



# FIRESCOPE

## CAL OES FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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

July 09, 2014, 09:00 A.M.

### **Members Present**

Mark Ghilarducci – Director, Cal OES  
Michael Dyer – Chairperson FIRESCOPE BoD, Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
Kim Zagaris – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Ken Kehmna – Santa Clara County FD  
Brian Marshall – Kern County Fire Department  
Richard Webb – Linda Fire Protection District  
Mark D’Ambrogi – City Fire Departments North  
Bill Metcalf – Fire Districts South  
Sid Beckman – National Parks Service  
Ken Pimlott – CAL FIRE  
Mike Esparza – California State Fire Association  
Tonya Hoover – Office of State Fire Marshal  
Shawna Legarza – USDA Forest Service  
Mark Lorenzen – Ventura County Fire Department  
Keith Richter – Orange County Fire Authority

### **Members Absent**

\* Daryl Osby – Vice-Chairperson FIRESCOPE BoD, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
\* Paul Bannister – U.S. Department of Interior, BLM  
\* James Featherstone – Los Angeles City Fire Department  
\* Lou Paulson – California Professional Firefighters

### **Guests Present**

Ernest Mitchell -- U. S. Fire Administrator  
Karen Wong – OES Public Safety Communications  
Mark Hartwig – San Bernardino County Fire  
Ray Navarro – Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
Eric Peterson – Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
Clare Frank - Cal Fire  
Mario Rueda – Los Angeles City Fire Department  
Jason Shelton – Los Angeles City Fire Department  
Jim Middleton – Mariposa County Fire Department  
Ralph Domanski – FIRESCOPE, Cal OES  
Mike Lococo – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Ish Messer – Cal OES, Region I  
Art Torrez – Cal OES, Region VI  
Kirk Wells -- Orange County Fire Authority  
Steve Winter – Ventura County Fire Department  
Ken Wagner – Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Dale Hutchinson – Cal Fire, Region VI  
Andy Ortega – Ventura County Fire Department  
Mike Richwine – Office of State Fire Marshal  
Ken Cruz – Orange County Fire Authority

Robert Bell –USDA Forest Service  
Chad Stokes – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES  
Elaine Smith – FIRESCOPE, Cal OES

## **Welcome, Introductions, Logistics \*\*\*Meeting commences @ 0900\*\*\***

- 1) Chairperson, Chief Michael Dyer called the meeting to order at 09:00a.m. Began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Self-introductions.
- 2) Departing Board Member Keith Richter was recognized and commended for his service on the Board.

## **Approval of April 09, 2014 Minutes\***

**ACTION ITEM – Motion made by William Metcalf to approve the April 9, 2014 FIRESCOPE BoD Meeting Minutes. Ken Kehmna seconds the motion. Minutes approved.**

