



# FIRESCOPE

## CAL EMA FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Burbank FD Training Center  
1845 N. Ontario St.  
Burbank, CA. 91505

April 10, 2013, 09:30 A.M.

### **Members Present**

Michael Dyer – Chairperson FIRESCOPE BoD, Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
Kim Zagaris – Fire and Rescue, Cal EMA  
Ken Pimlott – CAL FIRE  
Brian Cummings – Los Angeles City Fire Department  
Bill Metcalf – Fire Districts South  
Mark D’Ambrogi – City Fire Departments North  
Richard Webb – Linda Fire Protection District  
Sid Beckman – National Parks Service  
Joe Millar, U.S. Forest Service  
Mike Esparza – California State Fire Association  
Jim Wilson – Mariposa County Fire Department, Volunteer Fire Departments  
Mark Lorenzen – Ventura County Fire Department  
Brian Marshall – Kern County Fire Department  
Ken Kehmna – Santa Clara Fire, Counties North  
Lou Paulson – California Professional Firefighters

### **Members Absent**

Daryl Osby – Vice-Chairperson FIRESCOPE BoD, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Tonya Hoover – Office of State Fire Marshal  
Paul Bannister – U.S. Department of Interior, BLM  
Keith Richter – Orange County Fire Authority

### **Guests Present**

Ralph Domanski – FIRESCOPE, Cal EMA  
Charles Butler – Los Angeles City Fire Department  
Mario Rueda – Los Angeles City Fire Department  
Andy McMurray – CAL FIRE  
Craig Kinoshiita – Orange County Fire Authority (for Richter)  
Les Matarazzi – U.S. Department of Interior, BLM (for Bannister)  
Jim Middleton – Mariposa County Fire Department  
Mike Lococo – Fire and Rescue, Cal EMA  
Art Torrez – Fire and Rescue, Cal EMA  
Elaine Smith – FIRESCOPE, Cal EMA  
Chad Stokes – Fire and Rescue, Cal EMA  
Mark Hartwig – San Bernardino County Fire  
Kate Long – Earthquake Program, Cal EMA  
Jack Thorpe – NICS  
Bob Toups – NICS  
Kirk Wells, Orange County Fire  
Charles Scawthorn – University of California, Berkeley

## Welcome, Introductions, Logistics \*\*\*Meeting commences @ 0937\*\*\*

Chief Dyer introduces himself and welcomes the Board members and guests to the FIRESCOPE BoD meeting.

### Approval of January 09, 2013 Minutes

**ACTION ITEM – Motion made to approve the January 9, 2013 FIRESCOPE BoD Meeting Minutes. By Chief Webb, Seconded by Chief Metcalf. Minutes approved.**

### Cal EMA Secretary's Report

Zagaris

#### **Budget**

1. Grants effected by sequestration
2. Federal reductions planned to continue FY 13/14 and FY 14/15
3. FEMA first to experience reductions
4. Expect changes to performance measures.

#### **Realignments**

1. Public Safety communications group transferring to Cal EMA/OES effective July 1
  - a. Includes 9-1-1 advisory board
  - b. Addition to Logistic personnel

### CALFIRE / SFM UPDATE

Pimlott

#### **1. Fire Season**

- a) 471 fires (including Ventura County fire) 1350acres
- b) Ahead of the five-year average
- c) Behind last year
- d) Fuel conditions –no improvement throughout the West
- e) Wild Fire Awareness Week first full week in May

#### **2. Staffing**

- a. Increase beginning Monday next week with three southern Regions
- b. Engine, airbase, and helicopter
- c. Gradual build-up throughout April towards Sierras

#### **3. Budget**

- a. Prop. 30 passage-No cuts/reductions departmentally
  - i. Full Complement of resources available
  - ii. Fully staffed by July 1
- b. **Realignment**
  - i. Conservation camp program working to get inmates into the system
- c. **Sequestration**
  - i. Impacting Control Towers
  - ii. Ramona and Sonoma (staff reduction)
  - iii. Operation Plans for operating from uncontrolled towers
  - iv. Many fire bases operate from uncontrolled towers
- d. **Grants**
  - i. Grant request submitted (Volunteer and local fire district funding)

