



## Aviation Operations Specialist Group

### Meeting minutes for April 17, 2014 at LACoFD Fire Camp 2

#### Attendees:

Steve Simpson - BDC  
Michael Gelley - SBS  
Kipp Morrill - BLM  
Ken Hood – BLM  
Scott Beck – KRN  
Shawn Washington – KRN  
Steve Silva – USFS  
Travis Alexander – CAL FIRE  
Chuck McFarland – SND  
Chris Heiser - SND  
Mike Sagely - LAC  
Peter Benesch - LFD  
Joel Harrison - LAC  
Jeff Carlson - ORC  
Dave Lopez - ORC

Notes prepared by Travis Alexander

Meeting called to Order – Joel Harrison

Minutes for the November 7, 2013 meeting were approved. Motion to accept: D. Lopez – ORC and Second Motion: K. Morrill – BLM

#### Old Business:

Discussion on group tasking-Review of Group Chair Meeting in Mather

Resource Guides – K. Hood – BLM

- a. Air Rescue/Extraction
- b. Air Ambulance
- c. Fire Fighting
- d. Speciality: FLIR, FMV

State Aviation Spreadsheet –

- Group to provide agency update(s) of P.O.C. and aircraft
- D. Lopez – ORC suggest a form to be established where the agency can self-update
- Requires:
  - Administrator
  - Host
  - Format



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Ken Hood – BLM will take this forward to OES for framework:

- Intent
- Process
- Support (IT)

**Program Updates:**

San Diego City:

- 2 Helos 412/212
- 1 24/7 1 day only
- 1 Type I (90 day) starting August 14, 2014

LFD:

- Type I Helitanker 150 day lease August 1
- 2 Type II Augusta 139, 4 Type II Bell 412, 1 command

BLM:

- 33 Exclusive use SEAT's
- 1 Type II at APV
- 1 Type III at Ravendale

CAL FIRE:

- 23 AT
- 12 A/A
- 10 Type II with crew
- 1 LAT TBA
- 3 ASM CWN
- DSCA – IR at San Diego Unit
- 2 Type II – 1 with crew at Fallbrook Gillespe

ORC :

- 4 Type II all NVG
- 3 Pilots on staff

SBC:

- In cooperation with SBSO
- Type II at Apple Valley, Monday – Friday
- To Model at 135 Operation "Travis County"



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- USFS:
- IA: Type II-16 including 1 night OPS
  - 12 Type 1
  - 3 Type 3

KRN:

- 2 Type II
- 1 24/7
- 1 to 4 days (can go 7 day upon request)

LACO:

- 6 Type II, 3 Type I (3-4 staffed daily)
- Contract for Type I Helitanker-mid August 120 days+
- Contract for 2 CL-415's mid-August 90 day minimum
- 1 HLCO

**New Business:**

Night Flying - M. Sagely

Interagency cooperation was good. Several drills were conducted with LAC. H531 on track to be staffed early in the season

Issues:

- Helispot
- I/A and helispot management, clarify early as to Comm Plan
- Communications VHF-AM for TOLC

PSAAC : History provided on origin, intent, process and current status. Comment period due April 30, 2014.

So Cal interagency night OPS drill 06/05 Tehachapi- KRN to host. Scott Beck gave overview

Charter and Work Plan

Presented Draft Charter – New Format

- DOD not physically represented
  - Recommend the OP Area DCO Col Butts at minimum
- Verified/Validated current charter
  - Recommend April meeting to March to meet deadline objectives
- Joel Harrison to update charter



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Presented Draft Work Plan (format)

- Discussion of items
- Agreed upon completed items
- Assigned tasks

Discussion of RPA/Drones- Use of the predator on the RIM - good technology but no one was quite sure what to do with it. This group is interested but discussion is that it is better fit for emerging technologies group.

Hoist guidelines-Tabled pending further direction

**Old Business:**

Rescue Hoist Repair-discussion of experiences since meeting at UTC/Goodrich. Felt to have been a good meeting. We will see how things proceed.

**Elect Officers:**

Nomination for Chairman –

Chair: J. Harrison LAC  
Vice Chair: C. Heiser SND  
Secretary: C. McFarland SND

Joel Harrison to update charter and workplan as discussed.

P. Benesch to update Task Force Roster

Next meeting Thursday, November 6th, 2014, 0900 hours at Camp 2

Adjourned at 1530 hours