



# FIRESCOPE



**FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
USFS Wildland Fire Training and Conference Center  
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Minutes of Meeting  
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**Committee Members Present:**

Bob Roper, Vice Chair, Chief - Representing Ventura County Fire Department  
Kim Zagaris, Chief, Fire & Rescue Branch - Office of Emergency Services  
Craig Barnes, Fire Management Officer - Representing U.S. Department of Interior -  
Bureau of Land Management  
Pat Dennen, Chief - San Bernardino County FD. - Representing Fire Districts South  
Nick Dunn, Deputy Chief - Kern County FD - Representing County Fire Departments South.  
Mike Dyer, Chief Deputy - Representing Los Angeles County FD  
Ruben Grijalva, Chief CALFIRE - Representing State Fire Marshal  
Sue Husari, Regional Fire Management Officer, Representing National Parks Service.  
Dan Drake, Division Chief Representing - Orange County Fire Authority  
John Sherri, Chief Representing Santa Barbara County FD.  
Jim Marquis, Chief - Grass Valley FD - Representing Volunteer Fire Departments  
Greg West, Assistant Chief for Douglas Berry – Representing Los Angeles Fire Department  
& FIRESCOPE Task Force, Chair.

**Special Advisors Present:**

Chuck Knapp, Southern Director Advisor - Representing California State Firefighter's  
Association.

**Committee Members Absent:**

P. Michael Freeman, Chair - Representing Los Angeles County FD.  
Ed Hollenshead, Director, Pacific Southwest Region 5 Fire & Aviation Management -  
Representing USDA Forest Service.  
Ken Mclean, Deputy Director, CALFIRE - Representing CALFIRE

**Special Advisors Absent:**

Christy E. Bouma, Governmental Advocate, Advisor - Representing California Professional  
Fire Fighters

**Others Present:**

Kate Dargan, California State Fire Marshal  
Mark D'Ambrogi, Chief Auburn City Fire Department OES Mutual Aid Region IV  
Coordinator  
Dan Drake, Division Chief - Orange County Fire Authority  
Sheldon Gilbert, Fire Chief - Alameda County FD  
Bob Green, Chief of Operations - CAL FIRE-Southern Region Operations - OES Mutual Aid  
Region VI Coordinator.  
Candace Gregory, Region Chief CAL FIRE-Southern Region Headquarters - Representing  
OES Mutual Aid Region V Coordinator.  
Brian Kelly, Chief, City of San Mateo - Representing FIRESCOPE Operations Team, Chair



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Tom Drayer, Deputy Chief- FIRESCOPE, OES Fire & Rescue Branch.  
Frank McCarton, Chief Deputy Director - Office of Emergency Services  
Ken Massucco, Chief - Marin County Fire  
Pat O'Bannon, Assistant Chief, FIRESCOPE Program. OES Fire & Rescue Branch  
Dave Pierce, Division Chief - Orange County Fire Authority  
Al Stocker, Battalion - Chief San Bernardino County FD  
David Stone, Battalion Chief - Los Angeles County FD, FIRESCOPE Task Force Vice-Chair  
Scott Vail, Deputy Chief Admin. OES Fire and Rescue Branch - CICC Working Group.  
Ken Wagner, Roseville Fire Department, CFAA Working Group Presentation.  
Del Walters, Region Chief CALFIRE Northern Region Operations - OES Mutual Aid Region III  
Brain Woodbeck, Assistant Chief Mutual Aid Region VI, OES Fire & Rescue Branch.

**Welcome, Introductions, Logistics:** Vice Chair, Bob Roper

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

***Action Item:** Motion placed before the members and unanimously carried, to approve minutes of the January 10, 2007 Meeting Minutes.*

**OES Director's Update and Legislative Update report** - Frank McCarton

**AB 38 OES/OHS Merger**

As many of you already know, AB 38 would combine the Office of Emergency Services and Office of Homeland Security into one department. This is an administration-sponsored bill. We see it as an opportunity not only to reduce the confusion of having two separate agencies, but also as an opportunity to bolster our capabilities in the regions. OES is working closely with the author of bill, on any necessary refinements. The first hearing will take place on 4/25.

