



FIRESCOPE



FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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GUESTS (continued):

Mark Schmidt, Santa Barbara Co. FD, FIRESCOPE Ops Team, Secretary
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Mike Esparza, California State Firefighter's Association
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Tracy Pansini, Burbank FD
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Bill Nash, Ventura Co. FD
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Mike Milkovich, Ventura County Fire Department
Sarah McCaffy, USFS
Frank Walbert, Burbank Fire
Scott Vail Cal- Cal EMA, OES Fire and Rescue, CICC
Carroll Wills, CPF
Caesar Partida, Cal Fire
Jim Wilson Mariposa County

WELCOME AND LOGISTICS:

CAL-EMA Headquarters, Mather, CA

INTRODUCTIONS, AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Chief Roper

Action Item- Motion placed before the members and unanimously carried to approve minutes of the January 14, 2009 meeting minutes.



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CAL EMA SECRETARY REPORT

Secretary Matt Bettenhausen

Since the last meeting in Burbank we have come up with a State budget. Some of the funding solutions are dependent on the May 19th propositions and hopefully we have support on those. SEIU has approved a new a new contract to move from 2 furlough day per month to 1 furlough day per month. DPA is still working thru the negotiations. The budget of 1.5 billion dollars in salary savings State-wide should be met with the agreement that we came up with SEIU.

Many of you know that we started the potential process of initial layoffs and layoff notices were provided to various State agencies to the lowest 20% of seniority. I want to reinsure you to the Governor's commitment to public safety. Any final decisions have not been made. It is my personal belief that layoffs from this agency will not be necessary.

The Governor's Emergency Council will be meeting later this month. They will be looking at what we have done as far as a State plan.

We have been working closely with FEMA regarding funding issues and it is anticipated that the Federal stimulus funding package will provide approximately 210 million dollars for fire construction; however, the grant guide is not out yet. We are expecting it out in May of 2009. In addition to the stimulus funds there is about a 7.2 million dollars in funding available for broadband communications. The primary interfaces are for schools but we are working towards making this money available for all of public safety as well.

Comments regarding the guidance document should be sent to Kim Zagaris.

IAFC

Chief Bob Roper

At the October meeting we discussed the "Leave Early or Stay Defend" program. We are not endorsing this program but we do want to examine the concept and flush it out further. We want to discuss the pros and cons and complete a concept review. Orange County has since hosted a meeting after our last Board meeting in which FIRESCOPE was invited to. At that meeting we inquired as to what programs other departments are using. We plan to meet with the Cal Chief's Fire Prevention Officers group as they are meeting March 16-17th in Buellton. At that meeting we will have discussions with their wildland committee on this topic with the goal of receiving grant funds to support a stake- holders meeting with law enforcement and fire service in garner additional ideas and address concerns. We will be setting a date for that meeting.



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IAFC (continued)

Chief Bob Roper

The NWCG WUI Working Team had a meeting in November and during that meeting decided to develop a small committee to examine and report on the issue; which will be released soon. Ventura County and Orange County will be putting together a visual report on the topic. More will be forthcoming very soon regarding this.

On March 22-24 in Reno, NV the IFC Wildland committee will be meeting. It will be a summit to provide background and origin of their program. At each of the FIRESCOPE BOD meetings we will have an update of the committee's actions.

Ventura County has been doing public orientation for the last 18- months, just to get public feedback on the "Leave Early or Stay and Defend" issue. We may or may not move forward on this; but this is an individual decision by Ventura County and not by the FIRESCOPE Board; but we still need to develop the implementation plans in order that we may deal with all the different stakeholder groups.

Orange County is in the same position as they have a number of focus groups that are moving in that direction.

CAL EMA METRIC PROGRAM

Chief Bill Bamattre (Ret)

Cal Metric Program is a resource inventory and situational awareness program which was established as a pilot program with 26 CAL EMA Operational Areas. Towards the end of January and beginning of February we sent out informational bulletins in the hopes that we receive feedback from everyone in our efforts to continuing development of this program.

