

Office of Emergency Services
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF JULY 8, 1992

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MEMBERS PRESENT

William Maxfield, Chairman - Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Department
Donald Manning, Vice Chairman - Chief, Los Angeles City Fire Department
Rich Aronson, Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Frank Buscher, Chief - Tiburon Fire Protection District
Chris Cameron, Regional Fire Management Officer - National Park Service
Gary Costamagna, Chief - Sacramento City Fire Department
Michael Freeman, Chief - Los Angeles County Fire Department
Dick Henry, Director - U.S. Forest Service, Region V
Larry Holms, Chief - Orange County Fire Department
Donald Perry, Deputy Chief for Dan Fraijo, Chief - Santa Barbara County FD
Loren Pettis, Chief - Montclair Fire Department
Jim Smith, Assistant Chief for George Lund, Chief - Ventura County FD
Bill Teie, Deputy Director for Richard Wilson, Director - CDF & FP
Dave Walizer, Chief Deputy for Ron Coleman, Calif State Fire Marshal

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Brannon, Chief - Linda Fire Protection District
Ron Coleman, Calif State Fire Marshal
Dan Fraijo, Chief - Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Pat Kidder, Fire and Aviation Officer - Bureau of Land Management
George Lund, Chief - Ventura County Fire Department
Richard Wilson, Director - CDF & FP

SPECIAL ADVISORS PRESENT

Bob Hamilton for Eldon Nagel, General Manager - CA State Firefighter's Association
Kelley Trujillo for Brian Hatch - CA Professional Firefighters

SPECIAL ADVISORS NOT PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Andy Anderson, Chief - Quincy Fire Department
Richard Andrews, Director - Office of Emergency Services
Paul Beckstrom, Deputy Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division

Will Brock, Assistant Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
John Bryant, Emergency Operations Coordinator - U.S. Forest Service, South
Gary Buzzini, Region Chief - CDF & Fire Protection
Mark Cameron, California Environmental Protection Agency
Mike Colgan, Battalion Chief - Orange County Fire Department
Mike Dougherty, Assistant Fire Coordinator - U.S. Forest Service, South
Mark Ghilarducci, Emergency Services Coordinator - OES US&R Program
Candace Gregory, Division Chief - CDF, Sacramento
Mike Guerin, Assistant Director - OES Response and Recovery
Jane Hindmarsh, Division Chief - OES Planning Division
Lloyd Keefer, Region Chief - CDF & Fire Protection
Merrill McMurray, Deputy Chief - Sacramento County Fire Department
Gerry Schimke, Chief - OES Hazardous Materials Division
Dick Starr, Deputy Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Sherri Stromlund, Office Technician - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Al Wilsey, Battalion Chief - Ventura County Fire Department
Ken Wiseman, Undersecretary - California Environmental Protection Agency
Kim Zagaris, Assistant Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Dave Zocchetti, OES Legislation

The meeting was called to order at 0930 by Chairman Maxfield. Round-table introductions were made and Rich Aronson discussed logistics.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 25, 1992 MEETING

Bill Teie requested that the discussion of appointing a small Working Group, to review and develop action plans on the East Bay Hills Fire Report recommendations, be referred to and included in the minutes from the March 25, 1992 meeting. As a result of that discussion, on April 25, 1992 Chief Maxfield (as Chair of the OES Fire and Rescue Services Committee/FIRESCOPE Board of Directors) appointed a Working Group to review the 53 recommendations contained in the East Bay Hills Fire Report and develop action plans implementing as many of the recommendations as possible. The working group members are:

Gary Costamagna, Chief - Sacramento City Fire Department
Michael Guerin, Assistant Director - Office of Emergency Services
Richard Henry, Director Aviation & Fire Management, Region V, USFS
Neil Honeycutt, Assistant Chief - Oakland City Fire Department
William Teie, Chair/Deputy Director - CDF and Fire Protection
David Walizer, Chief Deputy Director - California Office of State Fire Marshal

IT WAS MOVED BY BILL TEIE SECONDED BY LARRY HOLMS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 25, 1992 MEETING WITH THE ABOVE AMENDMENT.

