



# FIRESCOPE

## CAL OES FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Burbank Fire Department Training Center  
1845 N. Ontario Street  
Burbank, CA 91505

January 14, 2015, 09:00 A.M.

### **Members Present**

Michael Dyer – *retiring* Chairperson FIRESCOPE BoD, Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
Daryl Osby – *new* Chairperson FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Bill Metcalf – *new* Vice-Chairperson FIRESCOPE BoD, Fire Districts South  
Kim Zagaris – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Ken Pimlott – CAL FIRE  
Tonya Hoover – Office of State Fire Marshal  
Mark D'Ambrogio – City Fire Departments North  
Mark Lorenzen – Ventura County Fire Department  
Brian Marshall – Kern County Fire Department  
Shawna Legarza – USDA Forest Service  
Richard Webb – Linda Fire Protection District  
Ralph Terrazas – Los Angeles City Fire Department  
Mike Esparza – California State Fire Association  
Lou Paulson – California Professional Firefighters

### **Members Absent**

\* Jeff Bowman – Orange County Fire Authority  
\* Ken Kehmna – Santa Clara County FD  
\* Sid Beckman – National Parks Service  
\* Paul Bannister – U.S. Department of Interior, BLM

### **Guests Present**

Sam Marouk – *representing* National Parks Service  
Craig Kinoshita – *representing* Orange County Fire Authority  
Ralph Domanski – FIRESCOPE, Cal OES  
Mike Lococo – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Art Torrez – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Mike Richwine – Office of State Fire Marshal  
Mario Rueda – Los Angeles Fire Department  
Kirk Wells -- Orange County Fire Authority  
Chad Stokes – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Elaine Smith – FIRESCOPE, Cal OES  
Steve Winter – Ventura County Fire Department  
Dave Teter – Cal Fire  
Mark Johnson – Cal Fire  
Clare Frank – Cal Fire  
Dale Hutchinson – Cal Fire VI  
Mark Hartwig – San Bernardino County Fire  
Jim Johnstone – San Bernardino County Fire

Tim Ernst – Los Angeles City Fire Department  
Eric Peterson – Santa Barbara County Fire Department

## **1) Welcome, Introductions, Logistics \*\*\*Meeting commences @ 0912\*\*\***

Chairperson, Chief Michael Dyer called the meeting to order at 09:12a.m. Self-introductions begin.

## **2) Approval of October 08, 2014 Minutes \***

**ACTION ITEM – Motion made by William Metcalf to approve the October 8, 2014 FIRESCOPE BoD Meeting Minutes. Daryl Osby seconds the motion. Minutes approved.**

## **3) Cal OES Director's Report**

Zagaris

- **Budget:** Received \$10M appropriation loan to the Telecommunication Fund
  - **Use of funds include:** Mobil support equipment basic hazmat units
  - **Type II hazmat specs sent to DGS**
  - **Expenditures: roughly \$6.8M**
  - **Governors' proposed budget for FY2015/2016 includes \$10M loan to purchase six Hazardous Mat units (estimated \$10M/year to run the program the first couple of years)**
  - **Plan to have(2) Type-II Hazardous-Mat units in each region statewide for mutual aid response**
    - **Details are being worked out (training and back fill, etc.)**
  - **Consultation with Fire Service to identify three training sites in the state (North, Central, & South) to provide flammable liquid training capability- Currently training not available in California due to ground water and air regulation.**
  - **Governor's budget proposed reestablishment of railroad accident prevention, immediate deployment program (RAPID); AB-102 sponsored by Inland Empire Assembly member Freddie Rodriguez would have Cal OES manage the RAPID program.**

## **4) CALFIRE / SFM UPDATE**

Pimlott/Hoover

### **CAL FIRE**

- 1) **Drought Update:** Fire season 2014 ended 1,000 fires ahead of the five-year average; at the peak season collectively hitting over 200 visual tactical fires a week; constant activity level without a siege; acreage below the five-year average; ramped up early, conservative winter down staffing
- 2) **Funding:** Administration is fully funding the down staffing based on last year's activity
- 3) **Department budget favorable:** with "retro-fitting" commitment to the budget triggering the lengthy process for replacement helicopters, fixed wing maintenance; funding process may take several years to complete;
  - a. **Training/hiring:** Limited term support for training/hiring staff
  - b. **Leadership changes:** Incoming--Dave Teeter in Fire Protection
  - c. **Unit Chief Vacancies:** Lassen, Modoc and Tehama Glenn
  - d. **New Unit Chief Appointments:** San Bernardino, Nevada, Placer, Humboldt
  - e. **New Training Chief(program wide):** Joe Tyler