CAL FIRE UPDATE

Director Del Walters

We have several dates set for the start up of the DC 10. We are also looking at the construction of four additional fire stations that we may be able to get loans from potential bonds passing. We are looking at a 10% reduction in as we have had a lot of rank and file retirements within our department. We have also had a lot of new appointments throughout our agency over this last 90 day period. Fire season preparedness is up and going. We have been doing training with the military this past month and last year was the first year that we used the National Guard; we have thus far trained 2400 National Guard members.



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CAL FIRE UPDATE (continued)

Director Del Walters

We currently have a contract with HME for fire apparatus and we are in the process of completing orders for 43 engines. In regards to Inmate Fire Crews for this season, the crews are filling up and we should be able to meet all of our crew commitments this season. As an FYI, the California Conservation Corps is once again discussing the possibility of providing fire crews.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL UPDATE

Chief Kate Dargan

We are starting on the state sprinkler proposal. This initiative looks very positive, so watch for it for the end of the year. The Western States assessments were not federally funded or federally lead. An update on residential sprinklers is ahead in coming year. Since we've last met, we've had the book up for adoption as it applies to residential sprinklers as part of the Model Code that will be published in 2009. It is currently triggered as an automatic. If anyone is going through an adoption of the IRC prior to January 1, 2011 residential sprinklers will be a mandatory part of that adoption.

What that means for California is since we currently don't adopt the IRC; should we and if so, what will the impacts be in 2011? To get prepared for that we are working in cooperation with our stakeholders to call right now for this phase to be implemented while working the 2-year plan to try and work through some of the issues that would arise with the State-wide adoption of residential sprinklers. We also plan to publish a guideline for the consideration of adoption of residential sprinklers later this spring as the group is very focused on this.

As we head into the 2009 Model Code adoption process and as we ramp up later this year with an extension into 2010 one of the goals that we have set for ourselves, in conjunction with Cal Chiefs and the FPOs is to produce a combined document incorporating Title 19 and the Fire Code into one document. We have received permission from the International Code Council to publish Title 19 as an appendix to the California Fire Code.

The third item is just the interface issues that we are continually trying to work on. One of the Bills that we hope will be most effective this year is Senate Bill 1595, the amended Public Resources Code. This Bill will amend the Government Safety Code and the Public Safety Code relative to 100 ft of defensible space. The language now read up to 100 ft of defensible space. The insurance companies cannot require more than 100 ft of defensible space unless they present a set of finding of why more than 100 ft. is required.



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STATE FIRE MARSHAL UPDATE (continued)

Chief Kate Dargan

Those findings are then approved by a fire expert as designated by the Chief of Cal Fire; so, we are going through an internal discussion of how to best address that.

We also published the WUI product handbook on the SFM/Cal Fire website. And all the Blue Ribbon recommendations are still high priority for us.

CICCS Update

Chief Scott Vail

The CICCS Task Force had a teleconference on March 30th to discuss current and future activities.

The significant issues of the teleconference were:

- Scott Vail has agreed to work part-time to be: the state-wide point of contact for CICCS information; provide coordination between State Fire Training, Cal EMA and other agencies; and provide support to the CICCS Task Force. Nick Duvally will continue to be the Task Force Chair.
- The Northern California Training Officers held a CICCS workshop in February of this year. It was very well received and well attended.
- Based on the success of this workshop three others are scheduled. The first will be in Sacramento, on June 3rd for OES Regions 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- The Region 1 workshop is scheduled for June 17th with the location to be determined.
- Region 6 will be in June but we have not settled on a date or location.
- The workshops will cover; the use of the 2006 310-1 vs. the 2008 version, the correct use of position task books, qualification cards, fitness, peer review, historical recognition for new positions, ROSS, the development of the CA specific qualification guide (310-1) and managing the CICCS process in your organization.
- We will continue to monitoring the activities of FEMA and NIMS so that we can successfully integrate the CICCS qualifications guide with the NIMS Qualifications Process Guide.