Dick Andrews briefly touched on the series of emergencies that have occurred over the past several months. He thanked those present today for their participation and assistance during the Los Angeles civil unrest and the recent earthquakes. Dr. Andrews also commented on how well the Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System worked during those events.

STATE NOTIFICATION PROCESS

At the March 25th meeting a memo from the Governor's Chief of Staff Bob White, to State Agencies, was distributed. There was some question as to a statement in that memo referring to the Office of Emergency Services' "direction and control." The Board addressed a letter to Dick Andrews, requesting clarification as to what "direction and control" referred to and, if it was intended to change the authority of local governments to manage emergencies within their own jurisdictions. Dr. Andrews' response was received today (copy attached) and will be distributed. Dr. Andrews verbally stressed that it is important to note that this memo was to State Agencies and was intended to clarify the notification process in reference to the Emergency Services Act. It is referring to direction and control over state authorities. There is no intent to change the way emergencies are managed, either in terms of the ongoing statutory authorities, or the authority of local governments to manage emergencies within their own jurisdictions. The focus was on a desire for rapid information dissemination to the Governor through OES, in order to move as pro-actively as possible in support of local governments.

BUDGET SITUATION

Chief Maxfield addressed the issue of the State and local government budget cuts and the impact it will have on mutual aid response. He advised members that Dr. Andrews is meeting with the Governor today. He asked members for their comments on the impact these cuts will have on the Mutual Aid System and the fire service in general, so that Dr. Andrews can pass their concerns on to the Governor. Board members, in an open forum, discussed budget issues and the impact on the Fire and Rescue Service Mutual Aid System and mutual aid response. After a lengthy open discussion and input by members and guests, Dr. Andrews stated that he had noted the key issues and will convey their concerns to the Governor.

COMMUNICATIONS FREQUENCY AGREEMENT

Mike Dougherty briefed members on the Communications Frequency Agreement, which includes the Radio Use Agreement. The Radio Use Agreement was put together by the Specialist Group, and includes pages for signature, an attachment page for frequencies, and the Statewide Frequency Plan, which was approved in 1989 and is incorporated in the Field Operations Guide. On the issue of departments which have gone to 800 Mega-Hertz and those still on VHF high-frequency, being unable to communicate, there is a 800 Mega-Hertz attachment, with several statewide frequencies available their use. The intent is for this attachment to be included in the next printing of the Field Operations Guide, along with the Statewide Frequency Plan. This has been discussed with Operations Team North and South, and with Chief Aronson, and it is hoped that the Board will agree. Chief Aronson will utilize his field people to help Mutual

Aid Regions and Operational Areas coordinate the development of the Frequency Plan. John Bryant ask Chief Aronson if this is an impossible task or a realistic request that can be done in a reasonable amount of time. Chief Aronson responded that he felt it could be done within the next six months, by going through the Operational Areas to the County Fire Chief's Organizations, the chief's agreeing and signing within each county. He stated that this issue has been discussed at the Regional and Operational Area meetings over the past year, quite extensively. It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone or a problem to get it done. Local government within a given county or operational area would share their frequencies and it would all be pre-approved. It is not intended to take someone's frequency without their cooperation and permission.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF HOLMS SECONDED BY CHIEF COSTAMAGNA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE COMMUNICATION FREQUENCY AGREEMENT.

TASK FORCE REPORT

Mike Dougherty reported that the Haz Mat Specialist Group has completed the Operational Systems Description and the Position Manual and is currently working on training material.

The RAPID FORCE Plan will be discussed later in the agenda. The Task Force has asked the Specialist Group to look at the RAPID FORCE plan and give them some feedback on what the impacts it would have on coordination efforts that may need to take place.

The Frequency Use Agreement has just been approved.

The Multi-Casualty Plan has been approved and is being put together and finalized by Mike Scherr and his staff. An Ad-Hoc Group has been formed to look at the introduction of the Multi-Casualty OSD and see if more explanation on modular development is needed to assist the user. There is no plan to change it, just make it a more user friendly. The ISM consortium will be discussed later in the agenda. The Task Force has developed a white paper, for use here today, on what has taken place to date. Both Operations Teams and the US&R Group are continuing with typing and training issue and the training material to go along with it. NWCG is still working on re-vamping the IMS courses and the Generic-I Courses. Chief Mike Colgan, Orange County is the Task Force representative and that effort is going well. Ventura County has replaced Larry Whalen on the Task Force with Al Wilsey, who is here today.

CONTRACT COUNTIES LETTER

Rich Aronson referred the Board to the March 25th meeting, at which he advised the Board that Tom McCarthy, Chief of Kern County Fire Department, sent a letter stating that his County would be unable to participate in any kind of mutual aid response outside its boundaries. Chief

McCarthy has sent a second letter (included in packets), to Dick Henry stating that he will be able to participate in mutual aid now. At the Region V meeting last week Chief McCarthy's Deputy Chief re-iterated that they will be able to participate in mutual aid.

ICS/FGC = IMS DEVELOPMENTS

Larry Holms referred the Board to documents in their packets which are an overview of the decision process as we know it today. There is also a copy of the letter sent to Phoenix. Chief Holms stated that he felt the process is going backwards. The latest information from Phoenix indicates that the FIREScope representative's input has not been considered. Representatives were supposed to have an opportunity to review and agree to the documents, but instead those documents have been produced and distributed to the everyone, except the FIREScope representatives. The original document is what is going out, and there are still a couple of significant differences.

The by-laws that were sent out recently, still rely on majority vote in changing of the process. FIREScope representatives have pushed very hard for an consensus approach, in order to prevent a select group from voting on an issue and changing the direction of the process, or making changes that will effect everyone.

Chief Holms said that his group has been pushing to have a single system that starts out from the first arriving unit, and continues through to the major event. However, it still appears as though the Consortium is moving towards having two systems. They want to develop one process for day-to-day activity and another for use when ICS and NFA's systems kick-in for a larger event. The FIREScope representatives have stressed the importance of working with a single system on a daily basis so that company officers are working with the same system they're going to use if the situation escalates. Even though NFA representatives at San Diego Consortium meeting, made it very clear that only NFA will change the curriculum for the Incident Management System, the letter Chief Holms received from Gary Morris, Phoenix Fire Department stated "the Consortium will revise the National Fire Academy's Incident Command Course based on the merger effort and give that to the National Fire Academy." It appears as though they are still trying to push this through. At the Training Officer's Workshop in San Jose, when this issue was discussed, the group in attendance was very concerned about any changes to ICS, and they made that very clear.

The Consortium meeting in York, Pennsylvania is a continuation of discussion on curriculum development, by-laws and incorporation, and the decision making process. A number of people from California are planning to attend, however, Chief Holms stated that he will not be able to attend to represent the FIREScope Board of Directors. He asked Director Andrews if he could possibly attend, and if that is not possible, he requested that Rich Aronson attend. Dr. Andrews indicated that he would not be able to attend the meeting in Pennsylvania due to

scheduling conflicts. Members asked Chief Freeman if he could attend, as the Board of Director's representative. Chief Freeman indicated that it may be possible for him to attend. Chief Manning stated that he felt it was important to have someone of stature at the meeting in Pennsylvania and that Chief Freeman could represent the Board very well. Chief Manning also noted that ICS was of major value during Los Angeles civil unrest, and that he would like to see ICS used more by law enforcement, and he requested the Director's support in getting statewide law enforcement to bring it in.

Members discussed the importance of California having a good representation at that seminar in September. Last year 480 people attended, from around the nation, discussing ICS and FGC, and it is important that a group of California people be at this year's conference too. Chief Maxfield said that he would be attending the conference in September and will be sitting on a panel.

CAL-EPA/RAPID FORCE

Ken Wiseman, Undersecretary, CAL-EPA introduced Mark Cameron, Industrial Hygienist, who has been working on developing the RAPID FORCE Plan. Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Cameron briefed the Board and answered questions from Board Members. Mr. Wiseman stated that they are committed to planning and they hope to work with OES and the fire service in a positive and cooperative way.