#### **4. SRA (STATE'S RESPONSIBILITY AREA) Fees**

- a. Board of Equalization(BOE) delay billing at our request:
  - i. Until adjudication process of appeals completed
  - ii. Date to resume billing to be determined
- b. Assembly member Chesbro SRA appeal to replace SRA bill
  - i. Work together to shape it
  - ii. Work in progress

#### **5. Training Programs**

- a. College of the Desert approved and accredited

- b. American River College approved for 5-year reaccreditation
- c. Two new F-Step courses:
  - i. Driver/Operator aerial tower truck
  - ii. Fire/Rescue Vessel Operation
- d. Fire and Life Safety Company Officer /Inspector Instructor Course
- e. Registered State Fire Training Tandem Instructor Update class
- 6. Fireworks disposal still mired in discussion(s)
  - a. Who pays & disposal of hazardous materials
- 7. International Association of Firefighters
  - a. Recognizes what California does and agrees to teaching
  - b. Teach IFF

## **Fire Following Earthquakes\***

Presentation by Charles Scawthorn

1. Addressed the issue of water supply post-earthquake
2. Suggested steps for further study
3. Handout provides further information and websites for study
4. Modify Draft Goals into a recommended set of performance goals

Chief Dyer asked the members to consider the presentation and bring back thought or ideas for the July meeting.

## **ShakeOut and Fire Organizations**

Presentation by Kate Long

1. Proposes Fire organizations promote earthquake preparedness
  - a. Include ShakeOut in drills and Fire Prevention Week
  - b. Highlight fire safety post –earth quake
  - c. Participate in ShakeOut drill (stop-drop-hold)
2. Oversee Fire Safety addressed accurately post-earthquake
  - a. Co-partner with organizations i.e. the Red Cross
  - b. Encourage social milling (schools, businesses, other fire departments, etc.)
  - c. Request volunteer consultants

## **EMS Update**

Hartwig

1. **201 Issues**
  - a. Chapter 13 process to amend 1980 EMS Act
    - i. Title 22 div. 2.5 Right of provision of services (pre hospital EMS care / transport)
    - ii. Ability to recoup is a transport model
    - iii. Health and Safety Code permits local EMS agency to create exclusive operating areas for transport or ALS
    - iv. Propose CSAC, League of Cities, and local EMS meet together
  - b. Community Para medicine
    - i. Treat and refer (obligatory following of medical control)
    - ii. Pre Hospital alternate transport to Clinic, physician's office, etc.
    - iii. Follow-up care (for patients treated, transported/referred)
    - iv. Penalties (based on specific criteria) for patient readmission within 30-days
  - c. Affordable Care Act
    - i. Statewide trial studies put systems in place offering solutions

## **CFAA Update**

Zagaris

1. Rate Letter/Salary Survey and Instructions went out April 4, 2013

Lorenzen

### **Comments/ Newly Agreed upon Changes**

- a. Crew rotations at 7 days need approval and must be recorded there/onsite;

- b. Buses and Engines used in support will require a new E# for audit purposes
- c. Free period will remain
- d. Civilian rates change: split between average actual rate for straight time and overtime hours
- e. Reminder: Admin Rate is 10% unless compliant justification (see OMB circular) is submitted by July 1

## **CWCG Update**

McMurry

1. CFMA
  - a. Roadshow first week in June (moving around State/*statewide*)
    - i. Open discussion on the agreement with local, state, and federal government
  - b. 2013 Letters
    - i. NMAC letter (copies available) possible sequestration driven changes ahead
    - ii. Information flow from National to geographic level
    - iii. Operation of military resources
      1. National guard resource availability constriction
  - c. Cal MAC (activity) and MAC Exercises (Redding and Riverside)
    - i. Spring work load (Cal MAC dialog with FIREScope)
    - ii. Identify MACS Coordinators
      1. A primary and alternate to be named later in the month
  - d. Impact of MAFFS (Modular Airborne Firefighting System) going under North Comm/ regular Air Force
    - i. New MAFFS 2 replaces MAFFS 7
  - e. Leadership changes (effective May 1) Park Services concedes Chair with Association of County Contract Counties (Marin County) taking over as Vice Chair

