



FIRESCOPE

CAL OES FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Burbank Fire Department Training Facility
1845 N. Ontario St.
Burbank, CA 91505

July 08, 2015, 09:00 A.M.

Members Present

Bill Metcalf – Vice-Chairperson FIRESCOPE BoD, Fire Districts South
Kim Zagaris – Executive Coordinator, Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Ken Pimlott – CAL FIRE
Brian Marshall – Kern County Fire Department
Richard Webb – Linda Fire Protection District
Mike Esparza – California State Fire Association
Lou Paulson – California Professional Firefighters
Eric Peterson – Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Shawna Legarza – USDA Forest Service
Tonya Hoover – Office of State Fire Marshal
Ralph Terrazas – Los Angeles City Fire Department
Jeff Meston – City Fire Departments North
Sam Marouk – (*Acting*) Department of Interior, BLM

Members Absent

* Daryl Osby – Chairperson FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Los Angeles County Fire Department
* Ken Kehmna – Santa Clara County FD
* Mark Lorenzen – Ventura County Fire Department
* Steve Kovacs – Volunteer Fire Departments
* Jeff Bowman – Orange County Fire Authority

Guests Present

Brad Darbro – *representing* Santa Clara County FD
Brian Young – *representing* Orange County Fire Authority
Vaughan Miller – *representing* Ventura County Fire Department
Vince Pena – *representing* Los Angeles County Fire
Mario Rueda – Los Angeles Fire Department
Ralph Domanski – FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Mike Lococo – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Art Torrez – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Ish Messer – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Chad Stokes – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Elaine Smith – FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Mark Hartwig – San Bernardino County Fire
Ray Navarro – Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Steve Winter – Ventura County Fire Department
Andy Ortega – Ventura County Fire Department
Aaron Duncan – Kern County Fire Department
Tim Kelly – Los Angeles Fire Department

Scott Anderson—Los Angeles Fire Department
 Dave Teter— CAL FIRE
 Janet Upton – CAL FIRE
 Mark Johnson – CAL FIRE
 Thom Porter – CAL FIRE Region VI Coordinator

1) Welcome, Introductions, Logistics *Meeting commences @ 0908****

Vice Chairperson, Bill Metcalf called the meeting to order at 09:08a.m. Self-introductions begin.
 Chief Jeff Meston -- City Fire Departments North was introduced on arrival.

2) Approval of April 08, 2015 Minutes *

ACTION ITEM – Motion made by Mike Esparza to approve the April 08, 2015 FIRESCOPE BoD Meeting Minutes.
 Kim Pimlott seconds the motion. Minutes approved.

3) Cal OES Director's Report

No Report –Director speaking at the Capitol on Cyber-Security

4) CAL FIRE / SFM UPDATE

Pimlott/Hoover

CAL FIRE

1) Budget:

- a. Signed on time, supports CAL FIRE:
 - i. Tanker 81 replacement (monies FY15/16 and FY16/17)
 - ii. Augmenting training and hiring process (includes 1 year/ 4 training academies supported at Ben Clark Training Center)
 - iii. Helicopter Fleet replacement in process (working with DGS) expect in FY16/17 budget
- b. **Cap and Trade/Governor's Greenhouse Gas Funding:**
 - i. Released ~\$20M in grants to Urban Forestry and Conservation Easements (July 7, 2015)
 - ii. Remaining \$20M in review for fuels treatment and forest health work
 - iii. New monies coming to fuels treatment or forest health related work (being processed through Legislative Body)
 1. \$92M earmarked; going through another process (dependent on Legislative decision)
- c. **SRA Grants** funded at \$5M for this year
- d. **Fireworks disposal** funded
- e. Funding to reopen **Butte Fire Center Camp at Magalia** (partnering with Conservation Corps)
- f. Approximately \$60M **Drought Funding** (resources to sustain CAL FIRE elevated staffing through December as needed)
 - i. Includes 2 exclusive use air tankers besides CAL FIRE fleet
 1. Plan to bring flexibility to work within Federal partnership guidelines

