

MEETING NOTES
FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 11, 1981
LAC CAMP 2

I. ATTENDANCE

J. Chaffin	J. Monesmith
R. Griggs	F. Borden
B. Irwin	H. McElwee
Z. Smith	B. Paulus
R. Land	C. Bragdon
S. Masson	B. Patterson
J. Uribarri	R. Creel
M. Barrows	A. Cunningham
R. Peterson	

II. STATEMENT OF INTENT:

Alex Cunningham shared information on a "Statement of Intent" initiated by the California Department of Forestry, State Fire Marshal's Office and O.E.S. This document establishes the unified intent by these agencies to mutually encourage utilization of state resources and funding in support of the FIRESCOPE Program.

III. FIRE MARSHAL'S FIRESCOPE TRAINING REPRESENTATIVE

Cunningham reported that the State Fire Marshal is in the process of hiring a person to fill the position. There are still some important questions about this topic: when will position be filled?, what will complete duties be?, who will supervise position?

IV. COORDINATION OF FIRE SERVICE INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FIRESCOPE PROGRAM

Cunningham also presented a proposed FIRESCOPE policy and procedures for coordinating fire service involvement with the FIRESCOPE Program.

A question was raised concerning our abilities to respond to potential requests from the vast number of fire services.

Chief Bragdon recommended the information flow be through the master mutual aid system (O.E.S. area and regional coordinators) rather than directly to OCC/SSM. The exception would be agencies from outside the FIRESCOPE region. All agreed to Chief Bragdon's suggestion. Cunningham will make the recommended adjustments and provide revised copies to the Board.

V. MEETING EFFECTIVENESS:

The Board expressed the need to have materials ahead of time and suggestions were made to take advantage of conference calls and other services for accomplishing prework orientation. The

Program Office will research several possibilities plus investigate ways of tightening up the decision process to assure adequate Board review of information prior to the meetings.

VI. GOVERNORS TASK FORCE

Bob Paulus explained the newly formed Governors Task Force and their assigned tasks. Chairman Smith offered any support the Board may provide.

VII. "PERSONEN'S CHARTER"

Paulus provided proposed guidelines which included current bylaws for governing the inclusion of other fire services. The general conclusion to CDF's efforts was that the existing FIRESCOPE Charter, and the existing Decision Process, cover the subject adequately for now.

It was brought out that additional work needs to be done on future plans for including other fire services in the use of the system. The CDF agreed to staff out criteria for governing the future inclusion and present them to the Board. Board members are to provide any comments or suggestions to Bob Paulus.

VIII. NATIONAL INTERAGENCY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIIMS)

Bob Irwin provided an historical perspective which eventually resulted in the development of NIIMS. Bob reviewed the NIIMS operating requirements and a summary of major organizational and operational changes in NIIMS from the FIRESCOPE ICS. In addition the positive and negative potential impacts of adopting NIIMS was presented.

Recommendations for Board action was proposed by Irwin.

Chairman Smith pointed out that regardless of what is done in southern California a change will be made nationally. The key is to provide adequate response to NWCG based on our experience. Chief Bragdon expressed a concern about acceptance by local fire services if a significant change in the system is made.

This speaks to the need for NWCG to assure they coordinate future development and implementation of a National system with State and local fire services.

The Board agreed with the recommendations presented by Irwin. In addition the Task Force and Operations Team is directed to produce a response to NWCG. They should consider the following in the development of that response:

1. NWCG needs to recognize the importance of coordinating with local and urban fire services.
2. They should become aware of the breadth of experience and coordination that has gone into the development of the basic system described.

3. Once a National system is adopted, changes should be made only on an infrequent basis. Stability is necessary for acceptance.

4. The response is to be directly from the Board to NWCG.

IX. FIRE ANALYSIS

Irwin reported on the Operations Team Quick review of the 1980 season. The Board reviewed the future directions identified by the Operations Team.

Chief Bragdon agreed we did better than previously, but maybe we should have accomplished more than we did. He suggested a more indepth analysis of weaknesses might be beneficial. All supported the need to be up front, open and constructively critical of our efforts.

Utilizing the review document as a basis, it was suggested that the Task Force and Operations Team develop more specific details and action including a communication process back to the agencies on the identified needs for their improvements.

Irwin agreed to provide, through the Task Force and Operations Team, an analysis that will meet the Board's intent. In addition, the Board members are to review the 1980 MACS procedures and report on any apparent weaknesses which could not have been resolved though adequately following these procedures.

X. BUDGET

Irwin reviewed the budget and the problems associated with acquiring a final allocation. It appears there will be a 15% reduction in funding for this Fiscal Year. Not much can be accomplished at this time until allocations and purchasing regulations are finalized.

XI. PROGRESS REPORT

1. FY 1981 ADP PLAN OF WORK: The Board reviewed the FY 81-84 ADP revised plan of work. No recommendations were made.

2. MACS DESIGN: A critical element of future progress is the full participation of Task Force membership. A heavy workload is planned.

Terminology definitions relative to the MACS Goals and interpretations will be available for review prior to the next Board meeting, and will be on the agenda for the meeting.

3. DATA BASES: Uribarri provided an update on the fuels data base work that is being produced by U.C. Santa Barbara. Some good and promising products are being produced.

4. MAPPING: Mike Renslow has produced a manual on mapping products. The manual provides laymans terminology and graphic examples which can be useful when discussing the products, or making decisions about their uses.

XII. NEXT MEETING

May 13, 1981

Location to be determined.



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