Break called @ 1215. Meeting resumed @1300

## **IAFC Wildland Committee Report**

### **OPS Team / Taskforce Report**

Rueda/Butler

1. Emergency Response to Tactical Law Enforcement Incidents document
  - a. Recommended for website approval as guideline for Fire Departments to develop their own tactical documents
  - b. Revisions to date
    - i. Specialist group included Law enforcement review of document
  - c. Similar national guidance document
    - i. being prepared by a joint group i.e., IAFC, FBI, National Sheriffs, and Metro Chiefs due out in a month to six-weeks
    - ii. American College of Surgeons committee on Trauma working on draft Active Shooter procedures
    - iii. Third group is looking at combining their position paper with the White House effort
  - d. Vision to develop common practices and bring operations of Fire Departments back to FIREScope and Fire Training
    - i. Increase Awareness level
    - ii. Technician (advanced training)
    - iii. Embedded SWAT engagement

**Action Item: Chief Richter Motion, Chief Pimlott Seconds. None opposed**

## New Business

Zagaris

1. CAFMA impact ICS 900 document
  - a. Millar and McMurry to review for conflicts within next two months
  - b. Post to website
2. New FOG
  - a. Work In Progress
    - i. WUI section
  - b. Dissatisfaction
    - i. Offset top page
    - ii. Alignment issue
  - c. Electronic version to follow

**Action Item:** Board members unanimously agree FOG as delivered is substandard  
Decision is made to send it back for corrections

3. Draft EMS Plans/Community para-medicine
  - a. Draft position paper presented at Cal Chief's Conference
  - b. AMR and MedStar are proposing to do everything we do
    - i. Triage calls
    - ii. Aid health maintenance organizations
    - iii. Transfer them where ever they want
  - c. Contact Dyer for AMR document – Hartwig for MedStar document
  - d. Truth in Advertising - EMS

## Cal EMA Fire & Rescue Update

VFIRE Channels

Expand engine fleet by 25 engines

## Old Business

1. Private fire department update – no comments
2. Review BOD revised priorities \*- handout
3. CICC & TYPE 3 Team update \*
  - a. Goal update document components
    - i. Administrative guide, position guide, equivalency matrix, and FAQ
    - ii. Gathered input Statewide and implemented it in the document re-write
    - iii. Draft versions are almost complete
    - iv. Implement new guideline by July 1 pending approval of the State Board of Fire Services
    - v. Plan presentations in each CalEMA region prior to finalizing document
      1. For input on proposed changes
      2. CD presentation provided by request
      3. Document posted on website for review
    - vi. Major Changes :
      1. Move qualifications review for division supervisor to Operational Areas(local level)
      2. FEMA (15) L courses/classes eight of 15 are comparable to NWCG courses
      3. Seven remaining classes reworked through Equivalency matrix to meet CCIS qualifications
  - b. **Instructor Competencies**- Final stages in collaboration with Chief Richwine
  - c. REO and Ethics class combining with FEMA to ensure quality instructors and all guidelines met Type 3
4. Mechanics
  - a. Certification language for mechanics on the fire line
  - b. Develop/Create Task books for positions

- c. Get someone from mechanic section of Cal Chiefs to finalize issues
  
- 5. NICS – Presentation by Jack Thorpe and Bob Toups Overview
  - a. Boston Server backup UCSD

Four Cornerstones:

- NICS free to all emergency response organizations
- User-friendly, easy to learn and use for tired, dirty, and hungry
- Bullet proof –resilient
- Growth based on apps (open system)

## **Roundtable**

Changes Impacting ICS type 3 engines conversion to type 6 engines per new guidelines

Impact to number of engines available to the system

Some Type 6 engines have different staffing/equipment levels (what are usage expectations?)

Requires:

Education of Many Groups

- Ordering the resource

- Filling the resource needs (mobilization centers)

- Same resources ordered differently

Education ROSS; resource typing

CFAA guidelines

Education expectations of type 3 engines → Education expectations of type 6 engines

H<sub>2</sub>O tank Size and Capacity from 300 gallons to 500 gallons; Crews

Educate the Resource

Adoption of NWCG standards and timeline –document –authored by Kirk Wells –on website

- Decisions made and how

CalEMA staff will update the old chart (one sheet, double sided)

## **Meeting adjourned @ 1420**

The next Cal EMA Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE BoD Meeting will take place at the Cal EMA HQ Mather, CA on July 10, 2013.

The **Agenda setting** conference call for the **Meeting** will be June 27, 2013.

Vice-Chair Chief Osby will oversee the call due to inaccessibility of the Chair Chief Dyer.