

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Minutes of the Meeting
April 12, 1995
Riverside, California**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Donald Manning, Chairman - Chief, Los Angeles City Fire Department
Neil Honeycutt, Chief - Office of Emergency Services
Jim Dykes, Deputy Director - (For Richard Wilson) - CA Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection
Larry Holmes, Chief - Orange County Fire Department
Michael Freeman, Chief - Los Angeles County Fire Department
James Sewell, Chief - Ventura County Fire Department
Doug Sporleder, Chief - Santa Clara County Fire Department
Russ Richards, Fire Warden - Stanislaus County
Loren Pettis, Chief - Montclair Fire Department
Eldon Nagel, California State Firefighter's Association

DIRECTOR OF OES

Richard Andrews

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gary Costamagna, Chief - Sacramento City Fire Department
Chris Cameron, Protection Specialist - National Park Service
Pat Kidder, Fire & Aviation Officer - Bureau of Land Management
Richard Wilson, Director - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

SPECIAL ADVISORS ABSENT

Brian Hatch, California Professional Firefighters

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Beckstrom, Deputy Chief - Office of Emergency Services
Jim Jeffery, Assistant Chief - Office of Emergency Services
Michael Douglass, Acting Deputy Chief - Office of Emergency Services
John Linder, Acting Deputy Chief - Office of Emergency Services
Glenn Newman, South Area Chief - California Department of Forestry
Ron Larsen, Chief - Sacramento County Fire Protection District
Wally Hurst, Assistant General Manager - C.S.F.A.
Mike Dougherty, Assistant Director, Southern Operations - U.S.F.S.
Frank Borden, Assistant Chief - Los Angeles City Fire
Claude R. Creasey, Battalion Chief - Los Angeles City Fire

Elizabeth Lowe - President Fire Commission - Los Angeles City Fire
Paul Ditzen - Division Chief - State Fire Marshal
Ralph Alworth - Division Chief - California Department of Forestry-South Area
Jim Owen, Region Chief - California Department of Forestry
Andy Anderson - Chief - Quincy Fire Department
Bob Martines - Operations Chief, Sierra South Region
Rachel Parks - Office Technician, Office of Emergency Services

OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chairman Donald Manning. Self-introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 12, 1995 MINUTES

Michael Freeman moved that the minutes of the April 12, 1995 meeting be approved as written. Doug Sporleder seconded, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

41 FIRE FINAL AFTER ACTION REPORT

Neil Honeycutt discussed the 41 Fire After Action Report that was distributed to the Fire Service. Neil Honeycutt said that the Fire Service was able to assist in the process of producing the report and that Fire Agencies that had an interest in the report were involved in the review process. The format of this report should remain the same for future After Action Reports.

He complimented the contractor that assisted the Fire Service with the After Action Report, as he had no prior fire service experience.

Neil Honeycutt encouraged comments regarding the Report.

FOG MANUAL/FIRE WEATHER

John Linder discussed changes in terminology used by the National Weather Service affecting Red Flag Watches, from "The Red Flag Watch" to the "Fire Weather Watch" largely due to the South Canyon Fire Incident. He distributed a draft form of the Red Flag Alert Notification. John added that new terminology will require changes in Fire Service MACS Red Flag Procedures.

The new FOG manual is in final development stages. It will be available on or about May 1, 1995.

Larry Holmes moved to accept the changes in the Red Flag Watch terminology. James Sewell seconded and motion was passed by unanimous vote.

URBAN INTERFACE WHITE PAPER UPDATE

Mike Dougherty circulated a draft of the FIREScope Task Force Urban Intermix paper. He said that Ray Quintanar was appointed to form a committee to develop The Urban Intermix White Paper at the February 22nd board meeting:

The Committee met on March 31, 1995, and developed the draft of the White Paper. Mike explained that the beginning of the Paper has an overview of the continued success of the FIREScope program. The committee is requesting input from interested parties.

Dick Andrews asked Mike Dougherty about the time frame the Urban Interface Paper will take to develop.

Mike Dougherty responded that it would take two to three weeks to receive comments.

He added that California may be taking the lead nationally in developing position papers on intermix issues.

REPORT ON KOBE EARTHQUAKE

Frank Borden gave a brief overview of the Kobe Earthquake. He also showed a video produced by Japanese Television News.

1993 AFTER ACTION REPORT (SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS)

Mike Dougherty reported that the Subcommittee has not met since our last meeting, but there are several issues that support the After Action Report - the MIRS project is an example.

He reported that the Communications Specialist Group is actively working on the communication issues as they relate to the After Action Report.

Mike Dougherty said the Operations Teams are reviewing the following items for the Fire and Rescue Branch. The Operations Team will make a final report at the July 12, 1995 meeting.