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CICCS (continued)

Chief Scott Vail

- The State Board of Fire Services approved the PACE V Committee and CICCS TF integration. The State Fire Training and Procedures Manual outlines the membership and we are in the process of filling the necessary positions for the PACE V committee.
- The PACE V Committee is soliciting the Regions for 500 and 600 level review. The Committee will put together a list of subject matter experts who can assist during the application review when there are no qualified persons in the position on the committee (most likely finance, safety and information).
- There are a number of new positions being approved (mechanics, fire line medics, etc...) that there is no process for historical recognition developed. The CICCS at its next meeting (May 4/5) will develop a standard process for historical recognition.
- There will be a meeting of some of the Task Force members on April 13th to complete a draft CA specific qualifications guide for review and further work at the May 4th and 5th meeting. We anticipate having this ready for review in August or September. We will be working on alternatives for qualifications for certain positions such as, Division Supervisor and Situation Unit Leader that will be more obtainable for local government that will still meet national standards.
- We are going to have a training coming up. There are a lot of positions that need a historical recognition.
- We are going to continue to monitor SIMS and NIEMS. We have individuals on the Task Force that are also involved on the SIMS and NIEMS group. I'm building a statewide email list of all the chairs. We have a meeting scheduled for May 4th and 5th and we have been working on qualifications for unit leaders. There is a concern regarding management guides and we are looking at qualifications across the board.
- Physical fitness seems to be coming up. The PAT test has been discussed we want to have a unified front; we have had many people misinterpret these issues. So we hope to have this out soon to send out to the fire service. We want to have our people as fit as we can and providing the most available amount of resources as possible

I want to thank all of you for your support. There are very dedicated people assigned to the CICCS Task Force from all agencies.



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FEMA UPDATE

Chief Kim Zagaris

The I-Chiefs meet on the 23rd of last month. The number one issue that was discussed was reimbursement.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Chief Kim Zagaris

Assembly Member Kevin Jeffrey has authored legislation which has passed that volunteer departments will once a year send their rosters into a central repository for documentation. We would like to develop a core group that helps in developing the reporting format in support of this legislation. We would like Chief Drayer and staff to post this item online and have it uniformed so that everyone will have access to the form.

Chiefs Pat Dennen and Kate Dargan volunteered to be a part of the group to work on this project.

FIT TESTING

Chief Kim Zagaris

A letter regarding a rising concern regarding the "Pack Test" for physical readiness of firefighters was distributed among the members. The Pack Test is not intended to be a standard that demonstrates that an incumbent firefighter is "fit for duty". There are no consensus standards or validated performance standards that have been developed for incumbent firefighters. This letter is informational and it also addressed mutual aid. It is being sent out from Cal EMA. There was general discussion from the Board.

Chief Kim Zagaris

There are many layers to this issue.

Everyone agrees that we want fit firefighters. As far as FIRESCOPE is concerned we want to take a look at some items in order to develop guidance as it will apply to all hazard- all risk firefighter standards.

- **Action Item:** *It was motioned that we will ask CICCIS to take the dialog and review the current language and come back to the next BOD meeting with their findings.*



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PERIMETER CONTROL VS. STRUCTURE PROTECTION

Chief Pat Dennen

Is there a unified definition of perimeter control vs. structure protection?

We would like to have FIRESCOPE to define what this actually means. We came up with a definition of what this means that was in the draft statement. It was done originally to try to deal with the cost issue of who pays. What is the question that we are actually trying to resolve? This is a complicated issue that the Board of Directors needs to address.

We would ask any of the board to work with Cal EMA Assistant Chief Pat O'Bannon on this item. At the July meeting hopefully we will know where this will go next. If any of the board members would like to participate get a hold of Chief Pat O'Bannon.

EMS UPDATE

Chief Sheldon Gilbert

The big issue on EMS is the whole authority for EMS. There is a real concern the issue of managing and dispatching EMS resources. There is a position paper that is in final draft form and once legally vested it will be distributed to the stakeholders. At some point it needs to be brought to the board. The Attorney General has been looking for other opinions while they put their response.