**AB 728 Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG):**

AB 728 would allow local agencies to be reimbursed for eligible costs for federally declared fires. It is a fulfillment of our promise to move forward with getting funding to support fire mutual aid. Thank you to those chiefs who have testified and written letters in support of this bill. The bill is enjoying wide support. It has already passed out of the policy committee. The governor is supporting this bill, which was authored by Kehoe, who has been a champion for fire-related legislation. Unfortunately, if the state budget deficit is larger than expected, the bill could die in appropriations. A hearing is scheduled for 4/16. We ask for your continued support of AB 728.



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**AB 1564 Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)**

The Emergency Management Assistance Compact, EMAC sun set on March 1. The Governor is sponsoring legislation to extend the sunset period by 5 years. This bill's future looks promising; the legislature has been very supportive. In the current version, the state will not be able to use EMAC for labor disputes.

**Related Issue: Reimbursement from Gulf Hurricanes**

On a related issue, OES recognizes that many of the participating agencies have not yet received reimbursement from the Gulf Hurricanes through EMAC. We continue to work with receiving states to explain our system to them. They are dealing with dozens of states, each with different reimbursement processes. These are not easy issues. However, giving your assistance was the right thing to do. Unfortunately, the various reimbursement systems in our nation are in need of adjustment. OES remains hopeful to work toward making the system better so that it does what it was intended to do to save lives, protect property and provide participants with reimbursements in a timely matter.

**AB 283 Volunteer Fire Companies**

AB 283 would permit a fire company in an unincorporated town to be organized by filing a certificate with OES. Our Fire Chief has been involved in discussions with the author of AB 283 about the intent of this legislation. This bill is currently being amended and our Legislative Affairs branch will provide an update to FIRESCOPE through Chief Zagaris. Chief Zagaris provide some comment on this sponsored legislation. Chief Dennen also met with bill sponsor. Chief Dennen discussed the need for members to contact their County Board of Supervisors to adopt guide lines for the formation of Volunteer Firefighter companies or districts within their jurisdictional boundaries.

**Update - OES Budget Update**

Every year OES is budgeted to replace 7 fire engines to maintain our 17 year replacement cycle. We are currently going out to bid for 21 fire engines over 3 fiscal years. We expect to be \$1.3 million short in the replacement program, but, because this program is a priority, we have adjusted the OES budget internally to redirect the additional funding to maintain the replacement schedule.

**Update - SEMS/NIMS Integration update**

The most significant change for the 07 fiscal year is the elimination of the statewide self-certification. NIMS requirements will use performance metrics that capture details on how a jurisdiction has met the FY 05 and FY 06 requirements. Compliance assessments through the use of metrics will provide the basis for all future federal preparedness funding beginning with FY 2008. Compliance metrics are organized into two tiers; Tier 1 requirements are those that must be completed this year, and Tier 2 future requirements. To assist in the compliance reporting, the NIMS Capability and Support Tool (NIMSCAST)



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will be modified to reflect FY 2007 requirements and to provide a tool to collect the metrics associated with NIMS compliance. Online training will begin soon.

**Update - Radio Interoperability report to the State Legislature**

On Friday March 30, 2007, the PSRSPC released its 2007 Statewide Integrated Public Safety Communications Strategic Plan. A soft copy of the report can be found online at [www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov). The Report outlines a ten-year strategic plan for building a statewide "System-of-Systems" throughout California. In the short term, the State must work to address an \$85 million need to replace failing equipment. We cannot become interoperable until we address the issue of operability. OES is also in the procurement stage of six Mobile Communications Units (MCUs) that will be deployed to each of the mutual aid regions later this year.

The MCUs will allow for patching of disparate radio systems, satellite backhaul communications, and full IP voice, data and video operations. The MCUS will fill a critical need for on-scene incident communication capabilities while the PSRSPC and CALSIEC work to develop a statewide "System of Systems." On May 8, 2007 the PSRSPC and CALSIEC will hold an inaugural joint meeting. Agenda items will include discussions of coordinated strategic planning, 700 MHz implementation planning, and an update on the status of the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP).

**CAL FIRE/SFM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE – Chiefs Grijalva / Dargan**

Chief Ruben Grijalva, CAL FIRE introduced Kate Dargan and was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as the State Fire Marshal. She will replace the Chief Grijalva, who has been appointed director of CALFIRE by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and confirmed by the Legislature.

