

*Office of Emergency Services
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FIREScope BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 1993*

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MEMBERS PRESENT

*Donald Manning, Vice Chairman - Chief, Los Angeles City Fire Department
Rich Aronson, Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Jim Brannon, Chief - Linda Fire Protection District
Frank Buscher, Chief - Tiburon Fire Protection District
Ron Coleman, California State Fire Marshal
Gary Costamagna, Chief - Sacramento City Fire Department
Dave Festerling, Assistant Chief for George Lund, Chief - Ventura County FD
Dick Henry, Director - U.S. Forest Service
Larry Holms, Chief - Orange County Fire Department
Pat Kidder, Fire and Aviation Officer - Bureau of Land Management
Donald Perry, Deputy Chief for Dan Fraijo, Chief - Santa Barbara County FD
Bill Teie, Deputy Director for Richard Wilson, Director - California Department of Forestry and
Fire Protection
William Zeason, Deputy Chief for Michael Freeman, Chief - Los Angeles County Fire
Department*

MEMBERS ABSENT

*Chris Cameron, Regional Fire Management Officer - National Park Service
Dan Fraijo, Chief - Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Michael Freeman, Chief - Los Angeles County Fire Department
George Lund, Chief - Ventura County Fire Department
William Maxfield, Chairman - Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Department
Loren Pettis, Chief - Montclair Fire Department
Richard Wilson, Director - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection*

SPECIAL ADVISORS PRESENT

Bob Hamilton for Eldon Nagel, General Manager - California State Firefighter's Association

SPECIAL ADVISORS NOT PRESENT


*Brian Hatch, California Professional Firefighters
Eldon Nagel, California State Firefighter's Association*

OTHERS PRESENT

*Richard Andrews, Director - Office of Emergency Services
Will Brock, Assistant Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Sherri Belchamber, Technician - OES Fire and Rescue*


OTHERS PRESENT

Richard Broughton, Fiscal Manager - Ventura County Fire Department
John Bryant, Emergency Operations Coordinator - U.S. Forest Service, South
Gary Buzzini, Region Chief - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Region II
Mike Dacy, Chief - Sacramento County Fire Department, OES Region IV Coordinator
Mike Dougherty, Assistant Fire Coordinator - U.S. Forest Service, South
Candace Gregory, Division Chief - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Bill Harrington, Asst. Deputy Director - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Darrell Higuchi, Assistant Chief - Los Angeles County Fire Department
Lloyd Keefer, Region Chief - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Merrill McMurray, Deputy Chief - Sacramento County Fire Department
Larry Miller, Assistant Chief - Los Angeles County Fire Department
Lee Mitchell, Deputy Chief - OES Fire and Rescue
Glen Newman, Assistant Region Chief - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Jim Owen, Region Chief - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Bev Passerello, Legislative Liaison - Office of Emergency Services, Legislation
Cindy Shamrock, Chief Deputy Director - Office of Emergency Services
Keith Simmons, Deputy Chief - Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Rick Tye, Chief - Menlo Park Fire Department
Brian Weatherford, Deputy Chief - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Kim Zagaris, Assistant Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division

 The meeting was called to order at 0945 by Vice Chairman Manning. Round-table introductions were made and Rich Aronson discussed logistics. Director Andrews introduced Chief Deputy Director Cindy Shamrock. Dr. Andrews gave members a brief summary of OES activities since the last meeting, including the current flooding, snow problems in Los Angeles and Plumas Counties; objectives for this year, which may include the purchase of land in Sacramento to proceed with a new Headquarters office for OES; continuing re-organization issues within OES; update and status of the OASIS Project; and FEMA appointments and payment issues. Dr. Andrews advised members of a meeting in Los Angeles on January 29th with the Mutual Aid Task Force, which was set up after the Los Angeles riots to bring law and fire mutual aid coordinators together with local, State, and Federal law officials to review and update procedures related to civil disturbances. There have been some new procedures developed in this area, geared at early notification and new training programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JULY 8, 1992 MEETING

Chief Manning asked for any corrections or additions to the October 14, 1992 minutes. No changes were noted.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY DICK HENRY SECONDED BY DON PERRY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 14, 1992 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

OES FIRE AND RESCUE BUDGET/SB 1841 STATUS

Chief Deputy Director Cindy Shamrock updated members on the reductions in funding to OES, and stated that OES is now trying to identify how to absorb, re-organize, and streamline, in order to live within the reduced funds that are available. To date, changes have not affected the Fire and Rescue Division directly. However, on a long-term basis, transition will include moving, and eliminating positions, and the loss of funding to purchase mutual aid fire equipment for this year. Ms. Shamrock indicated that OES is not abandoning the concept of mutual aid equipment and administration should be able to project within the next week, where the additional cuts may be made. The current Governor's budget includes OES losing another 15% in the General Fund budget, which equates to 2.2 million dollars. OES plans to keep fighting to reduce that percentage, however, if that 15% cut is not reduced, there will have to be significant cuts to every division within OES, including the Fire Division.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET IMPACT/EFFECTS ON MUTUAL AID