### **STATE FIRE MARSHALL**

- 1) The letter requesting Applications for the SRA Fee Grant Work Projects went out just before the holidays. To date the OFSM has received almost \$ 60M in requests. There are many great projects. The deadline for submissions is January 27, 2015.
- 2) NAPA Earthquake- Some OSFM Deputies were able to participate in damage assessment on this incident. A report was completed and will be made available.
- 3) Budget: The OSFM has a line item in the State Budget for the Fire Safe Cigarette Program.
- 4) The OSFM is working on the Flammability of building insulation. This is a Firefighter Safety issue.

- 5) State Fire Training will be submitting a Title 19 package to STEAC.
- 6) Illegal Fireworks: Due to lack of funding OSFM will not be able to assist Local Government Agencies in the disposal of Illegal Fireworks. There is no money in the Governor's budget to deal with this issue.

Question: (Chief Osby) "What are we going to do with the seized fireworks we have stored now?"

Response: (Chief Pimlott): We have about 300,000 pounds or more stored all over California. Right now, we have no way to dispose of the illegal fireworks we are storing. Cal EPA, OSFM and CALFIRE are working on a possible solution.

Suggestion: (Lou Paulson) I would recommend getting Metro Chiefs and others involved in getting the responsibility for the disposal of illegal fireworks out of the State Fire Marshall's Office and moved to another State Agency like Cal EPA.

## **5) USFS/DOI Update**

Legarza/ Marouk

### **USFS**

- 1) Personnel Updates:
  - a) Acting Regional Deputy Director position will be filled by Kit Bailey, currently Chief 1 on the TMU. His detail will be 4 months.
  - b) South Ops Assistant Director position will be filled by Jim Tomaselli, of the Angeles NF his detail will also be 4 months.
  - c) Fire Prevention Coordinator position- This will be filled with a Presidential Management Fellowship, Meredith Holiday will be assigned.
  - d) 4 IBM positions- 1 each in Vallejo, McClellan, North Ops and South Ops to assist with and expedite the reimbursements to local government.
- 2) National Budget should be finalized tomorrow. I anticipate it will be about the same as last year.
- 3) In FY 14, we gave \$ 10M dollars out in State and Volunteer Fire Assistance to fund WUI projects and support Fire Safe Councils.
- 4) This Friday there is a GAO Audit scheduled.

### **Doi**

- 1) Paul Bannister, the newly appointed CWCG Chair, is in Boise representing California Wildland Fire Agencies.
- 2) Vacancies- Regional Director Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is vacant, Western Region Director and the Deputy Regional Director of the National Park Service (NPS) are both vacant.
- 3) Budget is neutral, except for an increase in Sage Grouse habitat money for the eastern side of the State.

**Break called @ 10:06. Meeting resumed @ 10:25.**

Special Announcement: Lou Paulson

- 1) Update California Fire Foundation --Cal-Last (Local Assistance State Team) received grant from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance.
  - a) Cal LAT- Local Assistance Team for line of duty deaths can assist with securing the Honor Guard and Pipe and Drum. Activated or ordered through Cal OES.  
SAVE (Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency) now has forty-one departments participating in the program, protecting/covering approximately 11million Californians.
  - b) Supply Need to Victims Program: \$ 100 debit cards that participating Fire Departments give to homeowners who have had 25% damage to their homes. Chief Lorenzen said Ventura County participates in this program. Homeowners are very appreciative.

## 6) **\*\* EMS Update \***

Hartwig

- 1) Findings from **Chapter 13** meeting confirm positions the Fire Service has been taking for years.
  - a) You do not have to have an agreement with your local EMS agency (your authority comes from 1980 statute).
  - b) Contract between a local EMS agency and 201 providers for counties supplied emergency medical equipment does not extinguish 201 provider rights.
  - c) A contract between a local EMS agency and 201 providers for medical control and oversight of 201 by a provider does not extinguish 201 provider rights.
- 2) **Anti-trust argument:** We cannot recognize federal anti-trust immunity for local fire agencies.
  - a) Ray Ramirez having consulted/spent a lot of time with anti-trust attorneys and experts believes there is a strong foundation for local government, city, and fire district anti-trust immunity. (Study in process)
- 3) **Legislation/Legislative initiative:** Medi-Cal is changing; recipients are receiving letters informing them that they must apply for a HMO provider under Covered California.
  - a) GEMT AB678 revenue is designed to get smaller. Under AB678 fire departments do not have access to federal reimbursement if the Medi-Cal patient has HMO coverage. No access currently to reimbursement

Break called @ Meeting resumed.

