



**FIRESCOPE OPERATIONS TEAM
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 1300-1700
Thursday, September 19, 2024, 0900-1200
San Diego Fire and Rescue Department

Welcome/Roll Call

O'Brien - Chair

Members Present: Operations Team

Ahearn (USFS)
Walder (WMR)
Johnstone (OES)
Serna (Mutual Aid VI)

Hing (LFD)
O'Brien (LAC)
Cook (VNC)
Steers (KRN)

Nishimoto (Mutual Aid II)
Heggstrom (Mutual Aid III)
Nolan (CAL FIRE)
Bachmeyer (Volunteer FD)

Others Present: Task Force & Specialist Groups

Johnson (OES)
Serrano (BDC)

Roberts (LFD)
Semple (ORC)

Rueda (SNM)

Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics – O'Brien

Agenda Review – O'Brien

Recognition of Chief Dave Gerboth – Outstanding contribution to FIRESCOPE

Election of Ops Team Vice-Chair

- Chad Cook – Vice-Chair
- Anthony Stornetta – Secretary
Approved

Task Force Report – Serrano

- *FIREScope Quarterly Brief
Approved with the addition of MARS and Watch Duty slides
- *ICS 500 Structure Fire OSD
Approved
Neamy opposed
- *REMS ICS 162-4 Rapid Extraction Support Module OSD
Approved
- *Lithium Ion Battery, Energy Storage System (ESS), Photovoltaic (PV) System Training and available Tools for First Responders - White Paper
Approved
- *MACS 410-4, 410-8 and 410-9, Draft Revisions
Approved
- Hazardous Materials Assistant Safety Officers on All-Hazard Incident Management Teams - White Paper
Tabled until the December meeting

New FIREScope FOG App Update – Johnson/Johnstone

- The new app is now live and can be downloaded for both Android and IOS system users.
- Printed FOG manuals will no longer be available once the current inventory is exhausted.
- The new app platform will allow for FOG updates.
- Printable pdfs of the FOG will be available once the current inventory is exhausted for agencies and training centers.

Hand Crew Standards White Paper Progress Update - Khazaal

- Work is ongoing.
- Crews have been busy.
- Preparing for ICS 600.

Old Business

- CAL FIRE Proof of Concept – Dismounted Personnel Tracking
Presentation given by Hernandez
- MACS 410-1 SOPS MAC Group Procedures Guide Revision - Nolan/Semple/Johnstone
 - FIREScope document that is paired with the Ops guides for both North and South Ops.
 - Need a Consistent document statewide.

- Working on a draft.
 - Will go through CWCG first and then through the FIREScope decision process.
- Cancer Grant Review Committee Update – Serna
 - Meeting scheduled with the research group for October.
 - The UC system came to the BoD meeting in July. Asked FIREScope to provide SMEs who can sit on a panel to review grant applications. Chief Johnson (EDH) will be leading the group.
- *Ops Team confidential Roster Review – Johnstone
 - Contact Chief Johnstone with updates to the roster.
 - List is confidential and is shared with the BoD and Task Force.
- FIREScope Mutual Aid Coordination Team Update – Walder
 - The BoD approved the team at the July meeting.
 - Looking at dispatch.
 - Developing a questionnaire for all six region coordinators.
 - Fast app update.

New Business

- Aviation Congestion on Initial Attack Incidents – O'Brien/McFarland
 - Chief Johnstone will share the white paper with the Ops Team and the Task Force.
 - Should follow the FIREScope process.
 - Subject has been discussed for several years.
 - The aim is for improved response criteria and safety of aerial and ground crews if done systematically.
- MAC Group Exercise 2025 – Brown
 - To be held in Campbell. May 2025.

Updates and Reports

- Cal OES – Johnstone
 - California received numerous EMAC resources for the recent fires in the South. 46 engines came in from out of state. Washington, Utah, North Dakota, and Montana.
- CAL FIRE – Nolan
 - 15 team activations across 12 fires in the state.
 - Put up several teams to support local and federal partners.
 - Received significant support from local and federal government agencies.
 - At the end of five-year plan. Will go to more of a traditional staffing model. Ability to staff more engines in winter.
- USFS/DOI – Ahearn/Goss
 - No report
- State Fire Training – Petty
 - Report will be emailed.

- NWCG NIMS Integration Committee
 - No report
 - Need to plan for replacing Chief Gerboth
- NFPA – Neamy
 - No report

Next Board of Director’s Meeting

October 2-3, 2024

Santa Clara County Fire Department - Campbell

Next Ops Team Meeting

December 11-12, 2024

Los Angeles/Los Angeles Fire Department

March 12-13, 2025

Napa

Roundtable

Adjourned Day 1 1646

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*Denotes shared documents to be discussed for potential approval