Mark Cameron explained that RAPID FORCE is mechanism to coordinate state agencies and that quickly establishing who is in control, and organization of everyone else in an appropriate way will be critical. Concerns were expressed as to whether the process was going to be so preempting that it would take away from something that is already effective. Mr. Cameron stated that this concern has been voiced often, and they are most interested in dealing with it. He advised members that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Office of Emergency Services, and the State Fire Marshal, all have representatives on the committee involved in the writing of RAPID FORCE Plan. The goal is for RAPID FORCE to fit into the existing Incident Command System structure, as it has been created by the fire services, and not to come in and take over.

Mr. Cameron explained that some counties are very well equipped and resource rich, while other counties are lacking in resources and need technical information. The RAPID FORCE plan will expand or contract depending on the need of each particular area.

Chief Maxfield stated that he was unclear as to the assistance RAPID FORCE representatives could offer at an incident, and asked Mr. Cameron to explain the on-scene goal. Mr. Cameron explained that representative's capabilities would include sampling, identification, environmental impacts, etc. He stressed that they were trying to avoid duplicating services.

Chief Maxfield also asked about representatives arriving on-scene to determine violation of State Codes. Mr. Cameron advised that there is a State Enforcement Branch, however, their response would be after-the-fact; they would not be the first to arrive at an incident. The Board requested a copy of the RAPID FORCE Plan and were advised by Mr. Cameron that it is still in draft form, however, he will send copies out to members with the minutes from this meeting, along with a "request check list" and some specific position descriptions.

LOS ANGELES RIOTS REPORT

Chief Manning reported that during the Los Angeles civil unrest on April 29th, the fire service mutual aid system was truly tested, and worked incredibly well. Law enforcement resources were mobilized, however, there were serious delays in getting them released to escort fire service personnel. There appeared to be no command system in place within the police department. Chief Manning explained that he decided almost immediately, to break the Los Angeles City Strike Teams down to three engines, leaving the Mutual Aid Strike Teams in tact, with five engines per Strike Team, which worked very well. He indicated that this may be something the Board might take a look at, the possibility of having a different configuration, which could be requested by the Incident Commander. The main tactics were to stop conflagrations; not put personnel inside or on roofs; handle the fires with large streams; and prevent the fire from moving into the residential areas. By flying over today, you can see that this effort was incredibly successful. Chief Manning advised that there were numerous fire service personnel injuries, including four gunshot injuries. The L.A. City firefighter who was shot in neck, suffered stroke-like symptoms, is paralyzed in the left arm, and has some brain damage. He is recuperating at home now and has a very optimistic attitude. There were 5,000 fire service responses within the first 24 hours. A Department historian is putting together a seven volume report on the incident, which should be completed sometime in September. There was a meeting between the local law enforcement agencies on the second day, and it was decided that support and escorts for fire service personnel would be provided by the California Highway Patrol. Chief Manning advised that they are working on trying to get that to happen more quickly next time, but overall the CHP escorts worked out well. Chief Manning praised the California Highway Patrol for their professionalism, stamina, and cooperation in responding quickly with the fire units.

Some of the problems that occurred included a lack of information being sent to staging areas and mutual aid cities regarding safe routes into the area, removal of certain equipment from the outside of the engines (items which could be removed and used against personnel), and the acquiring of bullet proof vests. There was a slight delay in receiving the vests, but with assistance from the State and the Military, they did arrive at approximately two o'clock in the morning. Because the fire service was slightly overwhelmed he did not feel that information was disseminated as it should have been and in future incidents they plan to utilize the fax to relay vital information. The U.S. Fire Administration is producing a document to fire chiefs, which will give them things to considered in this type of incident, as a guide. Chief Manning also recognized Chief Freeman for the outstanding job of coordinating the Region I Fire Service

Mutual Aid System, noting that the system could not have worked better. He stated however, that the law enforcement mutual aid system did not work, and there is a need for a cooperative effort of training and working together. Civil unrest should be a police event, and the police should be the Incident Commander; he feels very strongly about law enforcement being training in the Incident Command System, and practicing that system on a day-to-day basis to strengthen their knowledge and experience with ICS.