Planning and training for augmented ground resources crews, engines, fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft are being moved into position as southern portion of the state with predicted fire weather forecasts and data are showing that in a "normal" year, Southern California would get grass fires in May & early June that would burn the grass but not the brush because the live fuel moistures were too high. This year the brush is already cured.

**DC-10 Air tanker**

Anticipate utilizing this resource as a call when needed (CWN) with the staffing to be in a readiness state located in Victorville thereby reducing start up time. Looking at a non competitive bid process, anticipate 4 month period beginning July to October.

**Esparanza Review Board**

Report is complete group is working with UFS Families, and staff prior to public release.



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**Discussion on State Responsibility areas (SRA) Fees**

The Legislative Analyst Office report has indicated that the agency should be initiating the SRA fee's. Chief Grijalva expressed opposition to these fees's explaining there is no way to apply equitably to parcels or landowners. Budget issues being tied to large fire cost which continue to impact the Emergency Fund 0900 dollars CAL FIRE has been charged by the legislative to come back with alternatives or provisions to mitigate wildland fires.

**Wildland Awareness Week**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Communications Office is preparing for Wildfire Awareness Week 2007 May 6-12 promoting the theme,

***"Why 100 feet?... Because defensible space is YOUR responsibility"***

CAL FIRE will kick off the week with a ceremony at the State Capitol in Sacramento on Monday, followed by an event each day of Wildfire Awareness Week in a different location within or near the Wildland Urban Interface. It is anticipate that many other events will be hosted by CAL FIRE units, local fire agencies and Fire Safe Councils in areas throughout the rest of the state.

**Fire Hazard Severity Zoning Maps** - Almost Ready for Public Review This summer, fire prevention personnel from all 21 CAL FIRE units will begin introducing High Fire Severity Zone Maps to the public. The Units have finished validating maps and have returned them to Sacramento headquarters where the maps are being incorporated into packages of presentation materials for each local jurisdiction. CAL FIRE anticipates the statewide public hearing process for the State Responsibility Area (SRA) maps to begin around June 1 and continue through Aug 1 with final adoption by the end of December. The maps that pertain to Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) will be Phase II of the project and will be coming out next year.

**Fire Planners Learning to Acquire Grant \$\$**

Pre-Fire Engineers (PFE) from throughout California are attending workshops to learn about the grant process of the Sierra National Conservancy and Proposition 84. There is \$21 million available from these programs to fund fuel modification and fire plan related projects.

**Code Development and Analysis**

SFM staff is hard at work creating workshops to train inspectors for implementing the new building and fire codes. We will have details on those workshops in upcoming editions *California Building Standards Commission Press Release* or visit the website at



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[www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov). The new California Building Code and California Fire Code will be published on July 1, 2007 and will become effective on January 1, 2008

**Blue Ribbon Committee Follow-up:**

Adhoc committee are reviewing the recommendations and Chief Zagaris is assembling an Adhoc Chiefs Group of all agencies working to continue on State and Federal issues. Some recommendations have been adopted to bring improved technology and resources to bear on emergency incidents Examples are the predator type arial real time video feed of current fire spread and activity or conditions. The adhoc committee is to be chaired by CAL Chiefs. Kate Dargan from SFM has been assigned to monitor group's progress.

***Action Item:** Await further direction from BOD*

**10 minute recess requested 11:00 hours**

**Meeting Resumed 11:10 hours**

**NIMS-NRP:**

Chief Dennen recommended to the Board a need keep subject item on agenda and continue to monitor activity on National working group.

**Update from Sub-Committee and CWCG Interoperability/Interdisciplinary Zagaris / Knapp**

Chief Zagaris referred to John Penedios email and literature enclosed in BOD packets

- Proposed Nomenclature for Radio Interoperability, CALSIEC National Radio Nomenclature Update from Florida
- 2007 Statewide Integrated Public Safety Communications Strategic Plan refocus/Restructure/Revamp report has been submitted to the legislature.