## 7) **CFAA UPDATE**

Webb/D'Ambrogi/Lorenzen

- 1) Mid-August tentative agreement reached to extend current CFAA through the end of 2014, new agreement to commence January 1, 2015; last signature obtained September 5, 2014. **2015** Agreement signed off and in place as of January 08, 2015.

### **CFAA MEETING January 15, 2015**

- 2) **In process:** Finalizing rate letter for system-wide distribution ASAP
- 3) **Topics for discussion:** Outreach training, classes and webinars, OES Assistant Chiefs "picking up slack in rural areas"
- 4) **Challenge:** address letter of discontent to identify specific issues of dissatisfaction
  - a) Proposed resolution from K. Zagaris volunteering to respond on behalf of the Board; requesting the specific areas of the agreement to work on (from the exhibits)
  - b) Discussion of conflict perceived and how to proceed to resolve it (ensuring that people and local governments made whole)
- 5) Mark D'Ambrogi retirement will leave a vacancy at CFAA and the Board.

## 8) **CWCG Update**

Zagaris/Marouk

- a) February 24, 2015 IMT Selections, 2015 ICs recruitment letter; ICs After Action November 13, 2014  
Paul Bannister, Chair of CWCG currently in Boise  
Next meeting in Sacramento January 20

## 9) **OIL BY RAIL**

Zagaris

Cal OES will be sending out a letter of interest for hazmat units for the six regions; working on building surge capacity. National pressure results in additive to Bakken oil to decrease volatility; Hazardous materials funding discussions continue with the legislators and other stakeholders

Break for Lunch

## **10) IAFC WILDFIRE POLICY Committee/INVITATION TO FIRESCOPE**

Osby/Rueda

1) **Follow-up Report Findings:** Fall in alignment with strategic plan framework engaging on a larger stage providing leadership, guidance, and direction from California to the national platform/level;

a) Requires: money, travel, active participation

2) **Action:** (Chief's Osby and Rueda volunteered to examine the issue and report findings in January with recommendations for liaison)

**Considerations:** Ability to get info to the right group, in timely manner, generating feedback /action as necessary; maintain viability of FIRESCOPE needs

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Zagaris/Osby

The outstanding service of Mark D'Ambrogi was recognized and he received a commemorative plaque signifying his impending retirement from Fire Service and the FIRESCOPE BoD.

Recognition and appreciation was expressed for the years of dedicated service Chief Michael Dyer has given to the Fire Service.

## **11) 2015 FIRESCOPE Goals and Objectives**

Osby/All

(Adopted from Ops Team Report (reference below))

## **12) OPS Team / Taskforce Report \***

Rueda/Wells

1) **Ops Team –**

- **Update on Strategic Plan \*-- goals and objectives:**

- To reaffirm statutory duty and processes to give sound advice
- Look ahead /facing challenges of Federal, State, and local government agencies continuing education to ensure full participation (i.e. comprehension of resource management)
- Provide leadership nationally in development of all-hazard management with interagency cooperation (i.e. maintaining partnerships, supporting relationships that influence training, being ahead of issues, providing education on burgeoning issues; not limited to participation with IAFC)
- Promote awareness of FIRESCOPE products; identify and pursue opportunities to promote the FOG, website, and other instructional guide documents (FOG sales to support endeavors)
- Improving methods of handling All Hazardous Incidents coordinating multi-Agency resources
- Facilitate discussions regarding FIRESCOPE 's role as the "Common Voice"

**Discussion Points:** Availability of financial support to engage in national arena, general agreement with the work plan, Submit items for inclusion to Chief Rueda; Chair, Chief Osby , and Vice-chair, Chief Metcalf will meet with the Ops Team to refine the goals and work out a time-line prior to next Board of Directors meeting; dialogue to continue at next FIRESCOPE meeting;

2) **Task Force Update – No documents for review today (see report)\***

- **Projects by Specialist groups to rid website of obsolete materials/documents** (revisions as necessary)
- **2016 FOG Revision Schedule\***
- **Update on (REM) Rapid Extraction Module** –Review in January at Joint Ops & Task Force meeting
- **Membership Changes**
  - **OUTGOING:** Cole Stratton, North County Fire Protection District
  - **INCOMING:** Matt Johnson , FMO, BLM, new Department Of Interior
  - **VACANCIES:** Districts North, Volunteer

### 13) New Business

Ralph Domanski

- **FIREScope App Demo**
  - –e-book/android version currently beta testing
  - i-book and e-book look exactly like the FOG
  - ios app has functional search capabilities, navigation, link to fillable forms

### 14) Old Business

Hoover/Zagaris/Norton

- 1)- **FIREScope seat on STEAC** –approved by stakeholders and awaiting nominations/nominees
  - a. **STEAC** meeting January 15 in Sacramento proposed initial attendance for new representative/liaison
  - b. **Resolution** at Joint Task Force and Operations January Conference.

2)- **NFA Request: re-post App\***

*Discussion highlights include:*

*Violation of intent of usage authorization*

*Impact to the FIREScope App*

*Information is not up-to-date*

*How to make this work for all*

**Suggestions:** *Possibility of distributing the app for free or next to free,  
Maintaining control over intellectual property,  
Funding a portion of lost revenue through agency (Mark Lorenzen)  
Follow-up needed*

3)- **CICCS Update\***

- a. Reviewed the Program of Work (POW)
- b. New historic recognition date

4)- **Type III Team Update**

- a. Reviewed the documents in the BOD packet.

### 15) Cal OES Fire & Rescue Report

Zagaris

- 1) Type III engine update- 8 or 9 of the 25 Type III engines have arrived. The decision of where to place the engines in Region IV has been discussed with Marc D'Ambrogi, Region Coordinator, and all the Op Areas in Region IV. The process for Region III may be a little more difficult. Region 5 has a good list of possible assignees.
- 2) The specs for the Type II Haz Mat Units have been completed. The units will be turnkey.
- 3) Two communications units will be ready for bids by the end of the month. They will probably replace old units in Region II & III.
- 4) The PO is in for the seven Type I engines in the engine replacement program.
- 5) Cal OES Assistant Chiefs Len Chesmore, Special Operations and Ish Messer, Region I Assistant Chief have retired, Chief Messer is still working as a retired annuitant as Cal OES works through the hiring process.
- 6) San Diego had an OP Area Change from CALFIRE to North Com. Thanks to both Agencies on a smooth transition.
- 7) CALFIRE and Cal OES are working with Mexico at the request of the Governor and the President of Mexico. Mexico has asked for help with:
  - a) ICS Training
  - b) Learning about Fuels Management

- c) The availability of firefighting tools, equipment and PPE
- 8) State Tactical EMS committee is meeting in Rancho Cucamonga. We need to convince EMSA to adopt the Tactical EMS program developed by the JAC for Cal OES.
- 9) Fire Service Climate Task Force- organized like the old Blue Ribbon Commissions, more info as this develops.
- 10) A growing concern, more Fire Departments are being run by Law Enforcement Officials who have no fire training. Suggestion is to develop a minimum standard these individuals must meet.
- 11) Chief Roper will be the new Nevada Division of Forestry State Forester on February 2, 2015.

## **16) Roundtable**

All

CALFIRE Southern Region- Hutchinson

- 1) New Unit Chief in San Bernardino Ranger Unit replacing Rod Bywater it is Darren Feldman.
- 2) Forty-five engines will be staffed all year.
- 3) Preparing for Fire Season
- 4) Region VI Areas all updating fire information and preparing for fire season.

Orange County Fire Authority-Kinoshita

- 1) Two new Deputy Chiefs appointed.
- 2) Chief Jeff Bowman has been appointed Chief of Orange County Fire Authority.

Operations Team- Rueda

The FIRESCOPE Operations Team and the Task Force will meet in Pismo Beach the week of January 26, 2015.

## **17) Meeting adjourned @3:00pm Osby**

The next Cal OES Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE BoD Meeting will take place at **Cal OES Headquarters in Mather**, California on **April 8, 2015**. The ***agenda setting*** conference call for the meeting will be ***March 26, 2015 @ 1600***.

**\*-Denotes documents supporting this agenda item are included with packet.**

**\*\***-out of sequence