applied for by the end of this year. Otherwise, they will need to take the new Firefighter I based on the 2019 exams. Also, the 2013 Firefighter II is retiring at the end of this year. The biggest issue with this is that the end of the year will be the last time that you can get a Firefighter II certification without completing certification testing. Also, the Firefighter II tenure path, retires at the end of this year. Contact Chief Henning with any questions.
- SFT has updated its course roster template. They have added an employment type data field. The student will self-select. The answer is not verified. Trying to figure out who is using the system.
- Actively working on their curriculum projects. Just had their first cadre meet for fiscal year 2021.
- Reminder to sign up for the SFT e-news.

OLD BUSINESS/PROJECTS

FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Johnson

- Final draft has been sent to the Office of State Printing.
- Completing all of the required prep work.
- On track for the printed version to be ready for distribution in January 2022.
- FOG app contract is moving forward. It has been awarded to the same company that was awarded the current contract. App to be ready at the same time as the printed version.
- There may be a request for pictures to replace the old ones that are currently in the app.

Specialist/Working Group Reorganization, MACS Documents - All

- Started working on the MACS documents updates.
- Would like to send out for review.
- Hoping to get them to the Ops Team by the September 22nd meeting.
- Discussed having a special meeting of the Task Force on September 13th at 10:00 am to discuss the reorganization documents. The link page may also be complete by then.
- Discussed adding a next level, the subcommittee level. Discussed the verbiage and how to clearly define them.

Behavioral Health Suggested Links (1000 Hours) – Kevin Molloy

- Kevin Molloy from the Behavioral Health Specialist Group gave a presentation.
- Links in a Word document were sent to the group.
- All of the links are ADA compliant and have free information.
- Intent is to update the links on the FIRESCOPE website after a short presentation to the Ops Team and BoD.

Motion to accept the links and to be placed on the FIRESCOPE website:

Spelman

Second: Stinnett

Approved

Standard Wildland Preplan Working Group – Gerboth

- Chief Capobianco was the liaison for the group. He has left the Task Force.
- Chief Sherwood will be his replacement.
- Chief Johnstone arranged a meeting with Chief Spelman, Chief Marshall, Chief Gerboth, Chief Rapoza, Chief Scott and Chief Fennessy last week. Had a discussion about who is going to fund housing, the data, what does the data look like, and engaging at that level. The BoD needs to know that there is a cost associated with it. The data will be open to everyone. It will not have an issue with a common operating platform like in the past. Will be a benefit to people traveling north and south. Looking to have a meeting with Google and the EIT group. May be able to help with storing the data. This may correlate with the statewide preplans as well. Discussed a couple of funding options.
- Working group has just completed the white paper. Will email it out to the group. Hopefully get it to the Ops Team on September 22nd.

ICS 215C Contingency Form Numbering – Spelman

- Approved to move forward from the BoD.
- Received a call from Jeff Wilford, who works with the National Coordinating Group and has helped develop a lot of the NIMS doctrine that is out there. He brought up a concern with the numbering. He felt that the numbering didn't reflect the verbiage in the NIMS on how a document should be numbered.

- Suggested that the document should be a FS. Not sure if that would be confused with Forest Service.
- Should we be a member entity?
- No issues with the content. The document would remain the same.
- Working with a contractor to make the form ADA compliant and fillable.
- A link to the form was put into the Quarterly Briefing which is posted on the website.
- Talked about our forms going nationwide with FIRESCOPE and having our numbers fit in the FEMA numbering process.
- It may be a matter of re-numbering all of our documents moving forward.
- FIRESCOPE has been invited to be a part of the NIMS Coordination Group Sub-group. There are six different sub-categories.
- Chief Johnstone went over the list of members of the NIMS CG Sub-group and updates. Will email the list to the group.

Wildland Mayday (1100 Hours) – Damian Guilliani

- A presentation was given by Damian Guilliani from the Encinitas Fire Department.

Motion that this be moved forward to the Safety Specialist Group:

Zipperman

Second: Huff

Approved

DECON Unit Typing Project – Stinnett

- Has not met since the last meeting.
- Draft document was sent out to the group this morning.
- The document was reviewed and discussed. .
- Will get back to the group with comments.
- Next meeting is on September 21st in Sacramento.

UAS Working Group/Training – Huff

- Have not met since the last meeting.
- Will gather information to add to the Quarterly Briefing.
- Will have information to present to the Ops Team and the BoD in the Task Force report.
- Chief Tomaselli will send out the Federal UAS Report.

REMS Working Group – Gerboth

- Continuing to work on the ICS 223. Making good progress.
- Last meeting was cancelled due to deployment.

CICCS/ Qualification Guide – Gerboth

- Draft qualifications guide has been sent out to the group.
- Didn't receive much feedback on it. Made a couple of corrections in the guide. There were some questions about the classes.