The Next Executive Group Meeting of the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee will be on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 1:30-3:30 at the Office of Emergency Services 3650 Schriever Avenue Mather, California 95655

**NASF: NASF FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**Mission/Purpose**

The NASF Forest Fire Protection Committee exists to address wildland fire issues of national concern to state and territorial governments. The Committee will actively work with the federal wildland fire agencies, representatives of local government jurisdictions, non-governmental organizations, and federal and state emergency management organizations



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to ensure that NASF concerns are satisfactorily addressed, both operationally and in national level policy. In carrying out its mission, the Committee will emphasize safety, federal, state and local cooperation and cost containment. Further, the Committee will monitor proposed federal legislation related to wildland fire issues and make appropriate recommendations. **Follow up document submitted in BOD packet.**

***Action Item:** Chief Roper requested that NASF be added to mailing list to receive copies of FIRESCOPE BOD minutes as a Significant number of issues they deal with are all so items that seem to overlap or affect FIRESCOPE Issues.*

### **CICCS**

Chief Scott Vail OES Fire & Rescue Branch presented an overview of where the program is at, headed and needs to go to ensure a cohesive partnership amongst the agencies and cooperators as CICCS and FIRESCOPE work toward the same goals. Discussed qualifications card similar to NWCG red card which shows currency, consistency, IQCS software has been determined best suited to track qualifications as it meets needs maintained by NASF, USFS and the program links to ROSS with software being free available on the web. The proposed 310-1 module guide is to be presented to BOD and will include how peer review groups function, the policy and procedures with a portion of the handbook for ICS CICCS looking to the BOD to endorse a qualification card. Program is currently voluntary.

Next meeting March 26, 2007 @ 1000 Hours Hosted By: CA OES Fire and Rescue  
Location: McClellan Airbase 3237 Peacekeeper Way McClellan, CA 95652

***Action Item:** A position paper to be placed on the agenda for July BOD meeting to outline program and implementation procedure.*

**Recess for working lunch**

**Meeting resumed 1300 hrs**

### **California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA)**

Chief Husari discussed some of the stumbling blocks which have hindered open dialog and discussions creating an impasse for the agreement being signed on time thereby requiring an extension. The Washington Office has directed Federal Forest agencies to reduce large incident cost. Forest agencies proposed a 5% increase for firefighters. Chief Ken Wagner Roseville Fire Department, presented information in hopes to open conversation on the subject of an increase in base rates. Local government participants have proposed a 48% increase in the base rate. Current agreement has been extended but most agencies prefer not to have to extend further. CWCG members are looking for consistency in the same



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members attending meetings and be on same page with out having to recover same information. Chief Grijalva, discussed comments from LAO perceives mission for CALFIRE and the Public Resources code. Chief stated he supports the 7 points-of-light, however he is interested in proposals from Local Government with respect to Master Mutual Aid.

Chief Roper commented on the local agreements that various departments have with the Forest agencies, which are at different rates of pay. Some members are under the impression they would never see reimbursement or payment under CFAA. Other participants would like all local agreements to go away and have the CFAA as the standing reimbursement method. The members of the League of Cities have a different impression on this subject than that of the FIRESCOPE BOD. Lori Lopez discussed fact the rate letter and agreement historically have been separate items and that agreement needs to be in place first, then discussion can begin on base rates.

**Proposals from Local Government**

1. Apparatus paid for 24 hours, changed from 16 hours · Average additional \$2500 for 24 hour period for a strike team · FEMA hourly rates vs. a daily rate per Type · Ad-hoc group to propose rates and justification to FEMA Based on FEMA conference call, FEMA would be agreeable to State developing own rates in lieu of FEMA rate schedule · State developed rates to be for FMAG and P A · Would consider possible standby rate · More latitude for state developed rates under FMAG · FEMA not aware of 16 hour reimbursement cap · First 8 hours non-reimbursable ?
2. Replace formula for base rate for volunteer FF- Capt. Currently \$9.44 & \$10.77 (see attached proposal as Part 1) · Current proposal would cause 48% increase to using agency. Follow agreement as currently worded or · Instead of formula use average FF rate, impacts A- 7 & A-8 (back out 1/3 for system, final pay average FF rate) · Additional cost comparison analysis needed (CDF, USFS, & BLM)
3. Reimburse portal to portal when incident is over 200 miles away, actual time will be reimbursed , (standardized calculation system to be agreed upon at later date) · Added cost to forest agencies · Value of Local Agreements Analysis of sampling of local agreements by CDF, BLM, USFS, NPS,USFWS, BIA
4. Use of CFAA as primary ordering tool- Discuss value of 12 hour free period.  
Based on analysis of local agreements free period may be negotiable.





