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MEETING NOTES  
FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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I. Attendance

Those present:

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| Bragdon    | Gerard                      |
| Callahan   | Masson                      |
| Chaffin    | Halliburton (for Patterson) |
| Cunningham | Richey                      |
| Dresser    | Smith                       |
| Barrows    |                             |
| Irwin      |                             |
| Land       |                             |
| Masoner    |                             |

II. Program Office FY 78 Accomplishments

The 1-page "Statement of Accomplishments" was presented and accepted.

The Board directed the Program Office to develop a PERT chart, in simplified form, that sets targets, goals, objectives, and responsibilities for implementation.

The FY 78 accomplishments and FY 79 plans should be included in the chart to show progress toward the final goals.

Program Office will have a draft of this new chart for Board review at the next meeting.

III. Communications Briefing

Tom Hensley, Chairman of the Communications Working Group, presented a briefing on communications planning. Problems of cross-gate repeaters and frequency problems were discussed.

The Working Group is taking action on both short- and long-range problems, and Hensley reintroduced the unapproved recommendations from the November 27 and 28, 1978 meeting. The prime need is to improve initial attack and "second alarm" capabilities, and then continue working toward a common system for future years.

The Board reconsidered the recommendations with the following results:

1. Previously approved. Approval reiterated. (Progress has been slow due to personnel and contracting delays.)
2. Now approved, PROVIDED that the investigation (RFP) include both portable and mobile "frequency stretching" from 30 MHz to 480 MHz.
3. Now approved. Operations Team is directed to identify the key positions to receive the radios. Program Office will start purchase with \$50,000 so dedicated in the FY 79 budget.
4. Now approved, with the realization that time and funding constraints may delay accomplishment.
5. Now approved. Communications Working Group should proceed with their proposal.

#### IV. Position Statement - I.C.S.

The proposed position statement on inclusion of other fire services in the adoption of the Incident Command System was approved, subject to word and spelling corrections in the last two paragraphs. (Corrected, final copy is attached.)

The Program Manager and O.E.S. Fire and Rescue Division Chief were directed to pursue the matter and develop a plan of action with the State Board of Fire Services.

#### V. Revised Implementation Budget

The revised budget providing for "level-funding" was accepted. This budget also contains estimates of Operations and Maintenance costs for the system as implementation progresses.

Board members individually and collectively emphasized that this budget stream is the most cost-effective because it implements the system in an optimum time. Lesser funding will extend the implementation period and reduce pay-offs to fire services and taxpayers. The Economic Effectiveness Study supports this position with considerable data.

## VI. MACS and Training

Training impacts on the Task Force and consequent delay in developing the MACS functions were discussed. Roger Land presented his situation in regard to training coordination with partner agencies.

The Board directed the Operations Team and OCC S/S Manager to develop a plan to coordinate and carry out partner agency ICS training. This plan is to include tasks, responsibilities, reporting channels, and timeframes.

The Task Force was directed to resume work on the MACS functional description as promptly as practical.

## VII. Economic Evaluation

The FIRESCOPE Economic Effectiveness Study was reviewed from three perspectives:

1. Apparent weaknesses or unanswered questions in the study.
2. Acceptance of the "5-incident" configuration.
3. Distribution and use of the study.

In the above order, the following decisions were made:

1. Apparent weaknesses and unanswered questions can be adequately explained in a comprehensive Executive Summary of the study. The Program Office is to develop the Executive Summary and a sample Letter of Transmittal.
2. The "5-incident", recommended design is accepted, PROVIDED a back-up plan is developed to guide agency actions during those times when the workload exceeds five simultaneous incidents. The Operations Team is to develop the back-up plan.
3. The study will not be widely distributed until the Executive Summary and sample Letter of Transmittal are approved. Best distribution method is to provide Board members with proper study volumes, Executive Summary, and Letter of Transmittal for selected recipients.

### VIII. Position Statement - State Funding

The justification for State funding of operation and maintenance cash outlays was approved with one word change. (Corrected, final copy is attached.)

The cost sharing ratio of 25 percent Federal and 75 percent State was approved as the most defensible and efficient apportionment.

The Department of Forestry and the Office of Emergency Services were requested to officially pursue the Board's position. Other partners will provide necessary support.

### IX. "Richey-Gerard" Resolution

The work done by Richey and Gerard was discussed in relation to the graphic presentation developed by Irwin and Barrows.

It was decided to combine all of the efforts into a "systems approach to fire management problems in southern California."

The Program Office will prepare a position statement which will focus attention on the critical issues involved. Agencies will provide P.I.O. assistance to the Program Office to publicize the products after Board approval.

### X. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held July 31 and August 1. (May be shortened to 1 day, subject to agenda length.)



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