## **Cal OES Director's Report**-DROUGHT UPDATE

Ghilarducci

- 3)
  - a) **Drought Conditions** beyond critical stage in regards to stable water for public consumption; unprecedented, beyond the hundred-year range; National Weather Service and NOAA have predicted El Nino, not confirmed as “wet” or “dry” at this time.
    - i) **Steps taken include:** Series of actions to curtail water delivery to key industry sectors, (i.e. diverting water from agriculture, fishing, etc.); request for 20% water conservation statewide(current participation is estimated at 9% ); mandatory water restrictions forthcoming from the Governor’s Office; increased pumping from ground sources is carrying some communities through
    - ii) **Significant cascading effects:** Salt water infiltration, job loss impacts to economy; communities without food,
    - iii) **Governor’s \$700m emergency drought funding package approved by legislature:** provides emergency food sources, emergency water intertwines with construction to provide emergency wells, etc. ensuring communities water; water connection ties implemented from Northern California communities extending south of Santa Barbara; significant funding to staff early fire resources; unified coordination effort with common set of objectives;
    - iv) **Rise in water crimes** (stealing water, tapping into hydrants, water diversion to support marijuana growth) has been addressed by closely working with law enforcement to eradicate illegal water usage.
    - v) **Governor supported Fire Activity Staffing** -Pimlott  
Early Staffing included:
      - Additional firefighters on engines statewide
      - Added support to the six contract counties (similar staffing)
      - Extra operators around the state
      - Effective June 15, 2014 DC 7 on 4-month exclusive use contract
      - National Guard (i.e. military crew advisors, next week training at Camp Roberts, etc.)
      - Northern California staffed 2-3 months early; Southern California (south of Tehachapi) never went out of Fire Season
    - vi) **Fire Activity** above average at about 3,000 fires since the beginning of the year.  
Currently averaging about 200 fires a week statewide;  
Overall success in catching fires due to attentiveness of stakeholders to conditions and initial attacks  
Fourth of July weekend fires in Sonoma, Lake Napa, and Lake Berryessa telling  
      - First one just northwest of Lake Berryessa in Napa’s Lake County; second one south side of Lake Berryessa by the dam burned well over a thousand acres in the first burning period and heading north, ultimately picking up 7,000 acres
      - Relative humidity in single digits, spotting in vegetation unlike what is traditionally seen in the area; reduced mop-up because fuels (1000-hr fuels/ downed logs) are being 100% consumed;

b) **Rail Safety**

Significant amount of oil on different track systems

From central US through Northern California (Dunsmuir route, site of major 90's derailment; Feather River Canyon route, Truckee area over I-80 into the Bay Area, some coming up through the Cajon Pass through southern California).

(Key **concern**: light crude oils' high volatility; generally moved in ships; adequate standard tanker cars to address volatile nature of this particular product, derailments using standard tankers have resulted in massive explosions and fires (Canada cited 40 people killed), recent derailments in Wisconsin and Virginia resulting in tremendous amount of pressure on the railroads. Emergency order put in place by US Department of Transportation requiring rail systems that are moving light crude oil to notify State Public Safety in advance so the information can be circulated to local Law Enforcement and Fire Agencies so they can prepare adequately.

**Challenge**: Railroads uncooperative, data has not been accurate as to when this product is coming through. At one point they wanted all States to sign a disclosure agreement (agreeing to secrecy).

Above ground transport in this State increased from 50 million barrels to 150 million barrels.

**Legislative actions**: First phase – address environmental impacts

- i) Expanding the capabilities of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) to coastal and some inland waterways.
  - ii) Increased Hazardous Materials capabilities statewide through the mutual aid system (setup similar to the engine program) i.e. procuring hazmat capabilities for regional based response as well as providing additional funding for equipment, and training (high volatility oil inclusive) for existing hazmat capabilities throughout California fire departments, environmental health, or whoever is handling Hazardous Materials programs) OSP; 2<sup>nd</sup> legislation procurement of hazmat training to deal with...
  - iii) Security piece- concerned about sitting in rail port for prolonged time periods
- c) Reconvene the **Blue Ribbon Fire Commission** (name to be determined)  
Implementing recommendations – moving forward  
Reconvening as a standing commission focusing on climate impact (long term in particular) on the California Fire Service and how to be prepared for it as the population changes.  
New issues – group make up
- d) **Next gen 911**: (texting/video to 911 concepts)
- i) Working on fund for 911 system and next generation 911
  - ii) Guest Speaker Karen Wong's topic: First Net and the Next Expansion of Broadband
  - iii) Currently landlines are assessed for 911 funds; many citizens are moving off of landlines to cellular phones; Assessment stops
  - iv) Cell phone plans may initiate 911 assessment per plan rather than per phone
  - v) Tasked to look into all things associated with technology that would connect into 911 systems (OnStar, Medical Alert buttons, Burner phones, etc.) subject to support 911 systems by assessment.  
Working with Board of Equalization (BOE) to establish taxing (burner phones) at time of purchase
  - vi) Industry movement to change the model from phone plans to minutes (European/Asian model);  
(1) advocating responsibility to state to run the program (State is adamantly opposed);
- e) **Earthquake early warning**:
- i) On track (2-year timeframe);
  - ii) finalizing funding through private sector support;
  - iii) significant positive impact of early alerts to response in major seismic events

