

Meeting Notes
FIRESCOPE Board of Directors
Ontario Airport
March 3, 1982

I. Those Present:

Alex Cunningham	Rex Griggs
Zane Smith	Stan Masson
Bob Irwin	Richard Peterson
Clyde Bragdon	Robert Callaham
Bob Tyrrel	Bill Patterson
Roger Land	Gray Reynolds
Jerry Monesmith	Frank Borden
Bob Paulus	Bill Tonguet

- II. Chairman Smith opened the meeting with a review of the final FY 82 FIRESCOPE budget. He reported that there was little change from the tentative budget. The emphasis in the budget is to complete as many products as possible.

Irwin discussed the Forest Service's "National Action Plan for Implementation of FIRESCOPE Components". By FY 84 many of the FIRESCOPE components will be instituted service wide.

- III. Alex Cunningham provided an outlook on the OES budget. A total of \$333,700 has either been acquired or is in the Governors budget to cover operation and maintenance for the current FY. Alex also read a document which speaks to the needs for future funding to cover operation, maintenance and development of a statewide all-risk system.

The Board developed and signed a memo (see copy attached) to state Senator John W. Holmdahl, Chairman of the Senate Hearing Appropriations Committee, soliciting their support in assuring adequate funding for continuation of the FIRESCOPE project at the state level. Cunningham agreed to present the letter to the Senate Hearing Appropriations Committee.

The Board accepted Alex's proposal to go before the Governor's Emergency Council and ask their support for additional funding.

- IV. Irwin presented the proposed decision process for continued operation and maintenance of the present FIRESCOPE system after the Program Office is phased out. Bob explained the differences between the proposed and existing systems. The differences are mainly a change of responsibility from the Program Office to the OES and the establishment of an Executive Secretary position. Discussion followed concerning the pros and cons of an elected chairman vs. designating the Director of the OES as chairman.

Bragdon moved to eliminate the Executive Secretary position and establish the Director of the OES as chairman of the Board. Second by Masson. Bragdon, Cunningham, Smith, Borden, Masson and Paulus signified approved. Peterson and Callaham opposed.

Minor word changes were also suggested for "Section 3.1.1 Membership". The first sentence was changed to read: The Board of Directors shall consist

of the department heads of the current "Member Agencies" with any future adjustments made when deemed necessary by the Board.

Transition to this new decision process will be made July 1, 1982. A copy of the revised process is attached.

- V. Interest and involvement in the FIRESCOPE Program is generating an increasing number of inquiries from many different organizations. A recent inquiry from the Los Angeles County Sheriff and the associated meetings that were involved brought out a number of uncertainties in how we should approach and coordinate the involvement of other emergency service practitioners.

Irwin introduced a partially staffed out paper on a proposed policy to clarify the Board's direction concerning local and statewide extension of FIRESCOPE components. Bob requested the Boards comments for guidance in future development.

Bragdon pointed out that a decision was made at the October Emergency Board meeting to start discussions with other emergency service practitioners for joining forces to complete development and statewide extension of a single, comprehensive statewide system. The problem, however, is that the "how and what we were to accomplish, along with necessary time tables" were not developed or agreed upon. This Clyde said, needs to be done.

Cunningham stressed that we should not be promising or giving any indications that we can commit something that we may not be able to provide.

The OES agreed to provide the leadership in the development of the "how, what and when guidelines" for the interfacing policy and shepherd it through the Operations Team and back up to the Board.

- VI. Previously the Board, through the Chairman, requested that the OES, CDF and the Forest Service appoint an ad hoc group to undertake a collective study to determine the optimum number and locations for future coordination sites throughout the State. A progress report indicated that nothing has been accomplished to date. The Board determined that Dick Barrows should meet with the CDF and Forest Service representatives to begin study on this subject and report their progress at the next meeting.
- VII. Irwin provided a progress report on the accomplishments and commitments made by several agencies concerning training development and transitions to the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS).

NWCG has made a conceptual commitment to the ICS component of NIIMS and several states are already implementing the system such as Colorado and Florida. Ione is in the process of making necessary minor revisions to FIRESCOPE ICS to align it with the National ICS. In addition they are completing the lesson plans for planning and logistics. The remaining lesson plans, except for the finance section, will be completed through the unit level and are expected by the end of FY 83. Forest Service R-5 has committed to take the leadership to finish the finance section.

Training prerequisites for the planning and logistics sections have been completed and approved by the Operations Team. Prerequisites for the other

functions will be completed as course development continues.

FIRETIP is assisting in making necessary revisions to ICS documents and providing information nationally.

VIII. Land provided a progress report on the State Fire Marshals (SFM) statewide ICS training coordination. There was a misunderstanding between SFM and FIRESCOPE members as to what needed to be done and who should be doing it. Paulus reported the CDF has corresponded with the SFM offering their assistance if the overall program can be adequately coordinated.

The Board agreed that the Chairman should write a letter to the SFM outlining the current dilemma and requesting a meeting with the group to review alternatives and determine ways to resolve the issues.

IX. The updated MACS procedures were presented by Irwin. Bragdon suggested some addition to the last paragraph on page 2 which would help clarify to other agencies, the guidelines that would be used to determine their involvement. The group agreed and directed the Operations Team to staff out the wording.

Irwin added that there is disagreement on the Strike Team designation system to be used in southern California. A system was approved by the Operations Team, however, it has only been partially implemented. Paulus stated that the CDF and Forest Service had implemented the Operations Team approved system statewide. In addition his people at Ione told him that it would cost \$12,000+ to make changes from what was agreed upon previously.

Cunningham and Bragdon said there should only be one system in the FIRESCOPE region and that system should extend statewide and if someone needs to change they should do so. The Board agreed there should be a single system statewide.

Irwin was directed to schedule a meeting within the next two weeks with Bragdon, Barrows, Griggs and necessary representatives from the development group to resolve the issue.

X. Patterson provided an update on FEMA operations. The new Administration (personnel) for FEMA administration is becoming stabilized and interest is building in their involvement with FIRESCOPE systems and technologies. A FIRESCOPE briefing is scheduled for late March to orient new personnel that are now on board. He said hopefully interest could be encouraged for possible future development of components such as the wind model.

XI. Callaham reported that one third of his budget has been reduced. This means the Fire Prevention Program will be cut at least in half or possibly eliminated. In addition the Chaparral Program will be terminated.

XII. Bragdon reported on a letter he received from the National Park Service in which they requested involvement in the FIRESCOPE Program and the issuance of a Login ID. Chairman Smith agreed to meet with Howard Chapman to obtain a clearer picture as to how the National Park intends be involved.

XIII. Next Meeting

Primary Date: June 2, 1982
Alternate : June 16, 1982

Several recommended that the meeting start at 10:30 if its held at or near Ontario.

Topics:

- A. Update on State funding
- B. State Fire Marshal's training coordination
- C. Interfacing procedures with other emergency services.
- D. Progress report on statewide MACS coordination center planning.
- E. Turnover plans

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