

MINUTES OF MEETING  
FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Los Angeles County Fire Department Headquarters  
January 6 & 7, 1976

Stan Barlow	Los Angeles County Fire Department
Richard Barrows	Office of Emergency Services
Richard Chase	FIRESCOPE Project
William Dresser	Angeles National Forest
John Englund	Los Angeles County Fire Department
-Harold Greenwood	Los Angeles City Fire Department
Paul Guilkey	PSW, Berkeley
-Robert Irwin	FIRESCOPE Program
Douglas Leisz	U.S. Forest Service, San Francisco
Kenneth Long	Los Angeles City Fire Department
Stanley Masson	Ventura County Fire Department
Charles Philpot	PSW, Riverside
Larry Richey	CDF, Sacramento
John Risdon	Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Michael Schori	CDF, Sacramento
-James Smith	Ventura County Fire Department

Bob Irwin opened with a summary of the beneficial use of FIRESCOPE OCC SITSTAT and RESTAT concepts at the FS/CDF coordinating dispatch center during the Thanksgiving week fires. Included was a description of the use of the rudimentary elliptical fire spread model presently available on the GE timeshare computer system, and also the use of the IR telemetry system.

Funding of the FIRESCOPE program was clarified with an explanation that the Forest Service fire research appropriation increase by Congress in 1972 was initially provided to strengthen wildland fire research in the broad areas of aerial fire suppression and command and control, and did not specifically mandate or establish FIRESCOPE or any other research project.

Commitment of a portion of these fire research funds to the particular 5-year effort which subsequently was designated as the FIRESCOPE program was a Forest Service administrative decision. It was emphasized that the existing funding is available for research purposes only, and that sources of funding for system implementation need to be worked out by and among the participating agencies.

A summary of program expenditures to date was requested, and is furnished with these minutes.

The proposed OES role statement letter was reviewed. LA City raised an objection to some of the wording, and the Forest Service proposed the addition of the responsibility for system document management. It was agreed that the respective agencies would prepare suggested appropriate revisions, and the letter would once more be circulated for approval. (This has been done, and Irwin is hand-carrying the letter to the Board of Directors members for signature. LA City, LA County, and CDF have signed as of February 20, 1976.)

A review of the "FIREScope Decision Making Process" proposal elicited the following comments:

Under Board of Directors, B. Goal:, the word "advise" should be changed to "direct"; in C.1., "advice" should be changed to "direction"; in D., 4, the sentence "Opting out..." should be deleted (since thought is implied by preceding "consensus"); in E., "RD&A Program" should be inserted after "FIREScope," and the Board members should be named in the document. To this end the following were designated:

Stanley Barlow	Los Angeles County
Robert Harris	Forest Service, PSW
Douglas Leisz	Forest Service, Region 5
Kenneth Long	Los Angeles City
Charles Manfred	California Office of Emergency Services
Stanley Masson	Ventura County
Larry Richey	California Division of Forestry
John Risdon	Santa Barbara County

Douglas Leisz was unanimously elected Chairman.

The present lack of a San Diego area representative, in particular, was noted, and it was agreed that the Board would consider adding members as appropriate.

(The need for a formally designated "Operations Group" along the line proposed was questioned, and the consensus was that the agencies were not at this time willing to commit yet another person to the program. Task Force members should continue to serve as the input point for operational proposals and problems, and they in turn would seek advice from appropriate agency management and technical personnel.)

It was agreed that, with the primary role of the Task Force shifting from research and development support over the next year, it would be appropriate for the Program Manager to assume responsibility for coordination of their efforts. This is with the understanding that commitments and requirements for their support of research contractor work would continue to receive first priority.

✓ With respect to the "FIREScope Implementation Management" proposal, it was suggested that item III include a requirement that each agency prepare an analysis of its particular level of "interest" in each of the program elements to provide an indication of its potential support and participation in that phase of the system development, implementation and operation.

Proposed implementation plans for the OCC and ICS in 1976, as well as a preliminary long-term plan for total system implementation, were briefly reviewed. Suggested changes in the plans were proposed. (These changes have been integrated into revised plans which have been mailed to all parties.) It was announced that new communication equipment is being installed in the OES COMSTAT #6 unit, and it would be ready and available for operational use as an incident communications unit for the 1976 fire season. (IR telemetry equipment will not be housed in that vehicle, as was the case last year.) It was agreed that research would be responsible for training agency teams in the use of the unit's radio equipment; Region 5 agreed to commit people for this training.