## **CALFIRE / SFM UPDATE**

Pimlott/Hoover

4)

- a) Drought Impact
- b) Budget: \$10million for the State Responsibility Area Fee grant program funded by the administration and legislature this year in a one-time basis (monies external)
  - i) In development to determine the grant process

- c) Director Pimlott will extend distribution of his internal memo explaining the variety of funding sources and the five elements , i.e. *cap and trade, relative to greenhouse gas reduction, several components of SRA fee*
- d) **Staff changes**  
 Tony Meacham appointed San Diego Unit Chief  
 Soon to be announced Fresno-Kings, San Benito-Monterey  
 Interviews in process for Northern units: Sonoma, Lake Napa, Butte, Lassen-Modoc  
 Northern Region Chief Doug Wenham → Keith Larkin  
 Eric Hoffman Assistant Region Chief
- e) **Fire borrowing discussion:** Funding for Department of Interior and Forest Service
  - i) Potential ±\$600million availability of funding from disaster funds
  - ii) President's initiative, Senators' Wyden and Crapo Federal Wildfire Policy Reform plan
  - iii) Support Federal Partners
- f) **Federal Excess Property -**  
 Department of Defense (DOD) looking at Federal EPA guidelines for emissions  
 Certain equipment will not be released (2.5ton trucks, generators, etc.) may not meet new EPA emissions standards  
 May not effect California; Chief Zagaris has requested input on impact to system; awaiting response.

Hoover/Richwine

- a) **Fireworks update:**  
 Expressed appreciation of the support from all the organizations getting letters to the Governor's Office making the desire to help with the California Fireworks issue known. Expressly Chief Richter and Orange County staff for the effort, hard work, phone calls, letters, and long conversations in Sacramento.  
  
**Action requested: Keep cards and letters coming**
- b) The Administration pulled the trailer bill language before it went to a floor vote (will retry after recess).  
**PROPOSED:** 10cents/ lb. tax on distributors, wholesalers, importers, exporters of Safe and Sane Fireworks  
**PROPOSED USAGE:** Training/Education of Fire fighters in the safe handling of fireworks: (identifying unclassified/explosives, storage and package) and interdiction to decrease the amount of fireworks coming in.
  - i) \$1.5million Received from the toxic substance control account (one time allocation) to eliminate the backlog of seized illegal fireworks throughout the State.
  - ii) Currently 300 thousand lbs. stock piled with estimated growth to top 350 thousand lbs. (cost of \$10/lb. shipping and disposal);
  - iii) Increasing shell sizes and brazen acts, resulting in escalation in severity of injuries and fire frequencies.
- c) **Staff addition:**  
 New Division Chief Paul Eck assigned to Fire and Engineering Division  
 Leading Fire Engineering group (arson- bomb investigations, fireworks disposal)
- d) **State Fire Training Update:** lot of activity in SFT
  - i) Fire Fighter I and II curriculum approved; completed beta test Fire Fighter I program at Sierra College(including testing processes);
  - ii) Fire Fighter II, Fire Inspector I and II, Company Officer, Chief Fire Officer, Fire Instructor I and II, have all been through STEAC and State Board of Fire Services (curriculum only)
- e) New certification system projected **Jan 1, 2016.**
- f) Company Officer in place **January 1, 2017.**
- g) Cadre invitations out: working on Plans Examiner, Fire/Arson Investigator, Driver/Operator, Emergency Vehicle Technician, Rescue Technician, and
- h) **Critical F-step Courses**  
**Upgrades:** Fire Control 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, (in response to oil by rail)  
 Auto Extrication (includes zero-emission vehicles)  
 High-Rise Command Class