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**Proposals from Forest Service**

1. The CFAA agreement will be reciprocal between forest agencies and local government - Local agreements are reciprocal, if reduce number of local agreements may want CF AA to be reciprocal also - Agreement needs legal analysis by all agencies prior to commitment - Identify reimbursement authority and process
2. CFAA will be useable for all-risk incidents as well as wildfire. Needs legal analysis by all agencies prior to commitment  
List risks included
3. Reduce the use of local agreements to the extent possible and rely on CFAA
4. Increase the "no-reimbursement" period from less than 12 hours to less than 24 hours
5. Establish an independent group to study administration rates and recommend appropriate rates (USFS & CDF).
  - (CDF) Use Circular A as reference

**Proposals from CDF**

1. Clarify local government proposals, cost associated with each
2. Reimbursement rates be in accordance with FEMA (FMAG)

**Proposals from NPS**

1. Clarify local government proposals, cost associated with each
2. Clarify if applicable for All-hazard
3. Clarify if applicable for team member reimbursement • Use CFAA for all overhead
4. Can CFAA replace a local agreements?.

**Proposals from BLM**

Clarify Apparatus paid for 24 hours vs. 16 hours, cost associated with, hours of apparatus use and staffing levels



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A question was asked with reference to time tables should a compromise be made and agencies come to an agreement how long would it take to get information distributed. Chief Roper stated once parties were to agree to a base rate, a letter could go out to the 324 participants pretty quick. Group will work to bring parties back to the table to in hopes of continuing open dialogue and resolution on agreement.

**Resource Order Comment/Feedback Form:** Gregory/Green/Dennen

The form was included in the BOD packet and was review and discussed. The form was tried on the Sierra Incident and it worked as it brought to light some issues that had not been processed per procedures with the form completed it was quickly able to document where communication break down occurred. Some recommendations were made with suggestions accepted by the group document will be taken back to committee for minor revision and then a final draft be submitted back to BOD in time to be used for this season.

**Report to Board of Directors:** Brian Kelley

**Meetings held since last BOD meeting**

1. Shell Beach Feb 1-2
2. Conference call April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Elections: At the January meeting the OPS Team elected:**

Chair Brian Kelly (San Mateo)  
Vice Chair Dave Pierce (ORC)  
Secretary Mark Schmitt (SBC)

**Vacancies on Operations Team:**

1. Jim Marquis, appointed to BOD Represented Fire Mutual Aid Region IV
2. Blaine Schultz, retired from Mariposa County Represented Rural Fire departments, South

**3. NWCG IOSWT Representative:**

Discussion on the National Wildland Coordinating Group, Incident Operations Working Specialist Team role and importance to further FIRESCOPE goals and mission while being in tune with dynamic changes on issues that directly affect FIRESCOPE and all partners agencies. The FIRESCOPE Taskforce recommending to the Operations Team, Jim Hollingsworth CALFIRE South as a nomination due to fact he will be transitioning with Ralph Alworth as the FIRESCOPE Representative for CALFIRE South. The next IOSWT Team meeting is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> in Louisiana.

**Discussion:** Chief Roper opened to the floor



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**Action Item:** *motion made by Chief Kelly nominating Jim Hollingsworth, CALFIRE from South Operations. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Current Issues:** Task force and Ops team authority to take action e. g. Task force is challenged due to rapid fire activity at National level, with NIMS, NWGC, etc. on several fronts requiring speedy and timely response to requests for input or review of draft documents. It is requested that a work plan item be approved for the Task Force that authorizes the Task Force to represent the established FIRESCOPE interests to protect the intent of the approved documents.

**Received Task Force reports at February meeting and April 5, conference call.**

**Highlights for the BOD attention:**

**Field Operations Guide:** Rewrite complete ready to go to the printers

This document has been incorporated into the ICS 910 document, "Firefighter incident safety and Accountability guidelines".

NWCG:

**Resource Typing:**

Continue to coordinate resource typing with NWCG and NIC. Presentation at Feb 1 - meeting

**San Diego Regional 3C's project Command - Control - Communications**

Lessons learned from the 2003 fire season needed: Collaboration - agencies working together as a single unit to solve a problem. Situational awareness: incorporates video from the filed, to command posts and EOC's Critical information; make sure that all agencies involved have the latest information. Who is involved? Law, fire - rescue, and EMS  
Local, state, federal all involved in Region Benefits: Muti agency collaboration  
Contact Person Sara Diaz 619-916-8157

**Closing Remarks:**

We are mindful of the need to be effective and efficient in the conduct of our responsibilities. We will work with the BOD and OES staff to carry out the objectives established by the Board in MACS 410-4.