2) Fire Stats:

- a. 347– Initial attack fires last week(State side)
- b. 3129 –Fires-to –date; above 5-year average of ~2,000
- c. Crew Strength: Five inmate crews at Ventura Camp; continued partnering with Conservation Corps; adding adult inmates to Ventura Camp
- d. Monitoring impact of Prop 47 continues; Confident in ability to fill crews
- e. Collaboration on landscape level fuels treatment and Forest health activities between local, state, and federal government
 - i. Identified ~13M trees succumbed to drought related insect & disease mortality
 1. Fire prevention education focus –(contact Janet Upton)

- a. Partnerships to encompass property owners cognizance
- 3) **Governance of Drone Usage** : Media Campaigns, No-nonsense approach (grounding aircraft), Zero use of drones for Intel situational awareness, etc. without specific approval
 - a. **Suggested Action:** Shawna Legarza, Dave Teter, and Janet Upton tasked to oversee a collaborative effort to draft guidelines and or procedures for the operation of drones in Firefighting for distribution.
 - b. **Discussion:**
 - i. Work (identifying applicable regulation) with local law enforcement to prosecute to full extent of the law, Safety Risks education, Federal rules in place, public events, etc.
 - ii. Temporary Flight Restrictions and (TFRs) on initial attack,
 - iii. Research & development of applicable current and proposed regulations inclusive of US&R, HazMat, and structural fires (contact Dave Teter)
 - iv. Work through safety, civil liberties, public record legalities
- 4) **Precision Containerized Aerial Delivery System (PCADS)*:** *Limited value asset with increased safety risks*
Letter outlining why CAL FIRE will continue to utilize the existing aerial resources available to meet its mission.

STATE FIRE MARSHALL

- 1) **Grants:**
 - a. SRA grant funded; process unchanged
 - i. Announcement set for September launch (concept and grant proposal) process
 - ii. Questions regarding the program (last year's) may be directed to Tonya Hoover
 - iii. Upcoming Website Document(download) contains :
 - 1. What fire prevention fee is about
 - 2. Where it came from and why it exists
 - 3. What the funds can and are used for
 - 4. Where and how the money is distributed out
 - 5. Contact Tonya Hoover if you would like to add a question (not covered) to the FAQs

Previous applicants received feedback, i.e. missing/incomplete information, great project funding depleted
- 2) **Drought:** Best management practices information bulletin expected out in couple of weeks
 - a. Water base fire protection systems and water use
 - b. California changed standards for testing, maintenance, inspection of systems and frequencies of testing;
 - c. Comprehension of intent of standards, what does it mean, etc.
- 3) **Certification of Pipefitters** for all sprinkler systems installed in CA (with exceptions)funded; Moving ahead with regulations certification to install fire protection systems
- 4) **STEAC** official letter to FIRESCOPE accepting representative appointment to STEAC
- 5) **Fireworks: Obtained one time funding from last year's seizures**
 - a. Working with vendor to set up "milk runs"; contractor will go to specific location – Chief Richwine has background information regarding locations
 - b. Conflict –Current language says OSFM has to dispose of everything which then makes OSFM a hazardous waste generator
 - c. Original packaged product will be stored until "trailer bill language" finished by administration redefining what the OSFM has to do with confiscated product.
 - d. How to manage product in original packaging
 - e. Third party to dispose of product from cradle to grave(original/no original packaging)

5) USFS/DOI Update

Legarza/ Johnson /Marouk

USFS

- 1) Tentative 2016 budget consistent with past years.
 - i. State Fire Assistance and Volunteer Fire Assistance up to \$10M consistent
 - ii. Increases in hazardous fuel
- 2) Congressional Fire Tour (regional and state) takes place the week of August 10, 2015; approximately fourteen DC staffers may be coming to your area in Hot Shot Buggies
- 3) Press Conference for the (UAS) Unmanned Aerial Supervision on Friday, July 10, 2015
- 4) Coordinated efforts:
 - a. almost one hundred flights on local or state government lands
 - b. dropped almost 300, 000 gallons of retardant on non-Forest Service lands
- 5) Forest Service above five-year average for fire occurrence.
 - a. June 2015 was busiest month of fire activity for Forest Service since 2008
 - b. June activity caused by lightning strikes increased the five year average; which before June was coming in low
- 6) Prescribed Fires:
 - a. Two hundred fifty for just under 9k acres

