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FIRESCOPE OPERATIONS TEAM

Ontario Airport

April 7, 1977

MEMBERS PRESENT --

Bob Irwin (USFS)	Frank Borden (L.A.City F.D.)
Mike Schori (CDF)	George Demos (L.A.County F.D.)
Dick Millar (USFS)	Robert Haliburton (Santa Barbara Co.)
Richard Barrows (OES)	Stan Masson (Ventura Co.)
Charles Philpot (USFS; Lab)	

TASK FORCE -- Keith Metcalfe (CDF)

OTHERS PRESENT -- Earl Anderson, Aerospace  
Chuck Ulrey, OES

Task Force Report (Demos)

There were four FIRESCOPE Task Force meetings held during March. The items covered in those meetings are reflected in Attachment #1, the minutes from those meetings.

Review of the Next Six Months' Planning Schedule

Bob Irwin and Earl Anderson briefly explained a flow chart which showed activities to be completed within the next six months. A copy of the flow chart was given to each OPS Team member along with a copy of Attachment #2 (key activities list).

Review of two Drafts on F.Y. 1978 Implementation Efforts

The group reviewed two drafts presented by Bob Irwin and selected Draft #1 to be presented to the Board of Directors. Copies have been sent out by Bob Irwin.

Core Area Procedures for 1977

We briefly reviewed the SDC draft document entitled "Procedures for Full ICS Incident in the Core Area during 1977." There was considerable discussion, particularly with regard to the ordering of resources; and it was felt that the Task Force should assist in redoing this document to meet agency needs as pointed out by the OPS Team. OPS Team requests that this document be completed and presented at the May 2 meeting. The Task Force will schedule April 19 as the date to work on this document. The meeting will be held at the Prado Conservation Camp.

Operations Coordination Center Service Manager Position

Dick Barrows reported that money for the above position is included in one of Senator Campbell's bills now before the Legislature. The procedures for filling this position have been identified and will be followed as soon as the money is available.

Communications

A brief discussion was held on the Communications meeting of February 24. The OPS Team felt that additional Communications meetings were necessary and instructed Bob Irwin to call a communications meeting in the very near future. Dick Millar reported that the USFS radio cache request has been approved and the cache will be assigned to the FIRESCOPE Project.

Areas of General Discussion

There was considerable discussion throughout the meeting on various subject matter which will be briefly covered here --

SDC's Analysis of the Operations Coordination Center's Situation Status Unit for the 1976 Fire Season

There was considerable discussion regarding SITSTAT manning as outlined by the above report. This report could cause CDF some problems in filling the SITSTAT position. OPS Team recommended that the Task Force review this report as a group and present their recommendations to the OPS Team at the May 2 meeting. As a result of the above discussion, it was pointed out that we do not as yet have a decision process for adopting parts or all of the contractors' products. We must develop this process. There is a need to identify the difference between research reports and implementation decisions between partners. This was very apparent in the above discussion.

SDC's Draft on a Concept of Operations for the FIRESCOPE Program's Research Design of an Operations Coordination Center

Concern was expressed regarding the amount of time the Task Force would be required to spend on this contract, particularly since there was non-fire emphasis in this document. Due to the impending fire season, it was felt that emphasis should be channeled towards fire problems with passive emphasis placed on other emergencies.

Discussion on California Drought

Bob Irwin discussed a proposed drought augmentation for the federal budget. He has submitted a proposed \$500,000 augmentation request. Barrows mentioned that OES Fire and Rescue Division will be the drought coordination point for information in the State of California.

Legislation

Barrows pointed out that, at the present time, Senator Campbell has introduced fifteen bills dealing with fire-oriented subject matter. One of Campbell's bills would provide \$50,000 to the FIRESCOPE Project over a two-year period. The first hearing on the Campbell bills will be April 26, and Barrows enlisted support from the fire service for the bills. He emphasized a need to show what local government is contributing to the FIRESCOPE Project. Strong emphasis was placed on the continuation of full-time task force member participation by local government. No decision was forthcoming at the meeting.

Printing

OES indicated that the FIREScope manuals will be collated and will be delivered soon. Some of the printing has been delivered to the agencies. The field operations guides will be printed by OES and bills will be sent to the agencies for the printing. Concern was expressed regarding the placing of an expiration date on the front of the Field Operations Guide. The OPS Team agreed to eliminate the expiration date and recommended that future additions should reflect the date of printing.

Command Team Training

Bob Irwin pointed out that Terry Haney of SDC has approximately one day per week for the next two months available to assist with the Command Team training in the core area. Agencies should schedule his time as soon as possible.

Agenda for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 2, 1977 at 9 a.m. in the Ontario Airport conference room. The first two items of the agenda will require decisions at the meeting. The last two items of the agenda will require a decision within two weeks following the meeting.

- (1) Review of Task Force work on "Systems Development Corporation Paper -- Procedures for Full ICS Incidents in the Core Area during 1977."
- (2) Review of Task Force work on "Systems Development Corporation Analysis of the Operations Coordination Center's Situation Status Unit for the 1976 Fire Season." (2/15/77)
- (3) Review of first draft of the Task Force workload for Federal Fiscal Year 1978.
- (4) Introduction to agency needs and objectives questionnaire and working group charters.

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Minutes submitted by Keith Metcalfe,  
Task Force Chairman.