## USFS/DOI Update

Legarza /Bannister/Beckman

- 5) **Personnel/ Staffing:** Deputy Director Jeff Power detail ended –Position Vacant  
Staff brought on in winter months; Apprentices brought in early  
Just over 500 fires on Forest Service Land only  
Regional Drought Task Force members represented at State Drought Task Force Committee;  
Increasing Concerns: Linking water restrictions and water rights;  
What if “no water to fight fires”;  
Where do we get that water from?  
Safety: Huge increase in heat related illnesses  
Nearly thirty cases of rhabdomyolysis (rhabdo) reported since January 2014.  
Heat stroke (different from rhabdo)  
**Congressional Fire Tour August** (mid – August)  
10-12 DC staffers (Visit RIM Fire looking at successful fuel reductions and fuel treatment areas, or an ongoing fire)  
**Cohesive strategy:** Showcase the work for National cohesive strategy (cap and trade, NSNCRS Grants)  
**Budget:** \$615million; Working on additional fuels money to work prevention as an alternative to suppression  
Progress seen in cleaning outstanding costs shares (2007 through 2012) – beefed up Incident Business Management Staff  
FPP notice not an issue for California; it is Department of Defense (DOD) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Beckman for Bannister

Chief Bannister is in Northeastern California closing out some fires from the weekend  
Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Park Services up to full staffing; just finished preparedness reviews  
Park Service severity funding; Central Sierra region bringing people in from other regions i.e. Alaska, and Southwest where fire season has ended to enhance initial attack with overhead staffing  
Matt Johnson, Regional office -Training →BLM, Central California FMO  
Ken Hood, North Ops DOI Coordinator → Cal OES in 2weeks to a month  
FY15 budget for DOI flat, fuels is under discussion

## **FIRESCOPE/USFA** US FIRE ADMINISTRATION **& NFA** NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY \*

Mitchell/Zagaris

- 6) FIRESCOPE Field Operations Guide (FOG) permissible usage conflict with National Fire Academy (NFA)  
Brief historical account of Agency partnership and initial restricted usage, document provided.  
Noted violations of agreement: Document discovered online; App developed and available to download

**Action taken:** Chief Mitchell acquainted with the situation came out to meet with the Board in an effort to preserve the partnership, apologize for the missteps taken and offer to work together with the FIRESCOPE Board for a positive solution. The App has been pulled.

### **How to proceed:**

To get the App back out quickly by agreement (consensus of FIRESCOPE approval)  
Review of future NFA work along these lines before finalization for consistency of aim/objectives.  
If there is a need to clarify the difference between National App and FIRESCOPE App by authentication of FIRESCOPE

### **Suggestions:**

FIRESCOPE and USFA need to create an MOU memorandum of understanding;  
Work together to develop one product squelching potential conflicting revision timeframes/products  
Work together with the Fire Academy toward a win-win promoting ICS, MACS, etc.

### **Short-term potential solution proposed for existing App:**

Name change for example: NFA Student Field Guide for National release  
Logos

### Prospective of Task Force and Ops Team:

Ops Team Concerns voiced:

Concerns about the changes to protections

Task Force discussion INCLUDED:

Use by the students on campus for educational/training purposes with an expiration/sunset date

Free download with a code from the campus; FIRESCOPE FOG available for purchase from FIRESCOPE Website

Concern regarding multiple versions, consistency of information, detriment to Fire Service overall

Disclaimer stating this is for training purposes... student usage

Consensus of Board of Directors reviewing Fire Academy

MOU established

Expediting getting the student app back online

Chief Mitchell will look into/evaluate coding the App to have it available for release to the students.

