



Aviation Operations Specialist Group

Meeting minutes for November 6, 2014 at LACoFD Fire Camp 2

Attendees:

Steve Oaks – SBC	Joel Harrison – LAC
Tom Short- LAC	Woody Enos – SBC/TF Liaison
Fred Burris –VNC	Eric Pacheco- LAC
Dean Hall – BLM	Peter Benesch-LFD
Tyler Johns – CHP	Scot Davison-LFD
Pat Williams – KRN	Dave Lopez- ORC
Steve Silva – USFS	Jeff Carlson- ORC
Travis Alexander - CAL FIRE	Elizabeth Barrera – USFS/TF Asst. Liaison
Justin McGough - CAL FIRE	
Clint Blackmon-CAL FIRE	

Notes prepared by Travis Alexander

Meeting called to Order – Chairman Joel Harrison

Introductions

Minutes for the April 17, 2014 meeting were approved with noted corrections. Motion to accept: J. Carlson – OCFA and Second Motion: S. Silva – USFS

FIRESCOPE Taskforce update- Woody Enos, AOSG Liaison

Highlights:

See Handout

CAL OES Updates going to “E” Book

Rapid extrication module (REM)- Team of 2
REM + Similar to RIC for Wildland

All Risk STL

Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) they review all State Fire Training course curriculum. Refocus as a priority

NWS – On SOPS Webpage- Santa Ana Wind tool

- Provides an index (severity)
- Better clarity at local levels

Reiterated the benefit of the work done within FireScope Aviation. Open request for invite to agencies that should have representation with this group.



Break

531/USFS Night Ops Summary- Ruben Perez

- 4 Pilots
- 6-day rotation
- Good interagency training and drills
- Expect this to continue
- Contract period ends 11/28/14

Discussion on Night Comms- Steve Silva

- VHF-FM/VHF-AM
- Frequency Management
- Local IA -vs- Planned need
- Request/Suggestion made to:
- Formalize best practice established from night drills into FireScope
- Need to not over manage details-Guidelines for agencies to work with

Discussion of 2015 Night Drills –Pat Williams

- Kern to sponsor event
- Fine tuning/increased complexity. Will be in early June
- Consider opening up snorkel approvals
- Pat, Sean Aidukas and Fred Burris will convene before drill to discuss guideline change considerations. Snorkeling, Chem Stick use, Comm's, hand signals. Capture best practices during the drill.

Lunch

Review of ICS 220 Woody Enos will confirm work with Task Force

- Steve to collect recommendations
- Fred Burris and Dave Lopez to assist

PSAAC/ALEA Eric Pacheco/Tom Short

Tom Short: Brief HX

- NTSB concern of Public use
- NPRM (2010)
- 135 HEMS programs

Eric Pacheco

- Shared the work done on the Initial PSAAC Standards
- Search and rescue component

Task-Joel to provide letter of support if supported by the Task Force. Meeting to be held in November in Buellton, Pacheco or Jim DiGiovanni to attend to present. Woody will advise if a slot can be arranged in the meeting. Motion to support: Lopez, second Burris and passed unanimously



Group Charter

- Review of document

Motion to support: Steve Oaks Second: Fred Burris Passed unanimously

Plan of Work- Joel Harrison reviewed/discussed with the group

- Discussion to determine if Aviation Spreadsheet continues to be needed. Status(Enos to inquire and follow-up)
- Annual Statewide Aviation Audit Spreadsheet Short to follow-up
- Aviation Interoperability- Ongoing – good progress
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles/Drones Enos to request specific tasking. Tyler Johns will bring a short presentation to the next meeting on the subject
- Form 220 Review and update-Enos will verify with Task Force
- PSAAC-Pending until reviewed and directed by Task Force

Discussed Hoist Operations- Clint Blackmon available as SME

Program Reviews/Updates- Presented by Agency Reps

SBC: W/S.O.
 3 T-II RW (hoist)
 1 T-III

ORC: 2 412 EP
 2 UH-IH (205 AI h)
 24/7 Jan 15 I ACFT

BLM : 1 T-II
 1 T-III
 Both off contract

VNC: W/ Sherriff's Office
 2 ACFT Daily- 1 NIGHT
 2 212 HP
 1 205B
 2 UH-IH (206 AI h)

LFD: 2 412's
 3 139
 1 206
 1 HT S-64 on contract

LAC: 3 S-70 Firehawks
 6 Bell 412's
 2-CL-415 on contract
 1-HT S-64 on contract



FIRESCOPE



CAL FIRE: Current:
13 S2T
8 AA
1 AA Training
5 UH-I

CHP: 1SFW 1SRW
RW: Metro – FUL
Regional – All other
12 A star B-3 Pilot/Medic
15 LE Fixed Wing
80 Pilots
43 Medics
NVG Capable – Not employed for Night external

KRN: 2 HUEYS
Providing 24/7 Rescue on Incidents

Discussion on their use as a hoist rescue ship on fires in Northern California

USFS: Current:
13 RW T-I/T-II
1 RW T-III
10 FW

Next Meeting- April 9th, 2015, 0900-1600 hours at Camp 2

Adjourned- 1530 hours

Action Items:

- PSAAC - Letter of support if approved by Task Force by Joel Harrison
- PSAAC Presentation- Pacheco at Task Force Meeting in November
- KRN Night Drill-Pat Williams will keep the group updated
 - Pat, Sean Aidukas and Fred Burris will convene before drill to discuss guideline change considerations. Snorkeling, Chem Stick use, Comm
- S. Weston/Comm Group contact-Joel Harrison will reach out
- ICS 220 Form recommendations- Steve Oaks will collect examples. Fred Burris, Dave Lopez will work with him to bring options for approval at the next meeting
- Work Rest Policy-Dave Lopez will forward