Meetings of Ops Team: April 12 - conference call

July 12 - 13 – Buck's Lake

September/October - TBD - before and after the BOD



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**FIRESCOPE Task Force Report**

**Elections:**

At the January meeting the Task Force elected:

Greg West (LFD) Chair  
Dave Stone (LAC) Vice Chair  
Brad Darbro (CNT) Secretary

**FIRESCOPE 420-1 Field Operations Guide FOG revision:**

The T/F has devoted the majority of the past meetings to completing the 2007 rewrite of the FOG. The document revision is complete document was cut into 8 slices and transmitted electronically by the Task Force Chair to the Joint Operations Chair Brian Kelly for review. Discussion on significant changes and table of changes document outline has been forwarded to Brian Kelley.

A full copy of 420-1 revision was provided to board members in a CD format accompanied by the seven page revision list and a condensed summary. Chief West provided an quick overview of the 92 changes to the document for members and then pointed out previous protocols in submission of the revisions for 2007 submitted to FIRESCOPE BOD..

**FIRESCOPE Website:**

The website continues to improve. Meeting agenda and minutes are posted. Specialist and Working Groups using for gathering input, and filing notes/minutes.

**Life Hazards Document:**

“(3) Three Stripes your Out”: Discussion In September 2005 at the BOD direction the Safety Specialist group was tasked to develop a Firefighter Safety guideline in response to the Firefighter Electrocutation which occurred in Santa Clara County. Document is included in the Firefighter Safety guidelines section of the FOG and as a separate document in the ICS 910. Operations Team has approved and blessed this document. At the direction of Chief Lopes, the Safety Specialist Group developed procedures and a document to standardize and institutionalize procedures to isolate hazards that threaten firefighters and responders until such time as technical specialists or the proper agency can respond to mitigate the hazard. The use of 3 horizontal strands of fire line or barrier tape is the standard to identify a hazardous zone that all responders shall not enter.

**Action Item:** *Operations chairs presented to BOD as a highlighted item and addition to the FOG.*



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**NWCG: IOSWT**

Nominee for Chief Alworth's position with the IOSWT recruited, CALFIRE Battalion Chief Jim Hollingsworth. Recommendation submitted to the Ops Team.

**Resource Typing:**

Continue to coordinate resource typing with NWCG and NIC.

**National Emergency responder field Operations Guide:**

Members of the Task Force have been selected to participate in the development of a "National" FOG. Dave Pierce (Ops. Team) Greg West and Dave Stone, along with OES Chiefs Zagaris, Praytor, and O'Bannon.

**NIMS & NRP Review:**

The Task Force has reviewed the NIMS Document that was posted on the website, providing input to the NIMS Integration Center.

**Objectives for 2007:**

**The Task Force has established the following objectives for 2007:**

- Update FIRESCOPE Training packages
- Complete FIRESCOPE History Document
- FIRESCOPE Document maintenance
- Resource typing and coordination with other entities
- NIMS/NIC Coordination
- EOC/MAC/IMT relationships guidance
- Specialist and Working Group management
- Activate GIS, MCI and USAR
- Balance Liaison assignments
- Marketing:

The T/F is scheduled to present a FIRESCOPE Program update and a session on ICS and MCI use at upcoming Southern CA Fire/EMS Conference in May in Temecula.

The Safety Specialist Group will make a FIRESCOPE Presentation at the Western Fire Safety Officer's Conference on April 18, 2007 in San Diego.

**Action Item:** Discussion Task Force Chair (West) indicated T/F looking for standard component on the plan of work identifying maintenance of ICS. Develop a standard work plan item for the Task Force that recognizes the need for the Task Force to respond to requests for input into new documents such as the current "NIMS" review period that is so short that it starts and ends between the regular meetings of the Ops Team and the Board



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*of Directors. Some of the other quick turnaround requests include IMS, DHS, FEMA, NFPA, NWCG and others. This interest is related to the sensitivity of the BOD regarding the role of each element of the decision process. Incorporate a statement or work task on plan of work under Goal 'B' to improve and maintain emergency management leadership. Chief Zagaris can help to facilitate should the Task Force need some quick resolution or clarification on topical issues.*