**ACTION ITEM –Motion introduced/entertained from the FIRESCOPE Board Chairman, Chief Dyer to collaborate with the US Fire Administration on an MOU, also to exchange materials, and work collaboratively together on these training materials. Motion made by Esparza. Hoover seconds the motion.**

## **EMS Update**

Hartwig

- 7) GEMT reimbursement is here and past mechanism for billing insurance
  - Medicare reimburses 1<sup>st</sup> response—pre-hospital stabilization
  - Brings more money into CA than SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grants)
  - Managed care
  - Affordable Care Program
  - Leading the nation (share with I Chiefs,)
  - Community para-medicine
    - Brings a billion dollars into the system
    - CMS specifically providing preventative health message working on a population health solution to our communities
  - Preventive medicine providing value
  - April 30<sup>th</sup> OSHPD (Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development) committee meeting in SAC

Break called @ 10:34 reconvene @ 10:47

## **CFAA Update**

Lorenzen/ D'Ambrogi/Webb

### **8) Requesting Feedback/Discussion**

- a) particularly from local government regarding proposed changes
  - b) Is your Agency willing to send resources to Federal and State Fires?
- Agreement has been extended to **August 31, 2014**

#### **Issues Discussed:**

The Way Local Government Pays their Employees & Audit Protection for Federal Partners

Solution – Payers basically have said we would like you to provide us with documentation that we can provide to our auditors which would prove this is the way you normally pay your employees. Basically, one of three things:

- c) Have a MOA with your bargaining units or whatever that actually has some kind of language in it that either talks about portal to portal, or the fact that you pay your employees from basically, the time you have control over them (from the time of dispatch to the time of return); or to have some kind of Board resolution or Governing Body resolution, that says something similar to that; or a specific internal policy (pay documents) that specifically talk about the way we pay our employees.
- d) Agreement has been reached by the three local government representatives on the Board of Directors in their committee meetings to come up with something reasonable that most, if not all local government

agencies would adopt; if they don't have some kind of formal documentation already. This is not coming from the CFAA, from the local government privacy assistance from OES.

- e) Distributing a sample template that every local government agency can take to their Boards' and Governing bodies and have adopted if they need it, in the absence of having these other things in place.
- f) Most local governments might not realize that this is a requirement (may not have something in place); until they submit their invoices and get their payments back and they are significantly smaller than expected.
- g) **In the absence of one of these resolutions or documents:**
  - i) The agency would be reimbursed for actual hours worked up to 16 hours/day on an Federal incident;
  - ii) on a CAL FIRE incident perhaps 24 hours in a 2-day period because that is how they operate
- h) Discussed creation of a grace period (for local government unaware of requirements).
  - i) Allowing local government to create or submit a formal resolution that would allow them to be paid retroactive.
  - ii) Committee has agreed to a 120-day grace period (that is (120) days from when the agreement is signed)

**Action:** *Comments invited on this as to whether problematic or not.*

- iii) No differentiation between full-time paid, part-time paid, paid call, or volunteer agencies; even though there had been lots of discussion on that early on (challenges of paying volunteers portal to portal pay when in general they are not even salaried employees). That represented a lot of the challenge in discussions early on of how to pay people who are not normally getting paid by their jurisdictions when they respond outside of their jurisdictions for either a Federal or State mission.
- iv) Resolution may be found with such a document that may be created internally or by using a template, that we local government through OES may provide; everybody should be made whole.
- v) It will be incumbent on those jurisdictions to go back and actually get whatever it is approved or included in your local policies and / or agreements.
- vi) Or payment (Propose longer grace period). After the 120 days, approvals will be taken on a case by case basis.