After a lengthy open discussion, members and guest agreed that due to current budget constraints, and anticipated cuts (i.e. AB 8 funding) at the local level, departments will be much more cautious in filling mutual aid requests. Chief Manning questioned why the fire service is not considered public safety, and exempt from these cuts. Ms. Shamrock explained that the definition of public safety is strictly that of interpretation by the Governor. Chief Manning stressed that the cuts to fire service will undoubtedly create a loss of lives, and the loss of an economic base in the community, which would be due to the loss of funding because they are not considered public safety. Ms. Shamrock stated that OES would be following up on the public safety issue, to find out if the intent is to exempt public safety, or to exempt correctional facilities and law enforcement. Members discussed forming a committee, with representatives from the OES, CDF, CSFM, Local Government, BLM, NPS, and USFS to gather information for an issue paper, representing the impact of budget reductions on the fire service on a statewide basis, and submit it to the Governor. This committee will work with the State Fire Marshal, since their office has already begun the process of information gathering for the California Fire Census.

➡ **IT WAS MOVED LARRY HOLMS, SECONDED BY JIM BRANNON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO FORM THE ABOVE COMMITTEE TO PRESENT A POSITION PAPER ON BUDGET IMPACT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.**

Representatives on the above committee will be:

Ron Coleman, California State Fire Marshal
Gary Costamagna, Sacramento City Fire Department
Rich Aronson, OES Fire and Rescue
Bill Teie, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Frank Buscher, Tiburon Fire Protection District

*Mike Dougherty, U.S. Forest Service
Larry Holms, Orange County Fire Department
Bob Hamilton, California State Firefighter's Association
Bill Maxfield, Contra Costa County Fire Department*

The first meeting of this committee will be held immediately after this advisory meeting, with a follow-up meeting at the State Fire Marshal's Office within the next week.

IMS REPORT

Chief Holms reported that things are going much better with the coordination and support with the Phoenix Fire Department IMS people. (See enclosed letter to Gary Morris, regarding SB 1841.) Next meeting will be in Houston. Dick Henry advised that he plans to attend the meeting in Houston on January 28 and, suggested that the Board of Directors support the letter to Gary Morris, Phoenix Fire Department, re-iterating California's statewide support.

**➡ IT WAS MOVED BY RON COLEMAN, SECONDED BY JIM BRANNON AND
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE SUGGESTED LETTER.**

TASK FORCE REPORT

The NWCG group has proposed some changes to terminology in ICS positions. They have asked the Task Force for an opinion and the Task Force is reviewing these proposals. These are title changes, not function changes, and are due to the re-writing of curriculum for ICS training. Their trying to develop a generic curriculum for training in ICS for Law, EMS, and other disciplines.

Resource typing is done and the Task Force is reviewing utilization of resources. Task Force is considering dropping the requirement for Type 1 engines from four persons to three persons, since very few departments are running four person engines. As it is finalized, it will be brought through the Operations Teams to the Board for their concurrence.

Mr. Dougherty stated that the Task Force was asked by the State Fire Marshal's Office to review some of the SFM curriculum. There are some issues with the high rise curriculum, and they are being worked on. Chief Coleman asked if the review could be completed within 30 days, and Mr. Dougherty stated that it could.

Task Force is also working on the Oakland recommendation of developing a Fire Management Essentials course for Metro Chief Officers. This course was developed and took place in October at CDF academy. The course went very well. The Southern California Course is scheduled for March 8-11 at Tujunga Training Center. Some minor modifications will be made after that course is presented.

The Task Force is to continuing work on, and completion of the Generic MACs. Board members discussed, and recommended that the Task Force Communication Specialist Group be involved in assisting field representatives in developing regulations for the OES Communication Frequency Use Agreement.

➡ **IT WAS MOVED BY BILL TEIE, SECONDED BY LARRY HOLMS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MOTION.**

OPERATIONS TEAMS REPORTS/NORTH AND SOUTH

Andy Anderson was unable to attend due to State of Emergency in Plumas County. John Bryant reported for both North and South Operations Teams. Mr. Bryant stated that the dates for the next Joint Operations Team meeting are January 28 and 29, 1993 in Morro Bay. There will also be a Joint Operations Team meeting July 8 and 9, 1993 in Quincy.

Issue paper on SB-1841 - has been reviewed by Operations Teams and recommendations are attached. Operations Teams would like concurrence from the Board. Recommendations were reviewed and Bill Teie recommended that the Committee to establish regulations, utilize the operations teams in that effort.

➡ **IT WAS MOVED BY BILL TEIE, SECONDED BY LARRY HOLMS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MOTION.**

Mr. Bryant further updated the Board on the work by the Task Force and Operations Teams to maintain and develop the ICS and MAC's systems. He advised the Board the OES Deputy Chief Mike Scherr has been invited to speak at the Training Officer's Workshop in April. Chief Scherr will do a one hour presentation on "FIREScope, Today and Tomorrow". Bill Zeason is working with NFA, to find a place for the National ICS and MAC's systems, so they are maintained on a national basis. Task Force and Operations Teams members will be attending the IMS meeting in Houston. The review of State Fire Marshal and CSTI course curriculum, which is on-going is to try to maintain the integrity of the ICS and MAC's systems.