DOI

- 1) Washington funding focused on Sage Grouse habitat;
 - a. Partnering with team Rubicon
- 2) Not much fire activity to report—lot of small fires
- 3) Severity funding augmenting normal funding; Operationally
- 4) Concern about Central California (dead trees...)

NPS

- 1) 2016 Budget Outlook is flat
- 2) Sequoia, Yosemite and Lassen picked up numerous fires last couple weeks all small
- 3) Also in severity, California and the Northwest; looking at bringing in resources from the southwest and inter-mountain regions to bolster staffing locally
- 4) Pacific Northwest and California have been very active for June and July

6) EMS Update

Hartwig

1. **EMS Commission:** The appeals process for EMS plan continues with consensus to go before judges responsible for **adjudicating appeals** from local EMS providers whose EMS plans may have been rejected by a State EMS authority.
 - a) **At issue:** The State EMS authority should not be part of the Commission, if they are members of the dispute
2. **Chapter 13:** Tentative expectation of regulations to EMS Act Summer 2016. Issue over EMS authority rights to give exclusivity rights. Cal Chiefs and Metro Chiefs are in discussion whether or not to seek a legal opinion.
3. **SB 534:** give access for federal reimbursement for Medi-Cal HMO population. Pre-hospitalization stabilization Decision to work with ACS to get bill passed.
4. Trailer Bill just passed allows conversion of current GEMT to IGT

7) CFAA UPDATE-Workshops*

Webb /Zagaris/Legarza

1) Governing Body Resolutions:

- a) OES templates provided on OES website for local governments to receive reimbursement for portal to portal payment are being deemed unacceptable, by USFS Incident Business Management.
 - i) Payment denied due to language insufficient to establish true cost.
 - ii) Informed by Forest Service representative at May 6, 2015 meeting Newly adopted and indoctrinated OES approved Governing body resolutions template do not meet necessary Federal standard for reimbursement.
 - (1) Forest Service Representative confident a conference call between OES legal counsel and Forest Service legal counsel could be arranged by end of first week in May 2015. (Eight weeks later this has not taken place).
 - iii) **Issue:** Status of OES approved Governing Body resolutions (several hundred) submitted and approved by OES unknown and uncertain as to whether they will meet Forest Service standard.
 - iv) Answer/Resolution is needed immediately (mobilization and activity picking up).
- b) For agencies choosing not to submit a MOU, MOA, governing body resolution and accept actual hours worked reimbursement for their responses, "actual hours " worked needs to be defined.

