



Aviation Operations Specialist Group

Meeting Minutes for March 7-8, 2018

Attendees:

Woody Enos, SBC, Task Force Liaison
Chuck MacFarland, SND, Chair
Craig Covey, ORC, Vice-Chair
Pat Sprengel, LAC
Tom Short, LAC
Mike Dubron, LAC
Scot Davison, LFD, Secretary
Adam Knabe, LFD
Matt Farris, SBC
Patt Byde, SBC
Travis Alexander, CALFIRE
Tyler Johns, CHP
Robert Bucho, ORC

Notes prepared by Scot Davison/Adam Knabe/Craig Covey

Meeting called to Order – Chair Chuck MacFarland at 0900 on March 7th

Welcome and Introductions – Woody Enos / Chuck MacFarland

Aviation Specialists Roster Update – Sign in

Approval of Minutes from November 7 – 8, 2018 Meeting

PLAN OF WORK UPDATE – SEE AVIATION OPERATIONS SPECIALIST GROUP PLAN OF WORK SPREADSHEET

TASK FORCE UPDATE BY CHIEF ENOS:

- Discussed:
 - Gave FIRESCOPE update
 - New 2018 Task Force Officers:
 - Chair Tim Kelly LFD
 - Vice-Chair David Barnett SJS
 - Secretary Grant Hubble BDC
 - ICS 800 NVG and SMS approved by the BOD
 - Requesting Letter of Support from your agencies

PRESENTATION – SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

UAS UPDATE:

- Discussed:
 - San Diego bomb squad tethered UAS at Command vehicle.
 - (Matt Menard) Menlo Park – Robust program with good funding. 16 UAV's with 6 operators and expanding. Procedures and Task Book in place. UAS Symposium to be held in Fall of 2018 – all are invited.



- Cal Fire/LFD – F.T.A. integration. Interagency fire unmanned aircraft systems operations require National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)
- HLCO/ATGS language on how to work UAS in to the F.T.A.

1130 – 1300 Hours Lunch Break

1300 – 1500 Hours **WORK GROUP BREAK OUT**

- Continue Plan of Work Break Out
 - Hoist Guide
 - Aircraft Typing
 - UAS FEMA Typing

ADJOURNED – 1600 hours on Wednesday March 7, 2018

DAY 2 – March 8, 2018

AGENCY UPDATES

Santa Barbara County Fire

- Three Type 2 helicopters operating
- Hired a new Fire Pilot – introduced at meeting
- Recruiting for a new mechanic

LA County Fire

- Purchasing new S70i Blackhawks. First delivery estimated for end of 2018, second in early 2019.
- Hired four new mechanics
- Working on a facility replacement plan – either Braket or Van Nuys airports
- Proposed cross training “2 in 2 out” training/ride along program to share experience and operations.
- Proposed hosting a “Rescue Rodeo” training event at Camp 9

California Highway Patrol

- 15 helicopters – four year fleet wide CIP plan
 - 10 H125's
 - 5 AStar B3's
- 15 fixed wing aircraft with improved camera systems
- Initial training on NVG mountain ops – no external loads

CAL FIRE

- Four-year purchase plan for S70i Blackhawks: 1-4-4-3 per year over four years.
- Current FEPP helicopters will become available for other agencies.
- 23 S2 fixed wing tankers on line. Developing a 10 year CIP plan.
- Entertaining discussion to Next Generation tankers to augment current S2T fleet.

Orange County Fire

- Operating two 412ep and two UH1H Super Hueys
- 4th pilot now carded
- Working with USCG – Cross training with each other for near shore marine and swift water rescue response capability.

San Diego Fire and Rescue



- Operating 412ep and 212.
- Purchased S70I Blackhawk – targeting 2nd in 2019/20.
- Approval for new facility.
- Developed contract with SDG&E for Type 1 SkyCrane contract.
- Working with General Atomic for fire support.

ROUNDTABLE

Discussion about capability for ForeFlight to be used on iPads.

Reviewed night ops on Thomas Fire – historic application of 12 straight 24 operational periods. Santa Barbara and Ventura County Fire provide aircraft and crews.

Discussed success of night HLCO platforms on recent fires and reaffirmed FIRESCOPE guidelines.

DC Woody Enos, Santa Barbara County Fire, provided presentation on Montecito Debris Flow as the Incident Commander. Discussed Air Operations during the incident.

Next Meeting – Hosted by Orange County Fire Authority, held in Irvine, CA on June 27-28, 2018.

ADJOURNED – 1200 hours on Thursday March 8, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,
Scot Davison
AOSG Secretary