South Operations Team has been working on the IMS strategies, maintenance of ICS, and mobilization of resources. Operations Teams North and South reviewed the third draft document on SB 1841 Standardized Emergency Management System Position Paper. The 4th draft of the Position paper is being presented to the Advisory Committee today for their review and action. This document will be tabled until members have had an opportunity to review it.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS STUDY GROUP

One of the nine issues in the from the Communication Study Group was to select a group from Advisory Committee members to study Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Radio Communication System. Chief Aronson suggested that the Task Force or Communications Specialist Group look

at the mutual aid radio system, the possibility of converting to high-band, and other enhancements. The current use of microwave and mountain top repeaters is very cumbersome. No motion was made, however, after some discussion by members it was agreed that the Communication Specialist Group would review the Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Radio Communication System, and make recommendations to the Board by the April 1993 Advisory Committee Meeting.

FIRE AND RESCUE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM VIDEO

Chief Coleman updated the Board on the status of the Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System Video. The script have been developed by Jerry Smith, reviewed by OES and edited. It was stressed that this video is not a training film, but an educational film. The funding to produce the video was discussed. Chief Coleman stated that the CAL-JAC Program has a video studio, and they have been asked to look at the script and costing it out. OES, CDF, and SFM will get together and follow-up on possibilities of having the script developed.

CIVIL UNREST/AFTER-ACTION REPORT

Chief Manning updated members on the after-action report on the Los Angeles Civil Unrest, and number of fatalities, injuries, structures lost or damaged due to fire, dollar loss, etc. The Executive Summary portion of the report was distributed to members. Chief Manning again stressed the exceptional management within the mutual aid system and ICS, and how well it worked during the riots. The Executive Summary Report only deals with Los Angeles City, and is broken into three categories; Department Command, Preparedness, Post Disturbance Impact and Operations. Chief Manning voiced his displeasure with the Webster Report, stating that it did not give the fire service credit for its readiness and response during the disturbance. Chief Manning has asked Judge Webster for a letter or report acknowledging the fire service for their efforts, and their management of operations. The Judge has agreed, however, it will not be made an appendix to the Webster Report. Chief Manning stated that as soon as the letter, or report is ready it will be made available.

Chief Zeason stated that Los Angeles County also produced a report. The report covers post-incident analysis, which includes aspects such as incident command, safety, and stress debriefing for employees. Chief Zeason agreed with Chief Manning that the Mutual Aid System was outstanding and worked perfectly and ICS proved itself invaluable.

REIMBURSEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP

Chief Aronson reported that the Five-Party Agreement will expire on July 30, 1993. The Sub-Committee has been Chaired by OES with members from each of the Forest Agencies and two local government representatives. Dick Starr retired, and will be replace by Lee Mitchell as Chair. Gary Costamagna volunteered fill the vacancy created by Chief O'Brien's retirement, and represent departments north.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Bev Passerello reported that the Legislature just came back into session, so there is no legislative report. January 29th is the deadline for anyone to have a Bill in to the Legislative Counsel. State Agencies are still submitting legislative proposals. Mrs. Passerello advised members that there should be a written legislative report by their next meeting in April.

PRESENTATION

Chief Aronson informed those who didn't already know, that Bill Teie will be retiring on February 5, 1993. On behalf of the OES Fire and Rescue Division and the FIREScope Board of Directors, Chief Aronson presented a plaque to Chief Teie in appreciation for his work on the Board of Directors and various committees.

LUNCH MENU ISSUE

The issue of what to serve Board members and guests for lunch has been of great concern to OES staff, and Chairman Maxfield - therefore, members voted on what they would like to have for lunch at the April 14, 1993 meeting. After a lengthy discussion and several suggestions, it was moved that PIZZA and salads be catered - vegetarian, combination, and pepperoni and cheese were the three top choices.

➡ **IT WAS MOVED BY DON MANNING, SECONDED BY KIM ZAGARIO AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO HAVE PIZZA AT THE 4/14/93 MEETING!!!**

(Sorry Bill, better bring your sack lunch ☺)

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Aronson advised members that the Advisory Committee is on the list of committees to be abolished. If the Advisory Committee is abolished, the FIREScope Board of Directors could continue under its own body. The language that was used when the Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee were merged, allows for the Board of Directors to continue even if the Advisory Committee is abolished. After some brief discussions, all members agreed that if the funding for the Committee is eliminated, that does not eliminate the responsibility of the Board of Directors; and that they would continue to meet.

Chief Coleman updated members on a letter he sent out about a statewide Teleconference that the State Fire Marshal's Office will be doing on March 3, 1993. The broadcast will be done in conjunction with Consumnes River College and will outline programs and functions within the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The next meeting of the Committee will be April 14, 1993. Having no other business to discuss, Chief Manning adjourned the meeting at 1350 hours.