*FIRESCOPE DECISION PROCESS
Issues*

- *Realignment of "South" zone to include OES Region V.*
- *Seek wider representation of smaller departments in the decision process.*
- *Review specialist Groups, Task Forces and Operation Teams organizations.*
- *Creation of OCC North in Redding to mirror the Riverside OCC Operation.*
- *Centralize FIRESCOPE program management at OES Sacramento Headquarters.*

US&R UPDATE

Mike Douglass provided an update on the OES Urban Search and Rescue program. OES purchased eight Swiftwater Rescue trailers and Swiftwater Rescue equipment caches for the Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces. He said that the trailers will be delivered to the Task Forces within thirty to sixty days.

Mike Douglass reported that FEMA is granting \$25,000.00 to each of the Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces. This money is through the CCA program and is not a loan. He informed the Chief's of the Task Forces that the notice from FEMA was received last week. Chief's of these Task Forces will be receiving communications from OES regarding the transfer of funds. Mike stressed that the money must be spent on US&R equipment or training.

OES ENGINE UPDATE

Paul Beckstrom reported that four Model 18 engines are being built for OES and six engines for CDF.

He added that OES purchased four 1500 GPM Gorman Rupp pumps, and that Monterey County is using two of them. OES also purchased twelve 410 GPM Otterbine pumps.

OES FIRE AND RESCUE BRANCH REORGANIZATION

Neil Honeycutt distributed a memo regarding the OES Fire and Rescue Branch reorganization that is expected to be completed by July 1, 1995.

He said as positions are vacated the Department of Personnel Administration requires rejustification prior to filling them. He added that OES is seeking US&R and Fire qualified individuals to fill the positions.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Ralph Allworth distributed the Task Force Report dated April 12, 1995. He reported that the High Rise Specialist Group met on March 29, 1995. The group was able to continue its planning for the train-the-trainer sessions throughout the State. This hand-off was newly revised as the ICS Generic Management Curriculum. He also attached an issue paper which outlines topics that need to be addressed by the decision process.

He added that the Task Force had submitted two recommendations for NWCG to consider during their revision of the Fireline Handbook. Recommendations were to (1) have typing consistency for the first four type of engine resource and (2) review typing standards for helicopters with consideration given to having standards which address the heavier lifting helicopters.

Larry Holmes moved to accept the Task Force Report. Douglas Sporeleder seconded, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

SEMS UPDATE

Larry Holmes asked if we received a request for comments regarding SEMS. He adds that SEMS is moving as planned.

Dick Andrews reported that much work has been done on curriculum, and that some elements are already being used by CSTI for training. He added that Law Enforcement is also being integrated into the SEMS process.

MIRS UPDATE

Neil Honeycutt reported that MIRS is focused on automating the current manual resource ordering and tracking systems, the goal is to increase operational efficiency. The committee is seeking the best technology available to provide MIRS-compatibility with all new programs.

5 PARTY AGREEMENT

Neil Honeycutt reported that Nevada fire agencies are interested in participating in the five Party Cooperative Agreement. The Forest Agencies will evaluate the impact of this proposal on their current operations with OES.

Mike Douglass commented on the results of the 1995 Salary Survey. He pointed out that

in the future, survey's could be returned electronically, to speed up the process. Some Departments had not yet returned their surveys by mail.

He presented the Salary Survey rates for approval: \$627.00 apparatus crew member, \$799.00 for strike team leader/overhead personnel.

Ron Larsen moved to make a motion to accept the changed rates. Russ Richards seconded the motion and passed by a unanimous vote.

CLOSING REMARKS/NEXT MEETING DATE

Chief Honeycutt and the Board set the next meeting for July 12, 1995 in Sacramento.

Jim Dykes moved to make a motion to have the next FIREScope meeting in February to be held in Riverside. Jim Owen seconded and motion is carried by a unanimous vote

Jim Dykes reported that there has been a National reaction to the new Federal Aviation Administration regulations concerning Public Safety aircraft. This topic was discussed at our February 22, 1995 FIREScope meeting. The regulations severely restrict the use of retrofitted military choppers by the fire service, since military aircraft cannot be certified by the FAA.

Wally Hurst explained that the Legislature is now recognizing fire issues. There is a CSFA Bill sponsored by Mickey Conroy to have fire services reimbursed.

Mike Dougherty stated that a Type One helicopter will be used at Camp Pendleton this fire season. The U.S. Forest Service has proposed boundary line changes between North and South Zone. The Tuolumne and the Northfork are the proposed boundaries; Yosemite National Park will now be in the South Zone.

Mike Dougherty promoted into position formerly held by John Bryant.

FACILITY TOUR

Don Manning introduces Glen Newman and the Board Members were escorted on a tour of the OCC Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Honeycutt

Neil R. Honeycutt, Chief
State of California
Governor's Office of Emergency Services
Fire and Rescue Branch
July 5, 1995