#### Pay by pay status

- i) **Challenge** to track whether someone is on regular pay or day of work versus overtime; trying to bill according to that and trying to keep the record keeping simple, while attempting to make local governments whole.
- j) **Solution:** In general, reimburse local government at 1.5 time salary rate for those who submit/have a salary schedule on file for all hours assigned to the incident;(made reasonably whole for rig time plus benefits or overtime plus worker's comp)
- k) Current Base Rate of \$28 has the 1.5 factored in which includes overtime
- l) Classified civilians aka administrative support in prior agreements were reimbursed by local government based on regular hours and overtime; discussion ongoing in working groups and meeting scheduled for next Monday.
- m) Create a template to meet the Federal audit criteria (Op area coordinators will need to get the word out). Local government will draft template for Federal review.
- n) Ninety-five percent of Fire Agencies do not have something in place

#### CA changing Bill Submission Process

- o) Since January eliminated several steps and now have one person in South Ops for all the billing at South Ops that come in from Southern area; and one person in the North, then adding a person in Vallejo; cutting duplication and looking to clean-up other areas of duplication as well.
- p) Last year paid \$22M to efforts of local government coming to Federal incidents \$8M in question (wrong rates, etc.) were approved in May Federal Audits/Assurance request: Can you work with local government to show us are they paying their people?
- q) MOA Create/develop template document to substantiate how local government pays employees for audit protection.

## **CWCG Update\***

Zagaris

- 9) a) 209 Process has changed significantly
  - i) Training necessary to understand the new process(preferably, not in the heat of battle);
  - ii) Glitches are being addressed (program has been on and off)
- b) CWCG meeting **April 10, 2014** in Sacramento;
  - i) Agenda/Topics: The GACC Update to include Predictive Service Summaries, WUI structure Defense Update, S-520-620, June Cal MAC coordination exercise, FIRESCOPE and CFAA update, GACC to GACC update, ENMAC/GMAC Report, INT, IC Survey and Ops Liaison, discuss Trigger Points (CWCG), Committee Reports
- c) Safety Stand Down (possibly an annual item)

## **OIL BY RAIL UPDATE\***

Zagaris

- 2) Brief summary highlighting some of the findings, concerns, and recommendations following an intensive 6 month collaborative effort by multiple state agencies. The handouts included in the packet and available on the FIRESCOPE website provide a detailed account of the preliminary findings and recommendations as well as Oil by Rail Report highlighting the need for sustainable funding and close coordination to protect public safety.
  - a) Chief Marshall putting procedures in place for refinery taking on Bakken Oil; Santa Barbara looking at re-opening Philips 66 site (consequences/preparedness); Plumas County Vulnerability (cannot maintain hazmat unit, dependent on others in the system)
  - b) Discussion following touched on:
    - OES funding:
      - i) Additional Hazardous Materials training statewide (for everybody in the state)
      - ii) Planning and Exercises
      - iii) Funds available to start a facility in Sacramento to enable this type training in the future
      - iv) Overall estimate \$29 million outlay with \$8-9 million annually, (negotiating to get funded)
    - Department of Transportation (DOT) money on the table:
      - v) National Grant program(hazardous material emergency training) funded by shippers
      - vi) Seventy-six percent of the States are returning that money to DOT unspent
      - vii) Money is for first-responder training
    - Historic power of the American Railroad System,
      - viii) Next rail issue on the horizon is shipment of propane by rail
      - ix) LNG by rail as it relates to the issue of odorant fade
      - x) Sniff test is not reliable for gas (mercaptan fades) moved and stored in rail cars
      - xi) Railroad responsibility to check and verify odorized shipments retain smell
      - xii) Test used do not work

October meeting: High Speed Rail

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

Rueda/Ray Navarro/Jason Shelton /Wells-

- 3) Presentation by Ray Navarro of ISLA VISTA Incident (an on-going investigation) highlighting the effectiveness of the work being done by FIRESCOPE. The purpose of the presentation is to ask FIRESCOPE's Board of Directors to continue their leadership role in collaboration with Law Enforcement and on the use of the ICS; its principles and interpretation during a unified response to a violent incident. Animated active-shooter reenactment. Objective: continue dialogue with OES post, JAC program, and State Fire Marshal on its unified response in standardizing some of the command control elements for these types of events; then offering (SMEs) subject matter experts to assist developing policies of best practices. (Handouts provided by Ray Navarro).