Discussion

- c) There are distinct differences in how the State and or Federal government "can" or "will" reimburse. The inability to identify a single definition and unified way of paying stymies resolution of this issue. Viable resolution is urgently needed.
 - i) Consequences include delays in sending out salary surveys, which impacts ability to inform agencies of they will be paid on an incident.
- d) Attorneys have now had a brief conversation exchanging ideas within the last day or so.
- e) Nancy Ward is or will be in communication with Jeanne Wade Evans this morning
- f) Shawna Legarza will contact attorney Rachel Burke-USFS for status report
- g) **Clarification:** Albuquerque Service Center (ASC) not the Forest Service takes issue with "actual hours worked"; **Problem:** Federal Incident Business Management reimbursable agreements have to show a break; cannot pay their people for eating breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Point of confusion is 16 hours without indicating breaks, varying employee interpretations
Bottom line is that Federal government reimbursable agreement will reimburse you for what you work; Committee needs to determine in the agreement how to pay one another
- h) Still moving assets; must answer to local officials and if they don't get their costs back (actual hours worked; show breaks; potential outcome have attorneys look at documents to authorize
- i) Suggested resolution:
 - i) **Single methodology** for reimbursement whether State, Local, Federal (in agreement);
 - ii) Draft and submit a briefing paper to Business Management from DOI and USFS that:
 - (1) Explains to Albuquerque payment center the agreement and process for reimbursement utilizing the governing body resolutions.
 - (2) Clarifies how the agreement relates to "actual hours worked" as defined and the agreed upon process for reimbursement of actual hours
 - iii) Request agreement(s) be reviewed by legal counsel representing OES and Federal legal interest.
- j) If you work for a portal to portal agency you get paid portal to portal; if your agency pays actual hours you get paid actual hours; Clarify federal base 8 hours up to 16 hours, 16+ hours on rare occasions
- k) Is it as simple as the agreement should supersede the Albuquerque Federal handbook?
- l) When and if it is appropriate to disclose to local government officials that the reimbursement process is still problematic.
- m) **Proposed Course of Action:**
 - i) **Write a letter to ASC** to explain actual hours (impact); team resolve to work together
 - ii) OES and USFS to meet next week (disclosure to local government pending outcome of meeting)
 - iii) In the meantime, CFAA group tasked to verify how many bills have been submitted, paid, and returned (report back to group);
 - iv) Conference call 20 July 2015 (status check, keep pressure on to get it done)
 - v) Disclose the issue to local government)

Break called @ 10:45. Meeting resumed 11:00

8) CWCG Update

Marouk /Zagaris

- a) Federal Incident Management Team (IMT)
 - i) Reviewing number of Federal teams
 - ii) Healthy Team composition (federal and local government)
 - iii) Reviewing *National Team composition mix*
- b) Cal MAC exercise July 14, 2015
- c) April meeting with IMT went well
 - i) Afterwards Federal and State ICs met (lessons learned)
- d) National Guard agreement out for signature currently;
 - i) Features significant changes, Additional exhibits
- e) 2016 IMT meeting dates planned to coordinate with joint State/Federal ICs meetings
- f) Retiring :
 - i) Steve Gage –National Multi-Agency Coordination Group (NMAC)

9) HAZARDOUS MATERIAL BY RAIL/HSR Update*

Zagaris 1h37m03s

- a. Obtained bipartisan Funding and Update to legislature
- b. Awaiting DGS finalize bids to go out (fielding vendor questions)
 - i. Training for units, Bid award turn around 45 day
 - ii. Rail industry to collect fees to submit to State.
 - iii. State to collect fees in 2016

10) IAFC WUI Private Resources on Fire *

Zagaris/Osby/Rueda

- 1) Discussion (reference handout): Influx of insurance agency firefighting resources (Is document still relevant or does it need updating)?
- 2) Somewhat dated may need changes to make adjustments to living document without changing the intent language. Draft review of existing policy.

11) 2015 FIRESCOPE Goals and Objectives

Osby/Zagaris

NO Report

Santa Barbara Oil Spill Update

Refugio Incident Unified response—PowerPoint presentation by **Ray Navarro**

Lessons learned:

- Build relationship early on between Local Responders, Fe, and State on-scene Coordination (i.e. air, land and water)
- Highly suggested: Embedding local IMT Overhead personnel (Field Observers, Deputy IC, Deputy Operations, County Representative, etc.) in the Command team working with logistics and Agency Rep to assist and to support/clarify management objectives.
- ICP should not be co-located with EOC.
- Establish Timelines for briefing Elective officials citing dates, times and plan of action
- Local Area Coast Guard coastline have established divisions

- Private contracting cleanup crew 'Clean Seas' almost curtailed due to proximity to shore and the large size of their boats (smaller local boats assisted)
- It took approximately 4 weeks to match clean up organization to response
- Logistics needs are vital
- Local knowledge is Key

Break for Lunch Break called @ 12:03. Meeting resumed @ 12:30.