Because of the inability of the participating agencies to make required funds available this fiscal year to support the previously proposed time schedule for beginning the orthophoto mapping and non-fuels data base program, it was suggested that efforts (and available \$) be concentrated on a pilot area to test and demonstrate concepts and procedures. A proposal to initiate this will be prepared jointly by the program and research project for presentation at the next Board meeting.

RICHARD A. CHASE  
Acting Project Leader

Enclosure

MINUTES

FIREScope BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 6, 1976

Attendees

Douglas Leisz	FS R5
John Vance	FS R5
William Dresser	FS Angeles National Forest
Kenneth Long	L.A.F.D.
Stan Masson	Ventura County F.D.
Michael Schorri	CDF
John Risdon	San Bernardino County

<u>R&amp;D FUNDING</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>77</u>
Program Administration	176	158	225	225	225
Contracts, grants	664	675	675	675	675
Coop					
FIRESCOPE Total	840	853	900	900	900
Meteorology RW		50	100	75	75
NFL IR RW			60		
Nat'l Bureau of Stand.	42				
Fuels RW					50
	882	903	1060	975	1025

Leisz explained funding. Money authorized by Congress was not for "FIRESCOPE", but to Forest Service Research. Research gave FIRESCOPE priority and allocated funds.

Implementation funding will have to be additional.

A breakdown of FIRESCOPE expenditures will be provided to each participant. A breakdown of future FIRESCOPE expenditures will be provided to each participant.

Discussion on Public Relations. There is a need to develop a Public Relations package.

#### OES role

Discussion on letter of intent.

Need for commitment on extent of OES participation.

#### FIRESCOPE implementation Management

Bob Irwin's outline explained. General discussion.

#### FIRESCOPE decision making process

Bob Irwin presented proposal.

General discussion. Several objections to operations group.

Discussion on make up of Board of Directors.

FS - R5	Douglas Leisz, Chairman
OES	Charles Manfred, Richard Barrows alternate
L.A.F.D.	Kenneth Long
S.B.C.	John Risdon
Ventura	Stan Masson
L.A.C.F.D.	Stanley Barlow
FS PSFRES	Robert Harris

Discussion on make up of Operations Group

L.A.F.D., L.A.C.F.D., and Ventura County F.D. will have no extra manpower commitment. Task Force representative will perform function. Will try limited manning operation with above agency Task Force representative fulfilling two rolls. Discussion on Task Force operation and coordination of activities. Program manager will be coordinator for Task Force operation. (No supervision)

Program manager and project manager will list elements of FIREScope OCC - ICS operation and submit to agencies for evaluation of participation.

ICS implementation goals

Discussion on Task Force ICS implementation proposals.

General discussion on use and manning of comstat 6.

Consensus of opinion to have a "core group" trained to operate it.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JANUARY 7, 1976

Attendees

Douglas Leisz	FS R5
John Vance	FS R5
William Dresser	FS Angeles National Forest
Kenneth Long	L.A.F.D.
Stan Masson	Ventura County F.D.
Michael Schorri	CDF
John Risdon	San Bernardino County
Richard Barrows	OES
Stanley Barlow	L.A.C.F.D.
Bob Irwin	FIREScope Program Office
Dick Chase	FIREScope Program Office
Paul Guilkey	FS Pacific Southwest Forest Range Expt. Station
Charles Philpot	FS Riverside Fire Lab
Harrold Greenwood	L.A.F.D.
Jim Smith	Ventura County F.D.
John Englund	L.A.C.F.D.
Larry Richey	CDF
John Warren	FIREScope Program Office
Allen Ambacher	FS USGS Mapping

ICS implementation schedule

Discussion of operation on future Angeles National Forest incidents. Need for training prior to going into FIREScope ICS operation at fires.

Task Force to make recommendations.

Comstat 6

Discussion on plan for using unit at fires. Validate effectiveness of unit. Task Force to make recommendations.

OCC implementation

Bob Irwin explained schedule and goals. General discussion of 1976 operation manning - OES functions.

Program manager will be responsible for OCC operation.

Discussion on OCC location.

Discussion on IR operation and IR relationship with OCC.

Long Range FIREScope system implementation

Bob Irwin presented long range implementation program.

Irwin's outline to be furnished to all participants.

Aerial photo maps.

Concentrate efforts on small test area using available Forest Service funding.

Next meeting date left open

Meeting adjourned 1310