- a) **Tactical EMS Update**  
Unified after action incident reviews with law enforcement  
16 patients hospitalized within 64 minutes  
Law Enforcement  
FIRESCOPE role to standardize

**Lunch Break called @ 12:10pm. Meeting resumed @ 12:30pm.**

- b) **CFFJAC (CA Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee)**—Unified Response to Violent Incidents  
PowerPoint presentation by Los Angeles Fire Fighter- Paramedic, Jason Shelton part of CFFJAC program development.  
Elements of the CFFJAC program:
- i) Five Train the trainer classes in April 2014
  - ii) EMS Considerations and Exercises (Rescue Taskforce Ops, Police and Fire work together)
  - iii) Identify Local, State and Federal Guidelines (key for FIRESCOPE)
  - iv) Historical Perspectives; Active shooters, gang & domestic violence, barricaded suspect, mass evacuation,
  - v) Role of FIRESCOPE to define bare minimums
  - vi) Discussion of how to maintain relevant training; possible Summit mtg. to standardize SOPs between Fire and Law Enforcement.
- c) **Task Force Report:**
- i) Trench issue requested to move forward; consensus of Ops and Task Force to move forward. Issues raised previously were addressed and met
  - ii) MACS 410-4 found inconsistencies that have been cleaned up.
  - iii) “Draw down” and “Exhaustion” define what it means operationally to the Fire Service
  - iv) Revision of Area Command document to clarify usage; with additional positions without new qualifications, and definition of a zone geographically or function
  - v) US&R Standard Equipment List (SEL) new format (handout), major changes discussed.

**Document Review: US& R Standard Equipment List (SEL)**

**Proposed approval of the US& R Standard Equipment List (SEL) recommended changes.**

**Action: Motion by Richter to approve changes to the US & R SEL. Seconded by Kehmna.**

**Document Review: MACS 410-4**

**Proposal to make the 410-4 the parent document that keeps the mission and the vision statement for FIRESCOPE, stipulating any other uses of those statements references the 410-4.**

**Proposed removal of the Strategic Plan page from the back page** (does not belong there, it should be developed as a separate stand-alone document, to be determined).

**Action: Motion made by Richter to approve revision 410-4 parent document, remove strategic plan page.**

**Motion seconded by Metcalf. Motion passed.**

**Document Review: Targeted Distribution from Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Specialists Group**  
(Reminder/Review Fire Line Paramedic requirements)

**Recommended approval of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) distribution through Zagaris**

**Action: Motion by Esparza for Board of Directors approval of the targeted distribution as presented to the Board. Motion seconded by D’Ambrogi. Board Approved.**

**Proposal and Discussion regarding formally seating FIRESCOPE Task Force or Ops Team member at Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC).**

**Action: Motion by D’Ambrogi requesting that either Ops Team/ Task Force member be formally seated at Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC). Motion seconded by Webb. Motion approved by the Board.**

**Document Review: Area Command Document revision**

**Recommended approval of the Area Command Document as presented to the Board of Directors.**

**Motion for approval of area command document made by Metcalf. Motion seconded by D’Ambrogi with question regarding document numbering. Motion approved.**

## California FirstNet Update

Karen Wong

- 4) **Presentation by Karen Wong of Public Safety Communications with a vision to provide emergency responders with the first nationwide, high-speed, wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety**  
Challenge geography is divided into 5 categories. Dense urban, urban and suburban are where most people live but make up only 5 % of the US land mass.

