



**Aviation Operations Specialist Group  
Meeting Minutes – March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Santa Barbara County FD HQ**

**Attendees:**

John Buck - LAFD  
Mark Schmitt – SBC  
Heidi Dinkler – KCFD  
Dan Carlson – CA-ARNG  
Bruce Malarky – CA-ARNG  
Keith Dittimus – CHP  
Bill Tyler – CNRSW/Fire  
Dave McNary – San Diego SO  
Art Torrez - USFS  
Jack Froggatt - KRN  
Tony Marrone - LACOFD  
Don DeYoung – LACOFD  
Dave Weir – MCIWEST  
Dan Reese – CalFire  
Thomas Short – LACOFD  
Brad Joos – USFS  
Jaimie Wood - CNRSW

**Introductions**

**Minutes from last meeting. Motion to approve by Dinkler, second Mark Schmitt.**

**Election of Officers: Motion to keep the same members, second.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Mark Schmitt's giving general update on the committee reports and status of MOU binder.**

**Art Torrez – FIREScope would like an update of the inventory before June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Discussion of the LA Basin earthquake scenario and the use of military assets and availability of fuel. Suggest using the boilerplate agreement in the binder to include fuel use. Art is taking possession and will deliver to Tom Drayer. Tom will have the document scanned and posted on the FIREScope website. Binder officially renamed the Interagency Aviation Operations Guidelines (IAOG). Art will add a disclaimer to the inventory asset sheet that the number of aircraft is a spot in time.**

**The Aviation Specialist Group will update the IAOG and inventory annually.**

**Bruce will send the phone number for Defense Coordinating Officer who can update military assets.**

**Review of the last minutes and the 4 items tasked from FIREScope. Item 1 – this has been taken care of by Mark Schmitt. Delivered verbally to the FIREScope Board. Item 2 – Gerald Cosey has completed. Item 3 – Dan Reese will have Tom Humane send an updated list to Heidi. This information will be sent to Tom Drayer so the IAOG can be updated. Item 4 – Mark Schmitt has handled verbally.**

**Communications update - John Finnerty not able to attend. Discussion of communications problems. Group was updated on John's work.**

**Update on the Plan of work. Discussion of Night Flying Guidelines, including twin engine vs. single engine.**

**Make a list of the completed Plan of Work items. Send to FIREScope Board.**

**New Business – Tasking from FIREScope to Aviation Specialist Group to develop procedures for deconning aviation equipment. To prevent the spread of invasive species.**

- **Identifying what sources are contaminated. How to identify.**
- **How to operate out of contaminated and non-contaminated sources.**
- **How to clean – DECON procedures are important to FIREScope.**
- **How to get information to Resource Advisors**
- **Establish Sub-committee – Dan Reese, Heidi Dinkler, Brad Joos, Fred Burris. Subcommittee will establish a list of**

**parameters/concerns/items to be addressed and have it for the next time we meet.**

**The roster has been updated. Will email out to everyone.**

**Discussion of hoist equipped helicopters. Recommend a sub-committee to develop a list of items of concern for use and standards. Mark Schmitt, Glenn Smith and Bruce Malarky and Tom Short.**

**Lunch**

**Review of Panther Fire Hoist rescue video**

**Next meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> 1000 hours at Santa Barbara**