Dr. Andrews added that from the law enforcement aspect, there was planning well in advance, however, when events started to unfold, some of the plans appeared not to be carried out. There was only one mutual aid request to the Law Enforcement Regional Coordinator, and that was for a prisoner transport bus. The National Guard, once they were finally requested, were on the streets within 18 hours, which is excellent an deployment time. The riots were shut down in 36 hours, however, some requests circumvented the Mutual Aid System. The Governor has directed that a Mutual Aid Task Force be set-up, including Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Coordinators. There has already been one meeting which included Chief Freeman, Chief Maxfield, and Rex Griggs. The second meeting will also include all other Regional Fire Coordinators.

Chief Manning mentioned some communications problems with the law enforcement system, and said that the type of confusion experienced was clearly a lack of planning and logistics.

The issue of OES securing bullet proof vests for future needs was raised. Chief Aronson advised that the National Guard had some flack jackets on loan from the Military until September. OES is working with the Guard, FEMA, and the Pentagon to have those jackets remain in Sacramento for use during this type of incident. These are however, flack jackets, not bullet proof vests. The State would like to have cache of bullet proof vests to be used by any community rather than every community having to buy them. The average cost of a flack jacket is approximately \$385.00, bullet proof vests are \$526.00 per unit, so it is unlikely, at this cost, that the State will be able to purchase these units. There is currently no known cache of bullet proof vests available in the State.

Chief Manning brought-up some concerns related to the coating or cover on the vests being nylon instead of Nomex. He said that although his personnel wore their Nomex turn-outs over the top of the vests, if additional vests are ordered by his department, he would attempt to have them covered in Nomex material.

The issue of pairing CHP units up with fire resources at their point of origin, for response to civil disturbance of this type, is being seriously considered. Meetings with the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Departments, and the California Highway Patrol have re-discussed this issue. Chief Freeman noted there needs to be some type of plan that will allow

reasonable protection during the first eight hours, while CHP is mobilizing. CHP would be unable to provide escorts during the initial development stages, and there should be a transitional period, with reasonable protection for fire resources. Chief Freeman explained that Los Angeles County had two objectives; acting as Region I Coordinator and protecting an area of the County adjacent to the City that was experiencing unrest and arson. Handouts were distributed, but Chief Freeman indicated that the information is all preliminary. There were 85 Strike Teams involved, and a number of those resources were used to cover stations. Overall, coordination went well, but some refining is still necessary. He stated that they are working on an after-action report which will address the Mutual Aid System and strategy and tactics.

REIMBURSEMENT REPORT

Dick Starr reported that the new rates for the 1992 Cooperative Agreement have been established. The personnel rates have been increased from \$549 to \$585 (per 24 hour shift) for engine companies, which is a 6.6% increase. Strike Team Leaders and Overhead personnel have been increased from \$707 to \$748, (per 24 hour shift) a 5.8% increase. These rates exceeded expectations, which were estimated at 4-5% increase for this year. Chief Starr explained that the increase was due to an increase of 5% in Region I, 8.2% in Region II, and 12.2% in Region III (Region III was previously much lower than other regions). The Cooperative Agreements are being printed now and will be mailed next week. According to a "Times" article, FEMA is proposing new rules on disaster reimbursement. Chief Starr explained that for the last four federally declared disasters the Cooperative Agreement has been used as a basis for reimbursement, and has been accepted by FEMA. Under the new rules, personnel would not be paid for the time they would have been performing their regular duties. FEMA has received letters from New York, California, and other states recommending against this, and it looks like they are not going to change the reimbursement rules at this time.

Chief Maxfield advised members and guests that Deputy Chief Starr is officially retired, after 46 years in the fire service. Chief Maxfield thanked Chief Starr for his work with OES, the fire service, and especially the reimbursement sub-committee.

EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

Dick Andrews updated members on the two earthquake sequences that have occurred since the last Advisory Board meeting. The Humboldt earthquake caused a four foot tsunami, which was recorded in Crescent City within 17 minutes after the first earthquake. The tsunami problem has caused some concern because, had it not occurred at low tide, there could have been some real problems. Dr. Andrews said that OES is currently trying to secure some additional federal funding to work on the tsunami problem. The Southern section of the San Andreas is also a very serious situation since there is no record of it rupturing in over 300 years. The last earthquake on that section of the fault was in 1857, which started in Monterey County and ruptured south to Los Angeles County. On April 22, 1992 there were a series of earthquakes,

two along the Johnson Valley fault, the first in the 4.5 range, the second was 6.1. It is believed the rupture stopped because it ran into the Pinto Mountain fault, which is a east-west running fault. A week ago Sunday, the rest of this fault system ruptured from the South to the North. There was very little damage in the Palm Springs area because the fault ruptured in a single direction and most of the energy was sent to the North. Within a few hours there was a 6.5 quake on the "Unnamed Fault". Dr. Andrews explained that this is a common pattern, when an earthquake occurs on a linear fault, they will also occur on a perpendicular fault adjacent to it, in terms of aftershocks. There continues to be hot spots of aftershocks near Yuciapa, and a small amount of activity along the San Andreas, but at this time, the aftershock pattern is decaying at a normal rate. Sympathetic earthquakes occurred over the entire length of the State, which was not expected. There is a great deal of concern, on an intermediate term basis, and there will be a lot of attention focused on what is happening with this fault over the next two years. Dr. Andrews stated that OES is meeting continuously with the scientific advisory group, working through scenarios, and updating the Governor. OES will issue public warnings if there are any signs of significant concerns, or anticipation of possible events within a short period of time. State agencies are being briefed on responses to any unexpected occurrence of a major event.

Chief Manning asked about plans to shut down the American Canal, running off the Colorado River. Dr. Andrews advised that he did not know specifically about plans to shut down the canal in case of a major event, however, the water can be shut off at the source end, as well as at the pumping station in Desert Hot Springs, which would prevent flooding.

Due to the fact that the Prime is dependent on a dispatcher physically going over and checking it for information, Southern California Chief's requested that information be disseminated through Sacramento to the Region to the Operational Areas, instead of using the Prime Computer System. Dr. Andrews agreed that any information would be disseminated through the Mutual Aid System.

OASIS REPORT

Jane Hindmarsh reported on the OASIS Project. OASIS represents Operational Area Satellite Information System. The Project is trying to glean from the pioneer work and development that the Fire Service has done and expand it into the entire emergency services system. Ms. Hindmarsh used a model, representing Operational Areas, OES Regions, and the State; fire shelter, utilities and law enforcement, and the communication between services and within Operational Areas, Regions, and the State. The center hubs represent the point at which information from all services comes together and is integrated. All services are integrated vertically and horizontally. Slides were presented further explaining the more detailed aspects of the project. The goal is a fail-safe communication system. Authorization has been granted from the State for this project and money to purchase satellite systems has been secured. This

project does not change the existing fire and law mutual aid system. There will be two hub sites, one in Sacramento and one in Los Alamitos. OES will pay for hardware, installation, maintenance, and use time for OES and local governments. There will be 59 ground terminals, one in each county and one in Los Angeles City. Local jurisdictions will pay for minor engineering and long distance off-net calls. Other State agencies interested in being part of the system will be responsible for paying the entire portion of their costs. The high-frequency radio system is to be installed in three phases. The Project proposal is in writing and will be enclosed with the minutes from this meeting. Dr. Andrews added that the satellite is for use when normal means of communications are lost and funding for this project is protected, and will not be cut through budget reductions.

US&R UPDATE

Mark Ghilarducci reported on the activities in the USAR Program. USAR Coordinators have been meeting with the eight joint USAR Task Forces in California. Phoenix, Nevada, and Washington State have joined in the meetings to familiarize with California's system so they can more easily integrate if needed. Task Forces are close to completing organizational phase of operational readiness. They are beginning to do some training within their departments, all Task Forces are purchasing equipment, and are in the process of submitting reimbursement claims through OES.

Most Task Forces have developed in-house training facilities. Menlo Park has their own training center and it is being used to prototype Rescue Systems II courses by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Coordinators are incorporating standards in training facilities to ensure that everyone is getting the same type of training activity. The Memorandum of Agreements are in the process of being sent through the city councils, county governments, and are being signed and submitted. To date, signed MOA's have been received from San Diego, Riverside and Menlo Park. The 1993 budget for the federal program had no money written into it, however 8.5 million was requested to make all 25 task forces ready. To date, 1.7 million has been written back into the 1993 budget. Mr. Ghilarducci asked the fire service continue pressure through congressional contacts, for additional funding. A MOA between OES and the National Guard was recently finalized and is going on for signatures. Federal Orientation training will begin in August at San Luis Obispo.

A USAR Communication Specialist Course will be offered in Yucaipa during August or September. Equipment has been purchased and is being distributed to the eight California Task Forces, maintaining similar caches at all eight locations. The Medical Working Group is developing standards and operational protocols for Task Forces in California. The SAR Dog Confederation is working on getting more disaster dogs qualified. Rescue Systems II development is completed and is being delivered. Frank Borden of Los Angeles City has been elected Chairman for the USAR Advisory Committee. The next meeting of the USAR Advisory Committee is scheduled for August 17, 1992 and will be held in Sacramento.

OAKLAND FIRE/ACTION PLAN - WORKING GROUP REPORT

Bill Teie reported that, at the last Advisory Committee meeting, Chief Maxfield appointed a small working group to take the Oakland Report, and work on the 53 recommendations. Appointed to the group were: Gary Costamagna, Sacramento City Fire Department; Mike Guerin, OES; Dick Henry, USFS; Neil Honeycutt, Oakland City Fire Department; Bill Teie, CDF; and Dave Walizer, California State Fire Marshal is chairing the group. Chief Teie reported that the working group has met several times and has decided to work on those items that met three criteria; 1) to be of statewide importance, 2) that members of this group, using existing authority, can do something about, and 3) tasks can be accomplished within a reasonable time frame (goal is 18 months). The following nine areas are being reviewed, and the group expects to present a report at the next advisory committee.

1. Fire Weather Forecasts
2. Mutual Aid Communication
3. Managing Major Urban Wildland Fires
4. Model Guide for Pre-Planning Urban Wildland Fire
5. Response Procedures for Local Government Emergency Service Personnel
6. Effective Use of Airtankers, Air Attack & Helicopters
7. Model Automatic and Mutual Aid Agreements
8. Understanding California Fire Service Mutual Aid System
9. Need for Practical Experience for Local Government Fire Personnel

OPERATIONS TEAMS - NORTH/SOUTH REPORTS

Andy Anderson and John Bryant reminded members and guests of the Joint Operations Team meeting in Quincy, on July 9th and 10th. They Operations Teams will be reviewing today's Advisory Committee meeting, working with the Task Force, and planning a strategy for the IMS Consortium meetings. Operations Teams would like to know before the end of today's meeting, who will be attending the York, Pennsylvania meeting to represent FIREScope Board of Directors.

Dr. Andrews stated that he would not be able to attend. Chief Maxfield stated that he also, was unable to attend. Chief Freeman was asked to attend and represent the Board and indicated that he would do so.

CAL TRANS/ICS

Paul Beckstrom reported on the Cal-Trans ICS package. The ICS Working Group, formed in 1989 and chaired by OES is still in effect. The Department of Water Resources adopted ICS in 1990, with CHP following in 1991. CHP has 85 - 90% of their officers trained and have

already updated their manual once; they are currently working on a second update. Chief Beckstrom stated that the Cal-Trans package could be the pattern for local governments or county public works; it is compatible with what the fire service is doing and addresses Unified Command, typing, crew teams and task forces, and uses ICS Forms. A copy of the Cal-Trans ICS package can be obtained from Dale Tenbrock, at Cal Trans, Chief of the Cal Trans Office of Emergency Management.

WEATHER AGREEMENT

Rich Aronson stated that since the Oakland fire, the National Weather Service has been inundated by local governments, to come out and do spot forecasts for them on incidents. The Weather Service would like a single point of contact, for these requests. Chief Aronson attended a meeting in Redding with the Weather Service to talk about the concept of OES becoming that point of contact for local government. Weather predictions on site, would be requested through OES. Costs would be in overtime and per diem. There is a draft agreement, which is being discussed with the Weather Bureau in Utah and Chief Aronson will be meeting with Mike Guerin and Dick Andrews to go over the details. If agreement is acceptable to all concerned, the service could be in place within a month. Chief Holms asked about the time-frame involved in getting someone out to an incident to do a forecast. Chief Aronson stated that the request would go through the system, just like a request for a Strike Team, and a response should be timely. USFS and CDF already have an agreement with the Weather Service, and this would allow OES to become signature to that agreement, and utilize the Weather Service forecast on fires that are not CDF or USFS.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dave Zocchetti reported for Bev Passerello on HR-11 and HR-15, both dealing with sound walls on freeways. Both resolutions have been adopted, catalyzed by Menlo Park Fire Department. Information is in members packets and includes correspondence from Cal-Trans, Menlo Park Fire, and their district offices, relative to those agreements. These are non-binding resolutions, and there is no funding. Members packets also include a legislative summary. Bills that have a direct impact on the fire service have been marked with an asterisk. SB-428, relating to hazardous materials, has the potential of reducing fees paid to local departments. This bill may also have some substantive impacts on local government departments because less information will be available to the departments relative to chemicals handled at a particular business. This is a Senate Bill, currently in Assembly third reading, and could be on the Governor's desk very soon, for signature or veto.

SENATE BILL 1841

Lisa Ramer was not present, due to agenda being ahead of schedule. Chief Maxfield briefed members on SB-1841. OES, the fire service and law enforcement have been meeting with Senator's representatives on this piece of legislation for the past two or three months. Several

meetings have taken place, and changes in the language have been made. Concern has been voiced from law enforcement agencies, who apparently mis-understood the bill to mean that the fire service was going to come in and take over as Incident Commander on any type of incident. Chief Maxfield said that he felt that had been clarified. The language in the bill that was supposed to be changed related to the FIREScope Board of Directors and stated that "since the legislature recognized the value and success of the Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System, it is the intent of the legislature to encourage the continued improvement, development and maintenance of the FIREScope Program as provided in this Chapter. The existing Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System shall not be modified from the procedures stated in the Office of Emergency Services Fire and Rescue Division's Mutual Aid Plan, revised September 1988, and in use as of January 1, 1992, without the advise and approval of the Fire and Rescue Service Advisory Committee, FIREScope Board of Directors." That language was troublesome to the Director of OES, who expressed concern about this language turning this group into a regulatory body as opposed to an advisory body. Chief Maxfield previously indicated to Lisa Ramer, of Senator Petris's office that he did not have a problem with changing that language, and the bill should read "without the review and advise". It was not the intention of legislature to put the Advisory Committee in a role that would require the Board's advise and consent or advise and approval. Chief Maxfield asked members if anyone disagreed with that position, or had any problem with the language being changed to "review and advise". No comments of opposition were voiced. Chief Maxfield stated that he understood Dr. Andrews position, in stating that if the language was not changed, he could not support the legislation. Chief Maxfield stated that he feels Dr. Andrews support of this legislation is important, and since there is no disagreement in changing the wording, he would contact Lisa Ramer and advise her that the Committee would like the language changed as indicated above to "review and advise".

CLOSING REMARKS/NEXT MEETING DATE

Chief Maxfield advised members and guest that due to the budget, all Advisory Committees are being carefully looked at by the Budget Committee. Unless this Committee is abolished by the budget cuts, the next scheduled meeting is October 14, 1992, 0930 hours at Sacramento OES Headquarters, 2800 Meadowview Road, Sacramento CA 95832.

Having no further business to discuss, Chief Maxfield adjourned the meeting at 1405 hours.