Departure for flights @ 2pm Shawna Legarza, Mark D'Ambrogi, Tonya Hoover, Rich Webb, Mark Ghilarducci, Ken Pimlott

## MACS Exercises 2015\*

Wells

- 5) Reviewed/briefed the Board of Directors on MACS exercises conducted by the Task Force at South Ops and CWCG. North Ops conducted their own Exercise. South Ops Exercise held May 07, 2014, CWCG Exercise held May 28, 2014.
  - a) **Proposed and moving forward:**
    - i) **North Ops Exercises in April;**
    - ii) **South Ops Exercises in May both handled by Task Force;**
    - iii) **Joint Exercises (simultaneous, at North and South Ops MAC Centers) in June**
      - (1) **(optional) Afternoon session with products produced from morning session with Cal MAC Exercise concurrently or convening through video conference**

## New Business

Wagner /Hoover/Zagaris/

- 6) **–Fire Fighter 1 Certification Exam Process–**Presenter Ken Wagner reported on the pursuit of aligning the California State Fire Training program(s) with the National Programs: International Fire Safety Consulting (IFSC) and ProBoard enhancing the State's certification system, implementing a capstone certification exam process (Why pursuing, what it will cost, how it will work. Handouts were provided by Ken Wagner. Adds structure and consistency to program, meets requirement for National Recognition. Process relies upon Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP) and Accredited Local Academies (ALA) to deliver the certification exams at the conclusion of their academy process. Utilizes standardized skill sets prepared by cadres with exams accessed on-line. Projected costs reflect the cost variance of the College Districts' to conduct business. Goal to be IFSC (International Fire Safety Consulting) and ProBoard certified.
  - a) **San Diego County After Action Report**  
Report written by San Diego County OES; no input/opportunity for local government review  
Issues:
    - 1) Op bulletin 1 provides mechanism to go direct from adjacent Op Area or Region, up to 5 strike teams of engines (was not utilized; may need clarity for implementation)
    - 2) Communications system was a failure; County-wide 800 system failed at peak of the incident ( 14 fires in a 48-hour period, nine significant initial attack type simultaneously)
      - a. System failure attributed to lack of bandwidth or pipeline (amount of use going on) and
      - b. hard wire failures
      - c. VHF infrastructure lacks (county-wide responsibility to maintain) insufficient command intact channels
      - d. Significant radio communications issues (fire fighter safety issue)
      - e. Department of Defense (DoD) changed to 400 Mg Hz radios (not compatible with anyone)

Suggested: Think about alternative plans for times when the primary system fails/goes down; backup for conducting business for example if ROSS is down

Kehmna/Zagaris

**7) - CICC update\***

a) Summary Document provides details and background.

**b) -Type III Team Update\***

Zagaris will have Scott put something together where FEMA and NIC center are on Type III Teams.

Lot of interest in putting teams together, difficulty understanding the requirements

Historical recognition was capped with an end date

**Roundtable**

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| Mario Rueda --    | Final phase of selecting a Fire Chief;<br>- Mayors' Office approved the hiring process,<br>- Potential for class starting by December  |
| Ernie Mitchell -- | FEMA is involved in unaccompanied children coordination;<br>- Conversation with Allen Wyland, the Assistant Administrator over the F-MAGs,<br>- Addressing the issues with the F-MAGs; (timing, etc.)<br>- Mitchell offered to be of assistance to him and the Board of Directors, |
| Keith Richter-    | Will be officially retired in August; will be around until the new chief takes office.<br>- Expressed his appreciation to and for Cal OES and FIRESCOPE.<br>- Thanked the Board of Directors for recognition   |
| Mike Dyer --      | Putting up two fuels crews starting July 7<br>Planning to utilize drought money to staff a helicopter at Santa Barbara airport   |
| Kim Zagaris --    | Addressed Ernie Mitchell regarding a national issue involving Ports and the need for<br>standardizing curriculum for ship board firefighting;<br>Coast Guard do not engage in firefighting on vessels other than their own   |
| Mitchell-         | Two or three years ago there was conversation on the topic of Port prevention and<br>firefighting ... will check the status  |

**Meeting adjourned @1501 Dyer**

The next Cal OES Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE BoD Meeting will take place at **Cal OES Headquarters** in **Mather, CA** on **October 08, 2014**. The Agenda setting conference call for the meeting will be **September 25, 2014 @ 1600**.