This is my Second six months as Director of CA EMS. We are continuing to build upon the successful public safety concepts which are already in place; as we recognize the challenges for us all that lie ahead. We, thus far have received broad support of the CD-MOM document that we just released. The CD-MOM will bring private EMS and health providers closer in line with government agencies.

EMT AB29 implementation is the background check process which will go into effect as of January 1, 2010. This will consist of an ID component and education validation. Our goal is to make this value added at the end. State fees associated with this program will include an initial registration fee of \$76.00 and a recertification fee of \$25.00.

Additionally we are instituting a fee increase for paramedic's recertification from \$125.00 to \$199.00. This will be the first increase in these fees since the inception of the licensing program.



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BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE REPORT

Chief Sheldon Gilbert

We have not yet met since our last meeting. Staff has received the data regarding the WUI standard document and we are working with the State Marshal's Office regarding the prevention issues. Retired Corona Fire Chief Mike Warren has stepped down as the chair and Chief Gilbert has been appointed to take his place.

- **Quadrennial Fire Review Update**

We as a group would like to send out a letter of support regarding this document. The draft letter was previously emailed out to the board.

- *Action Item: It was motioned and approved by the Board to send out the support letter for the quadrennial Fire Report.*

CALSIEC UPDATE

Chief John Penido

CALSIEC was born five years ago and during those five years the nationwide effort has been fueled by the various disasters that have been taking place. In December of 2008, they adopted language within the Charter that will increase the membership from 19 members to 46. The group will continue to meet 2-4 times a year and I'm looking for a representative from this group (BOD); one from the North and one from the South. Please note that the FIRESCOPE Communications Specialist Group is very much involved.

Effective 2010 we will be narrow banded and will be renaming and reprogramming our current channel lineups.

- *Action Item- Chief Barry volunteered and was appointed to CALSIEC as the FIRESCOPE BOD representative*



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FIRESCOPE BOD VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVE

Chief Kim Zagaris

We were on a conference call on Monday the 12th to review each of the applications and after a comprehensive thorough evaluation of each respective candidate; one name has been submitted to Secretary Bettenhausen for appointment. Once Secretary Bettenhausen ratifies the Board's recommendation, then letters will go out to all that applied. We are hopeful the successful candidate will have the opportunity to attend the April, 2009 meeting in Sacramento.

CFAA UPDATE

Chief Ken Wagner

Everyone is continuing to work on the document and the U.S. Forest Service has requested to make some minor changes to the document. We are anticipating that the document will soon be prepared for signature by those agencies who are party to it. It should be noted that Chief Zagaris' staff has been doing a great job processing reimbursement invoices while under the extension.

FIRESCOPE OPS TEAM REPORT

Chief Mark Schmidt

Meetings held since last BOD meeting: Shell Beach January 2009 with Task Force

- **MACS After-Action Report Update**

The FIRESCOPE MACS Working Group has provided the Task Force with a Draft MACS 429 (Incident Priority Rating Matrix) and the revised criteria necessary to complete the document. The Task Force has reviewed and approved the MACS 429 document moving it up the Decision Process to the Operations Team; who will be reviewing it for submission to the Board. The Working Group will be continuing with their initial task of converting the MACS 410- 1 (Multi Agency Coordination Procedures Guide) to an all-hazards application which should be completed and submitted to the Board for review, comment and approval in time for their January, 2010 meeting



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FIRESCOPE OPS TEAM REPORT (continued)

Chief Mark Schmitt

- **ICS 900 Document**

This document has been revised, approved and posted to the FIRESCOPE Website.

- **MACS 410-3 (Red Flag Criteria)**

Is currently undergoing a revision by the FIRESCOPE Predictive Services Group to introduce new technological advances and will be submitted to the Task Force as soon as it is ready.