Air Operations BoD Tasking Update – Huff/Gerboth

- The Air Operations Chief of the San Diego Fire Department. The Chair of the Aviation Specialist Group led the discussion at the last meeting.
- During the last Board of Director's Meeting there was a tasking that involved two big issues with aviation. Carding of pilots and HLCO. Both are controversial issues.
- Emails were exchanged regarding the tasking and some of the issues that came up about HLCO.
- There have been two requests for revisions. With the first one, they had a discussion with Chief Kendall and Chief Skelton. It was determined that they would send it to the Aviation Specialist Group. The second one, went to Chief Poirier. Haven't heard back yet on that one. No decisions have been made. The Aviation Specialist Group has the input. There will be no action taken until they develop, as Chief McFarland stated in San Diego. He will lead the effort to develop a collaborative consensus driven document that will then go through the decision process and back up to the top.
- Planning on having a general update based on the Task Force meeting today, at the Ops Team meeting on September 22nd.
Chair of the BoD has tasked the Aviation Group to come up with a white paper and have it go back up the decision process.

Marijuana Cultivation Safety Guidelines – Zipperman

- Working on updating the PowerPoint.
- Will be ready for the next Task Force meeting.

EIT, Blue Force, Tracking – Spelman

- Everyone has been assigned to an incident for the last month. Not sure if they will be able to put anything together in time for the BoD in October.
- Nothing new to report.

ICS Foundations Course Reference guide – Gerboth

- Document was sent out to the group.
- The US Fire Administration Technical Assistance Program Lead for the All-Hazard Incident Management Team Program put together with other subject matter experts, a document, defining Standardized Performance Capability Metrics for Incident Management Teams Based on Resource Typing Levels.
- Great document if you look at it for familiarization of Incident Management Teams and the capabilities that are out there.

- Chief Gerboth, Chief Vail, and a few others reviewed the document and provided comments. The comments were overwhelmingly positive.
- The USFA collected the comments and came back. They are now in the process of trying to move it over to the FEMA side, and issue it through FEMA. When that happens, they will do a 28-day comment period. When the comment period is open, Chief Gerboth will let the group know.

NEW BUSINESS/PROJECTS

FIRESCOPE/NCG – Gerboth/Spelman

- Discussed earlier in the meeting.

2022 Meeting Schedule – Gerboth

January 25-27, 2022	Pismo Beach (With Ops Team) - Huff
February 8-9, 2022	Dana Point - Sherwood
March 8-9, 2022	Lake Tahoe (North Shore) - Brown
April 11-12, 2022	North Ops – MACS Exercises - Johnson
May 10-11, 2022	South Ops – MACS Exercises - Spelman
June 7-9, 2022	San Francisco (With Ops Team) – D’Arcy
July 12-13, 2022	Lake Arrowhead - Serrano
August 9-10, 2022	San Diego - Gerboth
September 13-14, 2022	Ventura - Horton
October 18-19, 2022	Solvang - Huff
November 15-16, 2022	El Dorado Hills - Hall
December 13-14, 2022	Los Angeles – Zipperman/Breshears

SPECIALIST AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Aviation

- Was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Behavioral Health

- Has not met since the last Task Force meeting.
- Trying to put something together virtually before the BoD.
- Most of the group has been assigned to incidents.
- Have had requests for peer support during the fires.

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- No report

EIT

- Has not met since the last Task Force meeting.
- Have tried to have some phone conversations. Will reach out again to the group. Will have a better update for the next meeting.
- Members have been assigned to incidents.

EMS

- Will be meeting on September 30th.
- Been working on the 701 revisions.

- o Trying to finish the revisions by the end of the year.

GIS

- o Still finishing up the OSDs for the GISS and the Situation Unit Leader.

Hazmat

- o Discussed earlier in the meeting.

High Rise

- o No report

Maritime

- o No report

Predictive Services

- o Has not met since the last Task Force meeting.
- o Need to replace the chair of the group. He moved to Oregon.
- o Trying to set up a meeting for December.

Safety

- o Added solar panels to the Plan of Work. Will have major improvements after their December meeting. Currently is in a draft training bulletin format.
- o Next virtual meeting is in October.

STEAC

- o No report

Technical Search & Rescue

- o The OSD is still sitting. Will re-engage with Chief Fennessy this week to see if there is any movement that can happen.
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UAS

- o Haven't met since the last meeting.

Wildland Pre-fire

- o Discussed the white paper. The white paper will be sent out to the group.

Review of Upcoming Task Force Meetings – All

October 13-14, 2021	Solvang - Huff
November 9-10, 2021	Sacramento/EI Dorado Hills - Hall
December 14-15, 2021	Ventura - Horton

Future Ops Team and Board of Director's Meetings – All

Ops Team Meeting	Virtual	September 22, 2021 1030 hours
BoD Meeting	Anaheim	October 7-8, 2021

ROUNDTABLE

Meetings Adjourned at 1328 on Day 1 and 1015 on Day 2.