12) OPS Team / Task Force Report *

Rueda/Winter

- 1) **Ops Team** – (see handout)
- 2) **Task Force**
- 3) Retired members/changes:
 - Jim Middleton (Ops Team)
 - Kelley Gouette (Ops Team)
 - Dave Stone (Task Force)
 Incoming Task Force member:
 - Chief Anthony Whittle of LAC.
- 4) Ops Team conference call scheduled in July will include the EIT group
- 5) Current openings on the Taskforce: (request vacancies be filled ASAP; refer to handout for close dates)
 - Cities North
 - Cities South
 - Volunteer
 - i) Nate Gonya, BLM is slated to fill the DOI vacancy
- 6) **Action Items**
 - **Planned Events Document ***
Action: Motion made by Esparza to review document. Hoover seconds the motion. Thirty days for document review and objections; direct comments to Rueda, if none are received document will move forward and approve.
 - **ICS 213 RR Resource ordering standard document on the website**
Action Item: Motion made by Pimlott to approve. Meston seconds the motion with amendment. Approved.
- 7) Rueda (Ops Team) and Winter (Task Force), respective FIRESCOPE Chairs request professional support staff to assist the Task /Force with document formatting and processing in light of the upcoming FOG Revision... Zagaris agrees it is necessary to hire someone to transition the document into adaptable publishing type.

13) New Business

none

14) Old Business

Zagaris

- 1)– **Letter to FEMA *-**
 - a. Agreed to allow NFA to get a little more use out of their document. (transition to new FOG App)
 - b. Commitment to Chief Mitchell; Ralph to draft letter outlining the commitment
- 2)–**FEMA commended NIC changes**
 - a. Names submitted to NIMS include Chief Metcalf, Chief Kurt Latipow, of Lompoc and Chief Zagaris
- 3) **No CICC Update –**
- 4)–**Type III Team Updates**

- 5) **July 13, 2015** - Inauguration for the California Fire Service Task Force on Climate Impacts (Zagaris to send out agenda).
- 6) **Met June 29, 2015 with Victoria Australia** good exchange of ideas (NICS, lessons learned 13 year drought)

15) Cal OES Fire & Rescue Report

Zagaris

- 1) Scott Vail secured funding for local government 420 class
- 2) Assistant Chief Dave Stone to fill Cal OES Region I Vacancy
- 3) Retired AC Ishmael Messer transitioned to Retired Annuitant
- 4) Type III engines scheduled to go to Region III for end of the month; Region VI to follow Region III, Region V to follow Region VI
- 5) Next step to buy fifty additional water tenders is being reconsidered

16) Roundtable

Thom Porter OES Region VI Coordinator/Southern California Region Chief - Sending resources across op area boundaries Reg. 6, 1, San Diego, Riverside, Los Angeles working well, very engaged, ongoing issues outside of region related response (report at later date); if not addressed

Legarza- filled the Vice Bob Bell at South Ops with Randy Skelton

Marouk—Paul Bannister stepped down

Ken Pimlott-Rich Greene continues to work as a retired annuitant for Dave Teter, as assistant deputy director of Fire Protection; Working on replacement for Thom Porter's Southern CA. Assistant Region Chief position. Alpine County and Forest Unit put together a great operating plan; Great team from Great Basin, very well- orchestrated event

Mario—Los Angeles city cannot hire fast enough; initiating collaborative (county-wide) Line of Duty Death protocol with Dave Teter

Janet –Top line messaging for Drones partnering with the Forest Service:

If You Fly We Can't
You Fly We Can't And
No Drones over Fire Zones

You will see that in whatever we put out.

17) Meeting adjourned @1:11pm Metcalf

The next Cal OES Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE BoD Meeting will take place at **Cal OES Headquarters in Mather, California on October 14, 2015**. The **agenda setting** conference call for the meeting will be **October 1, 2015 @ 1600**.

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

** -out of sequence