- **Air Ops/Water Dropping Aircraft Contamination**

The aviation group is currently working on this issue and will be meeting in Long Beach CA. today to discuss the topic

- **2009 Election of FIRESCOPE Operations Team Officers**

Chief Pierce (ORC) has been re-elected as the Chair
Chief Rueda (LFD) has been re-elected as the Vice-Chair
Chief Mark Schmitt (SBC) has been re-elected as the Secretary

Upcoming Operations Team Meetings:

June, 2009- Mammoth w/Task Force
November, 2009- Conference Call
January, 2010- Shell Beach with Task Force

FIRESCOPE TASK FORCE REPORT

Chief Dave Stone

- **Field Operations Guide (ICS 420-1) Reprint**

The Task Force completed the focused review. The corrections will be incorporated in the upcoming re-print of the 2007 FOG. The re-print contract has just cleared Cal EMA accounting and a State DGS legal review on its way to the vendor.



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FIRESCOPE TASK FORCE REPORT (continued)

Chief Dave Stone

- **Field Operations Guide (ICS 420-1) Reprint**

The Task Force developed a timeline to revise the Field Operations Guide.

- July 2009 – begin review and revision process.
- November 2009 – complete revision and forward to Operations Team.
- January 2010 – Board of Directors review and approval.
- May 2010 – Field Operations Guide 2010 Edition printed and available for distribution.

- **Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS)**

- The MACS Working Group met and revised the MACS 410-1. The document has been forwarded to the Operations Team for their review/approval prior to their recommendation to the Board.
- The updated MACS 410-1 will be utilized at the MACS Joint Orientation and video-conference scheduled for May, 2009 in time for the 2009 Fire Season.

- **NIMS Representation**

Chiefs Hollingsworth and West continue to participate in the DHS/FEMA Incident Management Working Group (NIMWG). They are currently involved in the development of the NIMS ICS forms.

- **NWCG Representation**

Training Working Team (TWT) – Board of Directors appointee Division Chief Rod Megli (VNC) is onboard.

- **Task Force/Specialist-Working Group Membership**

- The Task Force welcomed a new member at the March meeting in Paso Robles. Battalion Chief Steve Maiero, Contra Costa County Fire District. He represents County's North.



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FIREScope TASK FORCE REPORT (continued)

Chief Dave Stone

- The Task Force completed letters to re-activate the Urban Search and Rescue Specialist Group and the G.I.S. Specialist Group. The letters were forwarded to Chief Zagaris for review/approval/sending. The Liaisons to these Groups are as follows:
 - U.S.A.R. Specialist Group – Liaisons: Assistant Chief Greg West (LFD) and Division Chief Mike LaPlant (VNC)
 - G.I.S. Specialist Group – Battalion Chief Jim Hollingsworth (CAL Fire) and Chief Ramiro Rodriguez (SFT)
- **FIREScope Projects**
 - The FIREScope Communications Specialist Group updated Appendix A for the Field Operations Guide for the 2009 Fire Season and inclusion in the 2010 version of the FOG.
 - The Task Force is working with the CICCIS Task Force to implement the Fireline Paramedic position for the upcoming 2009 Fire Season.
- The Task Force reviewed and approved the Haz Mat Specialist Group's Hazardous Material Specialized Equipment List (SEL) and updated terminology.
- The High Rise Working Group has completed the update of the Operations System Description (OSD). It is currently being reviewed by the Task Force prior to forwarding to the Operations Team for review.

Upcoming Task Force Meetings:

April, 2009- Camarillo
May, 2009- Riverside
June, 2009- Mammoth

- **Action Item-** Chief Drayer will send out the announcement for the 2009 California MACS Orientation to all Board members and Regional Coordinators.



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LEAVE EARLY, STAY AND DEFEND

Chief Roper

Out of the recent meeting there was a joint statement of both the Blue Ribbon Task Force and FIRESCOPE that has been developed. We now have all the view points and have created both a document and video entitled, "Ready, Set, Go!" This program has been developed to try to stay away from the Australia program. We are trying to build on the premise of fire safe communities while also recognizing that if someone is trapped we may be able to show them how to survive. Orange County and Ventura County has put together a presentation that they shared with the Board which was again shown at the conference in Reno and received positive feedback.

After reviewing the handout material and the video the Board members presented questions, comments and concerns. The overall feedback of the video was good.

Ventura County and Orange County is going to be meeting next week on April 14th. We will send the meeting location and time out to the board. We are looking to make this a FIRESCOPE and/or I-CHIEFS item.

CWCG UPDATE

Chief Kaage

CWCG has requested that Chief Zagaris work with them to develop a group to work with the various federal incident management teams. It is defiantly well worth the time, if you can attend any continuing education courses being offered.

OES FIRE AND RESCUE UPDATE

Chief Zagaris

The fleet is on its 17year replacement cycle and we will be working with our contracts and vendors to replace more engines. Of OES Fire and Rescue's total inventory, 5 engines have yet to be replaced. We go to contract soon to get 20 additional engines. Of those, two will be assigned to OES Region VI; one to Region II; and one to Region IV. Our goal is to eventually provide OES Region IV a total of 20 engines. Our Assistant Chiefs are busy in the field doing Strike team refresher courses; and we are still working thru reimbursement issues and our own number of vacancies, during these hard economic times.



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PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION UPDATE

Chief Bob Roper

State Assemblyman Pedro Nava contacted both Santa Barbra County and Ventura County regarding this particular issue. We don't know where the legislation is going currently.

The Board would like to see the development of a standardized reporting system via the FIRESCOPE website for Type 1 or Type 2 Incident Management Teams who may be facing operational issues involving the use of private fire protection resources during the upcoming 2009 fire season.

FEDERAL/STATE AND LOCAL BUDGETS

Open Discussion

Cal EMA- 9.23% is the percentage of employee payroll reduction expected as a result of the Governor's Furlough Program. It is unknown how or if it will affect our Contract Counties and we are very unsure of what will take place as we face an uncertain economy in the future. We are currently having a most difficult time with recruitment and retention issues impacting our ability to hire Assistant and Deputy Chiefs. We have asked the Governor's Office for an exemption and if the Emergency Response Initiative passes then the money is there. FEMA is open to establishing a new rate for reimbursement. There will be a change but no details as of yet. We are currently working through vendor issues and the OES/OHS merger which resulted in the formation of Cal EMA.

USFS- The federal Budget is the same as last year; and it is our travel budget, which has a direct impact on our agency's training programs that is being affected the most.

BLM- We are currently working on a budget threshold that was established 3- years ago. We currently have 50 vacancies and are instituting a hiring freeze.

CAL FIRE- We are already over 350 million in reimbursements for this fiscal year. No word of anyone going unpaid. We are giving priority to small businesses, then to local government. We have added 13 positions to expedite processing and expect to have all invoices completed and to the State Controllers Officer for fiscal distribution by February, 2009.

NATIONAL GUARD- Is taking delivery of five new fire apparatus.



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NEW BUSINESS

All

Discussion regarding Flame Fund Act HR 1404 Wildfire suppression Bill
Dennis Thompson has retired from Kern County. Chief Zagaris will be putting out an announcement to replace the County Departments- South position on the Board.

ROUNDTABLE

All

CA EMA will be offering two ROSS local government Dispatcher classes at Mather in February and April, 2009.

The California Firefighter Foundation met and they made changes to have California fire service members who have passed in the line of duty; and may have thus far been overlooked to be put on to the Memorial wall. The criteria for that placement will be sent out. This year we are going to be redoing the wall so please go thru your records and if there was anyone from your agency that may have been missed.

AJOURNMENT

All

➤ **Action Item-** *Adjournment Motioned and Seconded at 1430 hrs.*

NEXT FIRESCOPE BOD CONFERENCE CALL: June 25, 2009 @ 1600 hrs.

NEXT FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: July 8, 2009 Burbank Fire Department Training Center