**Action Item:** *Chief Roper Directed Operations Team & Task force to draft a letter to El Dorado County Fire Chief indicating that FIRESCOPE is pursuing the subject of the Fire line Medic position and that the BOD is still very interested in their work and subject material. Nevada County has also provided some input on the subject having developed an essential tool list.*

## **Type III Engine Committee Report Green, Zagaris**

### **Type 3 Engine Assignee Criteria:**

Meet NWCG or Equivalent Training Requirements

- 1 Engine Boss or Captain
- 1 Engine Operator (Engineer)
- 1 Type 1 or 2 Firefighter
- Presently have or will adopt a 4X4 Driver Training Program
- Must have Wildland Fire Mission and currently own T-3 Engines
- Can Meet FIRESCOPE compliant 3/0 Staffing
- Ability to Staff 4/0 out of Unit
- OES Type 3 Engines will be expected to accept the following types of work assignments;
- Backfire, Burnout, Holding, and Mop-Up
- Progressive Hose Lays, Hose Lays supplemented with portable pumps
- Construct Hand lines
- Mobile Pumping
- Operate in Off-Road Environment
- Meet the expected 14 Day assignment period in compliance with CFAA.

### **Type 3 Engine Housing:**

The OES Agreement for Temporary Transfer of Vehicular Equipment requires that the OES engine be housed on property of the assignee in a manner to provide reasonable protection against inclement weather, sabotage, theft or malicious damage:

- Where will the engine normally be housed? (Station number and physical address)



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**Maintenance:**

- Maintenance and care will include care of hose, batteries, tires, appliances, and general cleaning and periodic testing. Repairs will include motor tune-ups, and pump repairs. Maintenance will also include brake systems, cooling devices, pump packing and equipment assigned to the engine
- Who maintains your equipment fleet (Agency personnel, including facilities, or outside vendor)?
- Who does your annual pump testing (in house or contractor)?
- Training- Personnel responding with an OES engine must meet wildland fire and ICS training standards established in the California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) or NWCG 310-1 (Current version)
- Does your department meet the wildland training standard? ( YES / NO )
- Operations- The transfer agreement that assigns a State OES Engine requires that a department staff the engine for immediate need with 3 fully trained personnel.
- Does your department have the staffing capability to send the engine out (minimum 3 fire fighters responding) for 14 days (excluding travel time)? ( YES / NO )

**FIRESCOPE / Fire Advisory Board Vacancies**

The following Board vacancies within OES Fire and Rescue Regions II, III and IV as a result of Board Member retirements.

- 1 for County Fire Department North
- 1 for Fire Districts North
- 1 for City Fire Departments North

**OES Fire & Rescue Branch Report Zagaris**

Welcome Assistant Chief Brian Woodbeck assigned to FIRE Mutual Aid Region VI. Continuing to work on fill positions. Still some staff vacancies remain. All exposed cab engines have been retrofitted with fire curtains.



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**Ambulance Strike Team Status Report:**

There is a need to bring this group more in tune with needs and how they integrate into Mutual Aid System. Next meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup> Chief Sheldon Gilbert will be facilitating meeting on behalf of Cal Chiefs. Direction has been provided that they will need to use a 4 letter id "M" identifying as Medic provider or unit preceding the 3 letter id for the Operational Area. Objectives are not to mix Fire Mutual resources, with Private sector ambulance resources.

Questions what is their role in Mutual Aid incidents? Transportation? What are their ICS qualifications and training? What is the standard equipment complement?  
Emergency Medical Services Authority, EMSA received a federal grant which was used to procure 25 strike team leader vehicles. OES will be closely monitoring that progress.

Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems (MAFFS) H models gone and Guard converting to J models. Guard is down to 6 units with modules in Ca due to Military commitments  
CALFIRE and OES FIRE & Rescue representatives meet with California National Guard and the representatives for the 11 western states. Normally 8 units are available nation wide,  
Should this asset be needed it be coming from out of state. Military has also changed stance on cost related to training as it will require 100 % of it to be paid by the host entity.

Evergreen Aviations the vendor behind the 747 Air Tanker is still trying to market product and find a viable user has not thrown in towel as yet however Federal Forest agencies have not signed any further agreements behind the initial testing period which occurred last year.

**Meeting adjournment 1530 hours**

***NEXT MEETING – JULY 11, 2007 – SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT***