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CAL OES FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Cal OES Headquarters
3650 Schriever Avenue
Mather, CA 95655

July 14, 2017, 8:30 A.M.

Members Present

Mark Ghilarducci – California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Director
 Daryl Osby – Chairperson FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Los Angeles County Fire Department
 Kim Zagaris – Executive Coordinator, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Jeff Bowman – Orange County Fire Authority
 Kelly Zombro – *representing* City Fire Departments South
 Mark Hartwig – San Bernardino County Fire
 Al Poirier – *representing* Los Angeles City Fire Department
 Bob Baird – U.S. Forest Service
 Mark Lorenzen – Ventura County Fire Department
 Steve Kovacs – Volunteer Fire Departments
 Brian Marshall – Kern County Fire Department
 Dennis Mathisen – Office of State Fire Marshal
 Rich Webb – Linda Fire Protection District
 Robin Wills – National Park Service (NPS)
 Mike Shrout – California State Firefighters' Association (CSFA)
 Sam Marouk – Department of Interior, BLM
 Jeff Meston – South Lake Tahoe Fire Department
 Ken Pimlott – CAL FIRE

Members Absent

- * Ken Kehmna – Vice-Chair FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Santa Clara County FD
- * Ralph Terrazas – Los Angeles Fire Department
- * Eric Peterson – Santa Barbara County Fire Department
- * Brian Fennessy – City Fire Departments South
- * Lou Paulson – California Professional Firefighters

Guests Present

Brian Woodbeck – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Scott Vail – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Jim Johnstone – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Cathy Johnson – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Bill Bondshu – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Corey Zander – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Kit Bailey – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Jon Salvate – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Lori Lopez – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Joy Budnovich – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
 Yesenia Serafin – FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
 Sean Fraley – FIRESCOPE Task Force, Kern County Fire Department
 Thom Porter – CALFIRE
 Dan Johnson – CALFIRE

Dave Teter – CALFIRE
 Jen Ricci – CALFIRE
 Daniel Berlant – CALFIRE
 Tim Bozarth – CALFIRE
 Randy Skelton – U.S. Forest Service
 Tony Bowden – Santa Clara County Fire Department
 Dale Skiles – Stanislaus Fire Department
 Dustin Gardner – Ventura County Fire Department
 Lucia Schmit – FEMA

1) Welcome, Introductions, Logistics *Meeting commences @ 08:46 ****

Osby

Meeting called to order at 0846 hours. Self-introductions begin.

2) Approval of January 11, 2017 Minutes *

Osby

ACTION ITEM – Motion made by Osby to approve the January 11, 2017 FIREScope Board of Directors meeting minutes. Shroud seconds the motion. Motion approved.

3) Task Force ICS-1000 Series and FIREScope AH-330 Errata Sheet ***

Frale/Bondshu

Chief Zagaris taking agenda out of order for Task Force action item to be reviewed for approval. Items require priority due to the State Fire Marshal Training Education Committee meeting today, and if action is not taken today items will have to wait another quarter for approval.

1.) Action Items Approval of Documents*

a.) ICS-1000 Series Documents

- Changed OPS titles on all documents for consistency
- Cleaned grammar
- Changed verbiage
- Changed numbering system to new numbering system

Action Item – Motion made by Hartwig to approve changes made to High Rise Documents ICS-1000 series. Meston seconds motion. Motion approved.

b.) AH-330 Errata Sheet

- AH-330 is the description of the changes made from the old curriculum to the new curriculum.
- Time allotted for entire course has not changed
- Added all hazards to curriculum
- Eliminated issuing FIREScope certificate
- All future classes are only taught through the State Fire Training with certified instructors issuing State Fire Marshal certificates
- Curriculum is electronic (student only needs to register and download student manual to their tablet/Ipad device)
- Met all requirements with the State and State Fire Training with enabling learning objectives

Action Item –Motion made by Bowman to approve FIRESCOPE AH-330 Errata Sheet. Hartwig seconds motion. Motion approved.

If the BOD approves it, and the State approves it, then the course can get sent to State Board of Fire Services for approval in August. The implementation plan starts in August with both curriculums being taught until January 1st 2018. After January 1st, 2018 Course AR-330 will drop and course AH-330 will be the only course standing. When The State Board of Fire Services approves curriculum the intent is to send the curriculum to FEMA and through the NWCG process for acknowledgement to the curriculum.

Zagaris

Advised State Board of Fire Services has approved first phase of curriculum already. Next quarterly meeting they will give final approval unless there is an issue.

4) Cal OES Director's Report

Zagaris

Please review the Board of Directors Roster going around the room and make sure information is accurate and add cell phone information for the creation of a Confidential Roster.

5.) CALFIRE / SFM UPDATE

Mathisen/Pimlott

STATE FIRE MARSHAL

1.) Discussion/Report:

a.) Fireworks:

- Wrap up of fireworks and continuing to collect seizure reports.
- 70,000 pounds of illegal fireworks currently seized; working with jurisdictions that report them to begin the process of collection and disposal.

Question:

Osby

Are you going to have the capacity to collect this year?

Answer:

Mathisen

We believe the answer is yes. We are still working with administration for a long term solution for disposal and we'll be looking to many of you to assist us with that. The contract that we received, (one time funding) is going to run out this year, so we may have enough to dispose of what was collected this 4th of July. We will continue to look for long term solutions for the future. We do believe that we will at least be able to collect this year.

6.) USFS/DOI Update

Baird/Marouk/Wills

USFS

1.) Budget:

- Federal Budget still in draft form in front of Congress
- Likely 20 percent cut broadly outside of DOD and Homeland Security
- US Forest Service likely receiving 6 percent cut
- No anticipated cut to the fire program
- Some other programs will be cut more than 20 percent

- Some modification to some national contracts that we host in California similar with CALFIRE from exclusive use to call when needed.

2.) Staffing:

- All resources on this year
- Loss of life this year at 6 Rivers National Forest - Bill Jaros. Lost him during a conditioning exercise. Waiting on autopsy to hear back further.

Question:

Zagaris

Do you think your agency can adjust to the cuts?

Answer:

Baird

There's an additional hiring freeze that is affecting other areas, they can't rehire behind people and that's creating a lot of gaps. In Los Padres there was a plan to potentially cut two district jobs of non-fire staff so there is going to be some consolidation in the next three years. There's also going to be a change in FY-18 to the way we have our WFPR Fund. WFSU is a suppression fund on how we fund resources on an incident; it is an emergency fund for us. The WFPR fund is a preparedness fund; that is how we staff, fund our resources, and provide staff with training. With the cuts it could affect the WFPR fund and emergency fund.

BLM / DOI

1.) Discussion Report:

a.) Budget:

- Preparing for seasonal suppression effort.
- Preparing on where we are going to take the budget cut hits.

2.) Staff:

- Unable to fill many of the Chiefs positions.
- Change in doing business coming in the next couple of years.
- Fully staffed with engines and Hotshots.
- On non-fire side they are taking a 21 percent cut.

3.) DOI:

a.) Budget:

- Long term decline in budget - anticipating another 10 percent cut.
- Fuels Program is mostly being impacted by the cut.
- In support of the Fuels Program.
- Ability to get the work done in Fuels Program - preparedness.
- Changing the outcome of fires in the future.

b.) Re-organization of DOI:

- Re-Organization of DOI- Secretary has made it clear there is a re-organization plan coming.
- Unknown what the plan looks like.
- Suggestion is that there is going to be some blurring of the lines in between DOI agencies.
- May be managed through Senior Executive Leadership overseeing the bureaus.
- Will be a significant change.
- Can change the way we operate in emergency response across DOI.

c.) DOI Staff:

- Park Service fully staffed aircraft.
- Hot Shot Crews staffed and available.

Discussion/Comments:

Osby

We will monitor the impact of the changes. We need to document, communicate and collaborate. I know it may be challenging to communicate, but we are all part of a team. Yesterday was a good example of us as a group communicating effectively, we need to keep the dialogue going and recognize that you guys are out there on your own. Whatever assistance we can provide once the impacts are known we can work together to make sure we can delegate those as much as we can.

7) EMS Update

Hartwig

1.) Discussion/ Report

a.) EMS Lawsuit Background:

Cal Chiefs based on the interactions that member agencies have had for about 3 ½ years with the EMS Authority that essentially indicated that they would be willing to approve an EMS plan from a Local EMS Agency that would apply providers on top of existing service areas. They were making an attempt through Chapter 13 Task Force which is an attempt to add another chapter to the regulations that define the EMS Act that has been largely undefined since 1980's.

- Cal Chiefs filed a lawsuit with an attorney from San Diego.
- The judge has thrown the case out based on timeliness.
- Since the time the case was filed, AmeriCare sued no fewer than 8 cities that provided ambulance services within Orange County.
- Inquired with attorney out of San Diego whether to re-file or amend case. Attorney advised they are 9 months into a one year process, and if case is amended they will have to start all over again. Attorney informed us that if we wait for courts to rule, then we can re-file the complaint.
- We chose the latter, courts threw out the case based on timeliness, and we then added the AmeriCare suits.
- Americare's decision was heard. Lower courts ruled that Local Government was designed and expected to act and competitively carry out functions in EMS.
- Our attorney focused on...Health and Safety Code, states: "It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this section
- Americare was encouraged to not appeal it. Americare filed an appeal anyway. The appeal is now pending. They also filed a motion to speed up the decision by the appeals court. It can go in our favor as well.
- The wanted outcome is for the judge to find out and for us to be able to rest on the fact that we carry out Government functions. Included in the Government code is delivery of emergency medical care and ambulance services. That would prove to the court that we do have State action immunity and are immune from antitrust laws. That would be a huge development for EMS in the State of California and public providers of first response services.
- Discussion about what constitutes an agreement. If an Agency has signed with a local EMS agency, then that can constitute a transfer of administration, and your right to administer your program staff, response time, and such. The

State Attorney General were very clear in their opinion to a response to an LA county request that a 201 -waiver (transfer of administration) is an express transfer of administrative rights.

8) CFAA UPDATE-

Zagaris

1.) CFAA Letter from OES Director to USFS Chief:

- a.) Director Bob Baird (US Forest Service) has stepped in and is new to his job.
- b.) CFAA letter from the OES Director was sent out to US Forest Service Director:
 - US Forest Director responded to letter.
 - Director Ghilarducci responded back by thanking US Forest director for his commitment to Local Government, the system, and the CFAA.
 - Between OES and US Forest Service we will work together to try to figure out a way to make things better.
 - Between both agencies there will be some exchange of information and we are going to try to get people reimbursed.
 - Resources are still being sent out.
 - Resources are still being requested.
 - Director Baird (US Forest Service) is trying to make some progress with payments.
 - Director Baird (US Forest Service) heard everyone's concerns yesterday.

[Discussion/Response:](#)

Baird

I became aware of this issue from my staff informing me that this was a problem. There was a desire to move forward prior to the letter. There must have been differences between our 18 million and 4 million; there was an exchange in emails referencing and questioning the numbers. I hear all the claims and frustration. We have to pull ourselves out of the rough and stop with the mistrust and try to figure out how to collectively address the problem. I wasn't aware that volunteer firefighters weren't going to get paid as some of you brought that up to me. I already sent various letters out to the Floor Supervisors and Fire Chiefs last night and said we need to engage and understand where you are locally. Part of the system is to centralize and start at the lowest level. I am committed to meeting again and consistently; to figure out what the next steps are. The visibility of where the payments are in the system seems to be a problem. We have talked offline and there are things we can do to improve it. I am committed to it and that's the best thing I can say; it's been educational for me, and it was hard to hear, but important for me to hear because I've learned of what's been going on. I didn't realize it was going on this long. Partnership is key, Mutual Aid is key. We can't do it alone and it worries me that departments can't afford to do this type of work, because we all rely on each other and this is a watch out for me in this situation. Is there an alternative that can immediately take stress off the system? We talked about Viper, which can be an immediate resolution to some of the highly impacted organizations. We can do it through the vendor and they can get paid contractually very quickly, and then we can work on the bigger issues. There are strategic things, tactical things, but it's really about understanding each other's perspective which I think I got. I tried to listen and understand yesterday, and I hear you all. I don't want to be pen-pals; I'd rather sit down and solve the problem, because you all know how much work goes into a letter like that especially with us dealing with DC. It has opened different perspectives with the new administration. The Obama Administration and California had a different relationship. This new Administration and California have a very different relationship, so there's some unintended consequences coming out of this situation, I have to answer a bunch of different questions, so we're going to have to work together to be better about answering those questions, because it is a collective response. I look forward to doing that and working through this.

Zagaris

We have had the same conversation about different administrations in the D.C. We have also had to deal with this internally and now externally too. It's time to reconnect. We have the most confidence in you Bob and I know where you are coming from. I also realize you have new staff and we are sure you are going to do what you need to do in your house. We in the room, some in Local Government and my side of the department will hold responsibility as well. We have to move forward to have a great program where we can exchange resources, get people what they need, and get people reimbursed. I think out of this will come some good things but also some questions we are going to have to deal with.

Teter

From the CWCG perspective we talked about this at length with the Executive Committee. We limited conversation to the fact that as the fire service leadership, the consequences unintended or otherwise of a letter like that, it's that it gets out to the public

and we air our potential lack of professionalism, lack of leadership, lack of ability to work together collaboratively to resolve issues. I get the frustration and all the comments and I agree. CWCG talked about how we have all these conversations about the next generations and millennials that are coming up, but at what point as fire service leaders did we pick up the phone, or to demand a meeting to bring resolution to the issue. CWCG's intent is to maintain the level of leadership committed to conversation as hard as it may be and committed to meeting as many times as necessary to work through these type of issues.

Wills

The Forest Service has been the focus of questions referring to payment and Bob did a great job yesterday by standing up and owning that, but there was a comment from Josh from the BIA sort of suggesting for the other Federal Agencies that it's different. It's different in terms of our response when there is a request for payment. It is different, but it's different only because of the level of workload, it's much easier for us. I just want to express support for the Forest Service and acknowledge the complexity of this challenge; because of the complexity of fires that the Forest Service deals with on an annual basis, and the kind of cost associated with it, where the individual departments are a much simpler proposition than the receiving end of Forest Service where they have thousands, tens of thousands, and millions of dollars being requested for payment. As another Federal Agency Department I want to express our support and assistance in moving forward.

Marshall

I would like to add after yesterday's meeting and I appreciate the Forest Service's commitment to come to the table and be willing to discuss this. A lot of the discussion was regarding smaller Local Government Fire Departments and their resources are fairly small compared to what I have and others. In Kern County, I have SRA, Federal land, US Forest Service, BLM, so the challenges we face as a Local Government Fire Department, Contract County Fire Departments, and Interagency with the Forest Service is different than the main focus of the conversation yesterday. I think that's going to have to be part of the conversation with some of these fire departments about engaging on these fires. We do operate expensive assets and we can manage our resources and things. There is also focus on that, that's what I would like to see coming out of this. The dialogue is good, and I appreciate yesterday and Kim for putting that on. As we move forward some of those issues that we continue to discuss; the definition of structure protection, structure defense, perimeter control, and all of that. If what I am hearing correctly there is a renewed interest from the Forest Service to come to the table and that's important. Echoing a statement said by Chief Bowman "if we are back here in a year discussing the same thing we haven't accomplished anything" and that is what we have to make the commitment to.

Baird

We rely on aviation resources and that is huge. There is a piece that we all know points to quality training in the fire service. What we have identified on the sidelines is that there are a lot of people that are not well trained both on the Federal side and they are making agreements that are hung. As we exchange we have fires with complex agreements, those payments are hung until that agreement is finalized. It seems as if we need a financial academy to make sure initial attack IC's are Chief Officers but it needs to be universal we need to get people together like FIREScope is bringing us together, because there is confusion in the lower levels and it's leading to payments hung like in cases of the fire we were talking about. I would like to see FIREScope help with that.

Zagaris

A couple years ago there was a class that addressed all the agreements and issues of cost shares and those types of items. There has been good dialogue and it has condensed over time. To work that part through is to sit down and talk. Most people in the room here are looking after a couple of things, one is the Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid system; which is how we move resources not just for wildland, but for all hazard types of events. The marriage of FIREScope and Fire and Rescue Advisory Board is another good sign of other things that could really work out. As you get settled in and start working through it we will have more opportunity to work through cost share issues. I think that the issues with cost sharing is that ideally some people are anticipating that since you ordered it, you pay for it, not really thinking it has to be segregated out. Back in June we sat down with the Angeles National Forest, LA County Fire, and my staff, and in 2 hours we were able to come to a good resolution. Give and take we found a way to bring it together for a mutualized situation of why did it take so long and have people strung out for so long for a fire that occurred last June. You and I have a commitment and we are going to work through it together. I think that all the people in the room will all work together. From yesterday I think everyone has a good idea that your issues are one item but with all the stress points we can work together to collectively make it as good a system as can be.

Osby

The fact that he had to write that letter is unfortunate and also to respond back. It did prompt us to have a more meaningful conversation of dialogue, because I do know for a fact that we discussed this topic here for several years, all of us did. None of us, including myself as the Chair and the Chair before me did anything definitively to bring us to resolution. Hopefully moving forward we can use this dialogue in a way that we can put difficult issues on the table, because from the Federal, State, and Local level no one can conduct fire services alone and we all need to know that. We are not going to always agree but at least this is a forum of knowing that we can bring difficult items to the table and bring them to resolution. We have that commitment from all of us. I know there is

still a lot of frustration that wasn't solved yesterday, because people still haven't been paid. Hopefully today whether you are a Local, State, or a Federal entity that people have renewed confidence in the system. This body and no one else has a commitment to the future that when these things occur we will discuss it and come to some form of resolution so we don't come across an issue like this. That is my commitment as the Chair.

2.) CFAA Agreement:

a.) Met on May 24th made changes to the agreement for this fire season

- Had a conference call on June 20th
- All the changes have been accepted by the signatory agencies except for one; Chief Zagaris and Cal Fire are handling a specific issue and as soon as that is resolved we can distribute the new CFAA to local fire service

9) CWCG Update

Teter/Marouk

1.) Incident Management Team:

a.) Succession Planning:

- Struggling particularly at the Incident Commander and Deputy Incident Commander levels.
- Resulted in having to stand down one of the Fed teams.
- Chief Zombro took the IC role for So Cal 2. Created issues with his previous role of Deputy IC on his team but currently working through that issue.
Potentially taking a Type 2 team and moving that team to Type 1 certification. This could potentially bring some resolution. Carefully evaluating that concept, Deputy Director Chris Schow was at the meeting and other Forest Service Partners. Going to take it back and see how it will have implications in the federal system whether they would be positive or negative.
- Depending on the results of the conversation it is likely that the Executive Committee will likely be tasking a joint group from the CWCG and Ops group to gather historical intel on Federal teams.
- Once the Intel is in, the CWCG will have a conversation on a strategic long term plan on how the Federal Interagency teams could be more efficient and better utilized.
- In addition we discussed the requirements for having a full time Federal employee as an Incident Commander versus just a full time Incident Commander. They are going to do research on that as well.

2.) Report:

- National Preparedness Level of 4 close to 5.
- Great Basin took a big hit of lightning.
- Both Federal and State reduced exclusive use of aircraft on contract.
- CWCG Executive Committee participated in Cal MAC activation drill at OES HQ.
- After action discussion to cover things like establishing or identifying secondary MACS location. Also, discussed operational issues of one 209 versus two 209's per day.

3.) Global Super Tanker 747:

- Global Super Tanker 747 trying to make an appearance.
- Original 747 made a debut in 2008-2009.
- Global Super Tanker bought MAFFS unit that is in 747 and put it in their own 747.
- Efficiency issues with that MAFFS system that were encountered back then still continue to be an issue today. This is the cause of the Interagency Air Tanker Board not giving them a certificate.
- Both Super Tankers are sitting in Mohave.
- Discussions are on-going with Federal, State, and Local officials and there is a lot of pressure to use that resource.

4.) Helicopters

- Dramatic increase in large air tankers. 24 this year in the Federal System it is a balance in fixed wing re-shift of the entire aviation production capacity.
- Had more Type 1 helicopters than large air tankers, we are getting our large air tanker numbers back up.
- Trying to communicate in a risk based approach in the aviation system. We are not cutting Type 1 helicopters.

Question:

Osby

Going back to the CWCG and looking through the Federal guidelines for certification for Incident Management Teams, and you said you were going to look at Training and Ops; are we talking about to this group?

Response:

Teter

The CWCG Training Group and CWCG Ops Group are the groups that are going to have representatives from each of those groups, and they are going to be tasked to gather intel on the Federal Interagency Incident Management Teams at a later date for long term planning and sustainability.

Osby

Is Cal Fire facing the same issues?

Teter

We are having the same issues. We have succession struggles with people wanting to be part of the team, because of the long deployments. We have stepped up our training opportunities so the availability of Incident Commander and other Commander General Staff classes become available. We are having staff attend those classes but the struggle is having that stuff utilize the classes, sign up for teams, and staying on the teams. Currently all our critical positions with our six State Incident Management Teams are filled with the exception of one Team that currently does not have a Deputy Incident Commander. We will have two of our Incident Commanders retiring next year and we currently only have three I.C Trainees. That is too narrow for our comfort.

Osby

The reason I ask is because it seems to be Local, State, and Federal issue. Maybe the three CWCG, CAL FIRE, and FIREScope can do something jointly and work through the Incident Management CWCG guidelines and succession planning. This is just an idea that can turn into a discussion. In five years it is only going to get worse.

Marouk

I highly suggest doing that because throughout my career I watched this and have had discussions about how the pool is getting smaller. I know we have been trying all along to address that but things are changing. We need to look at the bigger picture and see what is motivating people and what is not motivating people. The team that I am on, I don't even know if it will be there next year.

Teter

Within CAL FIRE we offer incentives to our management and supervisors who are furthering their careers and have more qualifications there is a financial incentive for them to be on the teams. Unlike our Rank and File, who their incentive is when they are deployed or placed on hard cover and they begin to make overtime.

Osby

That is the same at the Local level, that's how my department is set up as well. Maybe continue to have this discussion and see if we can find a solution.

10) Haz Mat By Rail Update

Zagaris

- 1.) Training Complex
 - a.) Able to execute all 12 training complex to go with the Hazmat rigs to new people.
 - Training has begun and the next step will be to complete the Haz Mat apparatus set up.
 - b.) 9 out of the 12 rigs are in. The next 3 rigs should be in within the next three months.

Break for 10 called @ 1009. Meeting resumed @ 1021.

11) California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System Summit

Zagaris

1.) Mutual Aid Summit follow-up:

- Will compile notes taken at the Summit yesterday.
- Will work to get those items resolved.
- Mutual Aid is changing; therefore we need to resolve the critical issues.
- Staffing challenges are huge.
- Need to meet the increasing demand of the Mutual Aid System.
- The amount of orders being UTF'd is higher than normal.
- We are listening to the suggestions to help us move forward.

Osby

Yesterday's Summit was a good meeting to get all the key players of the system together. We need to continue to keep our relationships. Relationships assist when we have requests because it is hard to say no to a person when you know them. Some discussion from yesterday was in reference to millennials and we have to find a way to engage them into our work force, because I have apps on this phone and those apps were created by Millennials. Millennials have developed payroll apps that not even my payroll could do. We need to capture everyone's request and put the positive ideas in writing and share those with the work force.

2.) Station Cover Issues:

- Chief Fennessy sent resources out of the city.
- He is having issues when he sends out resources for one purpose and those resources get diverted for another purpose.
- He was not advised of the change.
- Stations still need to be covered.
- Preferable if resources are sent out for a shorter period of time.

Discussion/Comments:**Woodbeck**

I would like to take some of the responsibility for that incident. Local Government strike team got assigned instead of an OES strike team. There was a miscommunication between me and my staff about a Local Government team being assigned instead of an OES team. We did correct that when that team got released and replaced them with an OES team.

Bowman

Chief Fennessy wanted to remind the board that on a Local level it is difficult for a Local fire chief to send out resources out of the county to leave Local fire stations uncovered. He wanted to send a reminder that units shouldn't be sent to other areas to cover other stations when they can't do that at their home station.

Zagaris

Conversation generally starts with a phone call and they ask to start a transition of their equipment that is out on the ground and putting the equipment that came in out to the fires and moving their equipment back into the stations. We try to facilitate the transition. It becomes harder when someone orders equipment under Master Mutual Aid when their resources are not being reimbursed through CFAA or Local agreement. That is when another issue develops. Those are items that are red flags to me.

12) Taskforce/OPS Team Report*

Fraley

Announcement: Publicly thanked Scott Vail for stepping in when Ralph Domanski retired and with the AC Mike Lococo vacancy and Scott's assistance with the Task Force.

1.) Update:

- High Rise position manuals and AH-330 made it through State today.
- Free updated App available on Apple and Google store.
- Free App has been downloaded 905 times (needs more marketing).

2.) NIMS Resource Management:

- Task Force worked with CICCS to provide comment for the NIMS Resource Management.
- Negative comment regarding the compact time frame.
- Had 5-6 weeks to get it done.
- Split between multiple Task Force members.
- Everyone read through their sections and completed their comments.

- Coordinated with Scott Vail and CICCIS and were able to complete a unified response.

3.) Action Items Approval of Documents*

a.) FIREScope Social Media Policy:

- Specialist groups wanted to create social media pages.
- Currently a hold on all social media pages until FIREScope has a Social Media Policy.
- Recommending that the Social Media Policy requires social media pages to have the FIREScope logo, link to the our website, state the specialist group, overview of the specialist groups mission, and have a contact person in case there is any issue with any of the content.
- The Task Force Liaison will be the oversight person.

b.) FIREScope 2016 DINS Symbology:

- Requesting to add symbols to their maps (examples are: Residence destroyed/damaged, no damage, evidence destroyed symbols, etc.)
- Color scheme in IEP map will work

c.) MACS 405 Revised Resource Report:

- Added availability changes.
- Added “types” column from 4 to 7.
- Kept the “other” column with “comments” column for notes.
- Separated Type/Kind by adding a slanted line.
- Added asterisk with wording “if resources availability changes due to deployment submit a new resource status form.”

d.) FIREScope Specialist Group Member Orientation:

- The Board has previously approved an orientation for Ops Team Members, and Task Force Members
- This orientation is the last of the trilogy
- Contains the same verbiage as the other two orientation forms

e.) ICS-800 Night Flying Guidelines:

- Revision by Air Ops members
- Made a recommendation- phrased you “should” have a night flying Helco if available. Recommendation was based on the findings that a night flying Air Tactical Group Supervisor is up too high to be able to manage night flying helicopters.

Discussion/Concerns:

Zagaris

This is one of the most sensitive documents and issues that we have dealt with for a number of years. Night flying firefighting aviation is inherently risky.

Bowman

How wide spread was this distributed throughout the State agencies that have aviation units?

Response:

Fraley

The Aviation Specialist Group is made up of members from all the primary agencies currently involved in aviation related firefighting.

Bowman

Are they all represented?

Response:**Fraley**

Ventura County, San Diego, LA City, Santa Barbara, USFS, BLM, LA County, Kern County, Cal Fire, Orange County, Coast Guard.

Discussion amongst the Board Members reference concerns, examples of incidents, verbiage and agency differences.

f.) ICS-501 Hillside Structure Fires

- Hillside homes good guide for California.
- Document improves and enhances safety.
- Document can prevent injury and a catastrophic event.

g.) FIRESCOPE Aviation SMS

- Purpose of document is to inform and advise new agencies with aviation equipment to know that in order to fly; FIRESCOPE wants them to have a safety management system.
- This would be posted on the website.

Discussion/ Recommendations:

There is discussion amongst Board Members reference the SMS System. Recommendation to Task Force is that when presenting aviation documents, have a qualified aviation representative that can clarify aviation systems.

h.) ICS-223 REMS Revision:

- October 2014 the Task Force had been given the concept of REMS and they wanted to get it ready for the following fire season.
- In May 2015 the document was presented to the Board knowing that revisions were going to be needed.
- The concept was to get 2 people with low angle training and pair them with a Type-3 engine.
- The expectation was to get input from the end users and be able to provide improved rescue service..
- That season no feedback or recommendations were received.
- Requested input from IMT's. No input was received. A Working Group was established. The Working Group consisted of a; Task Force member, Hotshot Crew Supervisor, Forest Service Representative, FIRESCOPE EMS Specialist Group member, FIRESCOPE Safety Specialist Group member, and FIRESCOPE USAR Specialist Group member.
- Recommendation is to increase personnel on REMS from 2 to 4.
- The increase is an actual reduction from 5 to 4 because the current system is partnered with a Type-3 engine. With the new recommendation it will put 4 people that are trained in their own vehicle, and that Type-3 engine can do firefighting duties.
- Made adjustments to standard equipment list. It now includes lightweight equipment alternatives.
- Added an education component to the RT-130 curriculum.
- Changed the minimum requirement from 2 team members of low angle to 2 team members having high angle.

Question/ Responses:**Marshall**

With the addition of the high angle, how is it going to affect the Federal agencies with REMS and that don't send their people to the high angle training, how is it going to affect them?

Wills

Only speaking for my agency, that is something that we do often.

Fraley

It is possibly going to cause hardship and they'll need some additional training, but the end users have found that they're working in a high angle environment so they need the high angle training.

Bowman

These are the recommendations, the Task Force is going to take this on and bring it back to the January meeting so this could be effective next fire season?

Fraley

Yes.

Bowman

So this recommendation document will be posted to announce the changes so it does give the agencies time to start training their people?

Fraley

If you approve this today people will know that this change is coming. If we bring this to you in January and it is approved we can put it out by the fire season, if not, we can still have a chance to make any changes and possibly bring to the April BOD meeting and still possibly have it ready for the fire season.

Marshal

What is the biggest issue swapping from O to E?

Zagaris

It will actually be easier to switch E around than an O because every reassignment needs a new O number. The O makes it a bit more complicated.

Bowman

Add implementation date to the document so agencies know they don't need to start today, but that the change is coming.

Osby

Leave in draft form and bring back to the Board in January.

Action Items – Fraley requests approval of all changes on the following items: Social Media Policy, FIRECOPE 2016 Dins Symbology, MACS-405 Revised Resource Report, FIREScope Specialist Orientation, ICS-800 Night Flying Guidelines, ICS-501 Hillside Structure Fires, FIREScope Aviation SMS, and ICS-223 REMS Revision documents.

Action: Bowman motions to approving all documents except; Social Media Policy, ICS-800 Night Flying Guidelines, and FIREScope Aviation SMS documents. Pimlott seconds motion. Motion approved.

4.) Report:

- Task Force new Vice Chair Tim Kelly.
- New FIREScope representation - Deputy Chief Johnstone and Assistant Chief Johnson.
- Exploring the need to Revise MACS-400-2 inconsistency in OSD's, lesson plan, glossaries between the disciplines. Attempting to make everything look the same. No time frame at this time.
- Updating ICS glossaries terms. Attempting to make an electronic glossary for all documents.
- The sub-committee for the DINS task book revision plans to have their project completed by January.
- We have been requested to add verbiage to the Safety Specialist Charter.

- Both MACS exercises in the spring were successful.

13) Old Business*

Marshall/Hartwig/Vail

1.) Evacuation Terminology:

- There is an OES document titled “Control of People During an Emergency” adopted in 1999. It is very clear on the definitions of evacuations.
- The issue is the different types of evacuation; voluntary, mandatory, advised.
- It is clear that looking at the adopted guideline in OES that we do not use it appropriately.
- We mix mandatory and voluntary.
- Many law enforcement agencies call something mandatory but don’t enforce that.
- No guideline for evacuation procedure
- Issues with our ability to remove people and keep people out, because of the terminology.
- Reviewing the document that we already adopted or having FIREScope assist with their law enforcement partners to do the review.
- Met in San Bernardino with the Police Chief Association, the Sheriff Association, and it was a productive meeting.
- The OES law enforcement has their version of the FOG manual, and FIREScope needs to be consistent with that.
- We are trying to create a standard terminology.
- With a standard terminology we can avoid confusing people. (ex: when a fire starts in one jurisdiction and then crosses to another, one agency may use mandatory evacuation and the other uses recommended evacuation. It causes confusion for the citizens.)

Comments/Recommendations:

Marshall

I recommend to send this to the Task Force, so they can develop a document that can be used Statewide for Fire and Law Enforcement.

Hartwig

I also want to add to the recommendation to start with the legal guidelines document for controlling movement of people and property during an emergency which is very detailed on definitions, all hazard issues, and evacuation specifically. There is terminology in there that can be adopted and modified. The document is on the OES website called “Legal Guidelines for Controlling Movement of People and Property during an Emergency”.

Zagaris

I don’t have a problem with the Task Force putting a draft document together. We can run it by the law enforcement side if we need to. We will bring our law partners in. I would like to take a draft to law enforcement so we could get their input.

Osby

If we could get people quickly together from the fire branch and the law branch and have this conversation it seems like this could be an easy fix.

Marshall

If we get this document approved we can use it Statewide and put the hammer down because we have a document that will back the procedure guidelines.

Bowman

If we revise or create a document and submit it then it allows me to take it back to my counsel and make the changes.

Ghilarducci

We’ll do it. We’ll (OES) work together with the Law Enforcement Branch, State Sheriffs’ and Cal Chiefs. We’ll get a working meeting, we’ll get everyone around the table, look at the existing guidelines, discuss about some of the challenges we have, and then work on an update of that document and guidelines. There is confusion sometimes on the terminology. We’ll get that in place.

Fraley

Confirming it is out of the Task Force hands?

Osby

That is correct we are taking it to a higher level.

2.) CICCS Update *

- Download the application, it is easy to use, legible, and understandable.
- Ken Kehmna, Brian Nortin from Orange County, Nick Devaly from Los Angeles, and Alissa Richards have been working on completing the CICCS revision. Making sure the revision is readable and clear to people in the field. When we are done we will give to the Task Force for review. We clarified when the PTB is actually initiated.

3.) Type III Team Update *

- Working on draft operations bulletin for type III mobilization Statewide and National.
- Working with 6 teams (San Diego, Orange, Santa Barbara, East Bay, North Bay, and Sac Regional).
- Working with those teams to get any issues taken care of in logistics, ordering, availability, and some type of rotation.
- Possibly by August the 6 teams will be up.

4.) NIMS:

- We came out with spreadsheets and proposed changes on credentialing
- There was another on Mutual Aid, received no significant comments.
- USAR had comments to it, receive comments on swift water and we took care of that.
- Job Title and position qualification section and National Qualification System
- The only position that had a qualification was IC Type 4. A person could go to a Type 4 before even being in a Type 1 position, I made comments regarding that.
- National Qualification System has a lack of accountability and lack of verification.
- Different things are being proposed at this time.

14) New Business

Vail/Schmit/Bowman

1.) FEMA-NIMS Refresh /NQS Status:

a.) NIMS Document Changes:

- Document is currently with the secretary pending signature. We are close to the finish line.
- Pulled back from the draft that had proposed a standardized system for organized Emergency Operations Centers that was closely aligned with ICS. The new draft allows Emergency Operations Centers to organize according to their own needs with a couple of different options but up to the EOC's to determine which system works best for them.
- Pulled back from a draft that proposed intelligence and investigation as a standard section in the base ICS Org Chart. Now the intelligence and investigation contact is now up to the discretion of the IC.
- In the new document stopped using the word responder and uses personnel instead.
- Pulled back some of function and discipline specific information because it doesn't belong in national doctrine. It belongs in standard operation procedures.

b.) ICS Document Changes:

- Changed the calling a law enforcement strike team to a "resource team" instead because the community was concerned that strike team sounds aggressive.
- Changed span of control guidelines. We still advise 5 is optimal but we talk more about the factors that impact span of control so it is less about the numbers and more of practical oversight.
- We did make changes to the planning key that was in NIMS. There are two different keys in the community. We tried to make an umbrella key that encompasses the two different communities.
- Defined what an Incident Management Team and Incident Management Assistance Team is in order to clarify the differences.
- Defined and identified what a Command Advisor is; "a technical specialist to command staff."

c.) Supporting Document Changes:

- National Qualification System now is issuing position task books. The position task books will establish a minimum national standard. Want to start bringing the baseline across the nation up in order to create common understanding

about what it means to go through a professional qualification process. It will provide comfort and confidence when ordering out of state resources.

2.) IROC:

a.) History of ROSS:

- ROSS replaced the paper system that was in place.
- ROSS was developed in California
- Based on the issues on the South Canyon Fire recommendation of developing a better resource tracking and ordering system.
- Tried in 1998 by NWCG and development started with Lockheed Martin..
- 2003 in production. It was launched used throughout the nation except in California.
- In 2005 the Federal Wildland Fire agencies started using ROSS.
- 2006 the State and Local Government joined.
- In 2006-2007 California was about 60-70% of the workload in ROSS.
- Today California is about 40% of the workload in ROSS
- Between State and Federal, it is split 50/50% with Local Government having a small percentage.
- In 2011 there were security risks.
- ROSS was unable to give reports because the information was put in manually.
- In 2013 Lockheed Martin lost the contract due to increased expense and underperformance. ROSS 3.0 was never released.

b.) ROSS Next Gen:

- In 2020 ROSS will go away and be replaced with IROC (Interagency Resource Ordering Capability) name subject to change due to an issue with the name.
- IROC has advanced security principles.
- Improved data standards.
- IROC gives good reports. IROC is going to have standards.
- Improved data system integration.
- Trying to get a plug in to play type environment with a limited cost to get hooked up.
- Making it intuitive. No hard training.
- Making it available to use on different devices not just a PC.
- IROC will be a new program with new technology.

c.) Development of IROC:

- 2014 interviews with stake holders
- Conducted in person interviews and questionnaires
- 2015 the team came to California for two weeks talking to users
- 2016 the charter was signed
- 2017 the contract was awarded to Best Tech Inc. In the same week a protest was filed and now there is a delay of 100 days.
- Hoping development starts in fall of 2017
- Estimate production release date of 2020
- National Team has identified California as being important and has asked for a representative on the IROC team.
- Submitted an application for an individual
- We are getting support Susie Stingley? She used to work in California NOPS as a Center Manager now she is the NIC's Center Manager. She is a proponent of California, and she understands California rules and ordering processes.

d.) ROSS Overview - where IROC is heading:

- ROSS requires 4 days of training. To learn ROSS it is preferable to have some type of expanded dispatch training, ICS 100 and understand the ordering chains, but is not mandated.
- Average about 14 ROSS classes a year State, Federal and Local Government. This does not include ROSS drills, expanded dispatch training, and refresher training.
- Governance - not following what the Feds do. We have a governing body within the State that looks out for California. The California Ross Group (CARG) 15 members are on the committee; CalFire, Cal OES, US Forest Service, DOI, Local Government, and we have people from the national ROSS Team. We are overseen by the CWCG. We develop

and maintain the ROSS business practice standards for California. This is reviewed annually and submitted to CWCG for approval.

- We interface with the National ROSS Team. Discuss ROSS enhancements, application issues, data standards, and ensure ROSS meets California needs.
- Two people are on the National Committee, Chain Port? and a Reports Port?. Twice a year they meet with the national team.
- Training Group has 16 members; Cal Fire, Cal OES, US Forest Service, and Local Government that are actively participating month to month. They are overseen by the CARG.
- We write the training material. We just renewed the Advance ROSS Reports training material.

Questions/Comments:

Zagaris

How does it look between State, Federal, and Local Government?

Bozarth

I don't have numbers but I could run the report.

Baird

Is there any discussion regarding integration between ROSS and SCOUT. Where our people are when the resources are dispatched?

Bozarth

As I understand for ROSS there won't be any new connections because it is going away and they don't want to spend the money. With IROC integration with external system is big. It's on top of the list.

Osby

What does it mean 2020 production or release date?

Bozarth

In production means people will be using it in the field and that's when ROSS will be turned off.

Osby

Will it have integration or compatibility with CAD systems?

Bozarth

It is in the requirements that it will interface with CAD systems.

3.) Fire/ Rescue Response to DOD

- There is an active agency agreement for Camp Pendleton. Chief Lou was saying it is similar to the Los Padres. The only differences are that in Los Padres they have resources that sit on Fort Hunter Legget so we have a reciprocal ability. That may not occur at Camp Pendleton.
- In US Forest agreement you can stay up to twelve hours. After 12 hours it converts into Mutual Aid.
- There was confusion with the previous Chief.
- Pulling and reviewing the agreement so they can see the issue that is being created. The Chief is willing to do that.
- Camp Pendleton is going to have to implement their own Local agreements, so they are put in a situation of value for the agreement.

Comments:

Zagaris

I think both are necessary. It is hard to have an agreement not fairly consistent with the whole state. I think both agreements are important in the Local area, so that way they can exchange overtime especially in Camp Pendleton when there are multiple things going on, and there are no resources to send. Both are a key to the process. I am talking to the Government's military council through the Executive Director and we are working through a couple of the items here, and just get an education on our system and discuss some of the concerns we are seeing out there. Maybe we can get DOD to find a representative and sit down and look at it. We can show them how we reimburse and how to get Mutual Aid in those Op areas and how things come together. I think there is more work to be done on the issue.

Osby

What is the resolution?

Baird

I will follow up. We'll find a cooperative solution between local government and the Forest Chief.

Zagaris

We have 2 regions and 3 Op areas that were impacted; San Diego, Orange, and Riverside. We are scheduled to do a presentation on status of the issue. We have got some work to do. Your agency and Cal Fire has a stake in it. Trying to ensure we get the closest available resources and then if there's a payment process how that is going to occur.

15) Cal OES Fire and Rescue Report

Zagaris

1.) Cal OES Report

- New employees; Cathy Johnson, Kit Bailey, Dave Franklin.
- Chief Woodbeck working on other new hires.
- 7 new replacement engines are in.
- Staff started moving in to the new agency warehouse fire shop. Open house sometime by the end of this month.
- Succession planning-one of the opportunities that can also help to bring people on board is to approve trainees to come out to help speed up the qualifications.
- Cal Fire has kept the guard busy. There was a request for 9 guard helicopters and 2 MAFFS some of the equipment is going to be released sometime later today or this morning.

16) Roundtable

All

1.) Ghilarducci's Report:

a.) Security Advisory:

- Everyone is in the process of receiving a security advisory from Homeland Security.
- We received notice yesterday from General Services Administration.

Note Reads:

After reviewing and careful consideration the General Services Administration made the decision to remove Kapersky Lab manufactured products from the GSA I.T. schedule 70 and GSA schedule 67. Photographic equipment and related services applies. GSA priorities are to ensure the integrity and security of the US Government systems and networks and evaluating products and services available on our contracts using supply chain mismanagement processing.

- Kaperski Labs is a Russian Company that provides I.T. services throughout the world. They were embedded into U.S. Government - Local, State, and Federal Governments.
- This prompted us to get together with DHS and the FBI.
- The findings were interesting. The bottom line is that Kapersky has a direct tie with FSB (Federal Security Bureau) and that intelligence information supports that fact that this network would be used to go in and open firewalls in Local, State and Federal Governments and pull information, particularly in voting systems but also in other Government entities.
- We have put out a bulletin and advisory so that your I.T.'s can look at what companies are providing your firewalls.
- It has been advised to remove all entities with this security services.

b.) Los Alamitos building:

- In October we will be breaking ground on building the new Southern California Regional Operational Building in Los Alamitos.
- Multi-capable, multi-million dollar facility that will be the Southern California Operations Hub.
- There will be a component tied with FEMA, the National Guard Special Operations Deployment Unit, and Public Safety Communications.

c.) Budget:

- 2018 proposed budget has catastrophic cuts to State and Local grant programming. It does not only include Homeland Security grants, but also firefighter grants, emergency management performance grants, and hazard mitigation grants. It zeros out these areas.
- This year there was already a cut of about 2 million dollars Statewide overall. We tried to absorb most of that cut so it would have the minimum impact on Local Government.
- Budget is probably going to impact everyone.

2.) Pimlott's Report:

a.) Agency adjustments:

- In order to keep boots on the ground and be able to help with fire response and to address tree mortality we eliminated all but one of the exclusive use contracts for large and very large air tankers as well as one or two helicopters under that.
- Coordinating with Director Baird's shop to bring all those people on call when needed.
- All our same resources are out there, but it's under a different mechanism to get those resources.

b.) Budget:

- Main budget was signed. It has been occupying everyone's time in the Capital.
- Unique approach to get the republican vote for moving this across the finish line and putting the SRA fee suspension and ultimately repeal on the table, the governor spent 4 hours yesterday in front of the senate committee.
- Governor has provided all the information on where the fee payers are and how many in each of the districts of the members that were on that committee. He was been very detailed and specific on his push back. Governor being direct by saying "If you vote no on the Cap and Trade deal you are essentially voting yes on the SRA fee and I am going to go back and tell everyone of your 23,000 fee payers in your district that you voted not to repeal the SRA fee." Governor is being very direct, that is how important this is.
- This year there is an SRA grant program for 10 million, but that might change with the vote.

c.) Black Hawk Helicopters:

- Benchmark in helicopter procurement.
- Bids opened and there were 2 vendors that bid.
- Companies refurbish Black Hawk Helicopters.
- DGS is going through both the bids and they will both be ranked on price point and whether they meet the specifications.
- Soon it will be a public process as it moves along.

d.) Staff:

- Bill Payne? has retired from aviation program. No current replacement.
- The three Operational Maintenance Chiefs will be rotating responsibility for the program management.
- Continue to use the normal chains and numbers to engage with the Chief in there.
- We were finally able to break ground on the new SOPS moving from Mulberry Street in Riverside to Moreno Valley not far from Cactus. Construction to be completed sometime in 2018.

3.) Meston's Report:

- Elections for Cal Chiefs President August 24th.
- Will be running for President.
- Consideration is appreciated.

4.) Board of Directors Committee:

- Welcoming new Board Member Mike Shrout.
- Welcoming new Board Member Bob Baird.

5.) Marshall's Report:

- Bull dozers are limited resource for my county
- Blue Ribbon Commission - I have a component of it for Radios. Currently we have 2 radios. Very expensive to have two radios, daily radios are about 5,000 dollars. Looking into wildland radios for the future.

6.) Bowman's Report:

- Out of the list of 10 Blue Ribbon Committee Documents 2 have been approved.

- I would like the Board to review the Blue Ribbon and pull another 2 documents for review so we can always keep 10 on the list for revision.

17) Adjourn

Osby

Meeting Adjourned 1319 hours.

***-Denotes documents supporting this agenda item are included with packet. **-out of sequence**