



FireScope Air Operations Specialist Group

Meeting Notes – June 14 & 15, 2005

- Participants – DOI – FS – San Diego City – VNC – LAC – Corona Fire – CDF – LA Police – LA City – Military San Diego – KRN – SBC – Sac Metro – Sayles Pendleton – CHP – OES – San Bernardino County – San Diego Fire – ORC -
- FIREScope to accept recommendations from this group concerning aviation resources which would also most for sure Nation wide – per BC LaPlant / VNC
- Some agencies currently night flying others looking to resume
- Set guidelines for a variety of different missions ie: rappel dogs down the rope
- Issue with the use of active Military Helicopters from Miramar & Camp Pendleton – Need to follow the Military Use Handbook and all the requirements required of aviation assets – Should be able to use the agreement that we have for Vandenberg as a model if the Base Commander would sign off. Need to re-write the Military Use Handbook to discuss local activation of Active Armed Force Resources
- Need to write an agreement with Marines similar to Vandenberg to use helicopters in the local area and aircraft are issued a letter of operations.
- Law Enforcement needs and abilities – LA County Sheriffs – Use Medivac ships for crew transport 3 aircraft TYPE 2 another 12 might be able to use for fire mapping or HLCO – 3 fixed wing 2 Cessna 210 1 King Air not interested in WATER DROPPING. Will go out of county with OES order operate the Flir 7500 system not available now for mapping
- LAPD – 17 aircraft 1 King Air / 1 – UH-1H not trained for water bucket, provide support Transport City officials – Recon in the foothills, FLIR systems and mapping
- CHP – Sacramento Keith? – 30 Aircraft 16 airplanes – King Air – 14 Helicopters – Astars & Bell Long Ranger 4 – upgrade FLIR – to allow for mapping
- ORC Sheriffs – combined program with 4 cities 4 Astars – not interested in water dropping mapping aerial recon transport command

- Corona Law Enforcement – Bell 407 Does IA & water dropping flying HLCO – CWN aircraft – 180 NM limit outside of the city limits -
- Marines 3wing lots of assets not way to activate why not use the Vandenberg agreement
- SBC has combined with Law Enforcement Branch.

Second Day

- Handed out charter for the Air Operations Specialist Group – Included in the package sent to you
- Need to figure out the standard mapping system for use with GIS so that all folks have the same standard rather than 15 different systems used by the various agencies. Want to type mapping systems for helicopter platforms
- Firescope.org – has a number of links to information we need to review to ensure that we are on-line for the current situation, not sure we have ever had input into that from the aviation side or maybe we have and I am not aware of it.
- Law Enforcement had not seen the Field Ops Guide 420-1 nor has it been provided to the Military which leads to a problem of talking the same language.
- Need to figure out how to incorporate the private contractor's air wise to include them into this mix.
- The charter will be reviewed at the next meeting
- Vote Taken for Officer Positions
 - Chair – John Buck – LFD – jab3400@lafd.lacity.org
 - Vice Chair – Captain Di Giovanna – Sherriffs Department LAC jadigiov@lasd.org
 - Secretary – Wes Shook – USFS – wshook@fs.fed.us
- One issue to be addressed from blue ribbon commission was what we had out there the questionnaire to be filled out concerning assets held by each of the agencies
- Need agreements for a variety of the agencies which we hold for aviation resources – send Vandenberg to military
- Need to send a message to each of the counties asking about aviation assets.]

- Activation process for military assets
- ROUNDTABLE
 - Military – buckets
 - Reach out and touch all aviation assets
 - Aviation Training Center - McClellan
 - Standardization of pilot hours for National Guard Pilots

**NEXT MEETING –
AUGUST 17, 2005 0900 – 1700
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE – HOST
PACOIMA**