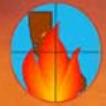




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**FIRE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE  
FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
USFS WILDLAND FIRE TRAINING AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
ROOM N113-MANN GULH ROOM  
MCCLELLAN, CA 95652  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 10, 2007**

## **ATTENDEES**

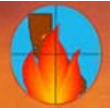
Bob Roper- Vice Chair Ventura County  
Kim Zagaris –OES  
Henry Renteria OES  
Michael Dyer -Los Angeles County FD  
Ken McLean- for Ruben Grijalva-CALFIRE  
Jim Marquis- Grass Valley FD-Volunteer Fire Departments  
Dennis Thompson-Kern Co, Representing Counties South  
Craig Barnes-BLM  
Sue Husari-National Park Service  
Richard Webb-Linda Fire Protection Districts- Fire Districts North  
Mark D'Ambrogio- Auburn City Fire Department- Region IV  
Pat Dennen- San Bernardino County FD-Fire Districts South  
Tom Drayer-OES FIRESCOPE  
Chip Prather- Orange County Fire  
Mario Rueda- Los Angeles Fire Department Representing Chief Barry  
John Scherrei- Santa Barbara County FD  
Ken Wagner- Roseville Fire Dept-City Fire Department North  
Chuck Knapp- California State Firefighter's Association  
Becky Robertson CALFIRE Representing Region V OES for Candace Gregory  
Kate Dargan- State Fire Marshal  
Sheldon Gilbert- Alameda County FD-County Fire Departments North  
Del Walters-CALFIRE region III  
Bob Green-CALFIRE-OES Mutual Aid Region VI  
Willie Thompson- Forest Service Representing Ed Hollenshead

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Brian Kelly-City of San Mateo-FIRESCOPE Ops Team Chair  
Dave Stone- Los Angeles Co. Fire-FIRESCOPE Task Force Vice-Chair  
Dan Drake- Orange Co. Fire –FIRESCOPE Task force  
Dave Pierce- Orange Co. Fire – FIRESCOPE Ops Team Vice-Chair  
Scott Vail- OES-CICCS  
Ralph Domanski- USFS- FIRESCOPE Ops Team  
Pat O'Bannon-OES-FIRESCOPE  
Deneen Phillips-OES-FIRESCOPE



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## **WELCOME, INTRODUCTION, LOGISTICS**

Chief Roper welcomed the attendees due to Chief Freeman being on family leave and began the meeting with a “Moment of Silence” for the CAL FIRE dozer operator who was recently killed while working a fire near San Jose.

Chief Roper then congratulated the 2007 Fire Chief of the Year, Chief Kim Zagaris.

## **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

*Action Item Motion placed before the members and unanimously supported to approve the July 11, 2007 meeting minutes.*

## **OES DIRECTORS UPDATE**

- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a State of Emergency for the City of San Diego in response to the landslide in the Mt. Soledad area on October 3. The Governor's emergency proclamation allows the state Office of Emergency Services (OES) to deploy emergency personnel, equipment and facilities and provide local government assistance.
- The Governor's Emergency Council has completed all appointments. Corona Fire Chief Mike Warren is the representative to the council for the fire service. They will be anticipating their first meeting before the end of the year.
- The Governor has just returned from the 25<sup>th</sup> Border's Conference. This conference is attended by the 4 US governors whose states border Mexico and the 6 Mexican Governors whose states share the U.S. border. This group has been meeting the last 25 years discussing various issues such as border resources sharing, border security, agriculture issues and emergency response. In the last couple of years there has been an increased focus on for emergency response and it is anticipated that a few of the items discussed at this last conference will impact the fire service here in California. Those items are:
  - The training of first responders on both sides.
  - The development of a 5-year bi-national emergency response plan.
  - The development of an MOU for mutual aid response in the event of a disaster. It is thought that the California Mutual Aid Plan will be used as the foundation for this new document.

In the next 30-60 days OES will be hosting a meeting of the Baja state representatives who will be bringing their fire representatives. Further details of this meeting and the outcomes will be shared as they become available.

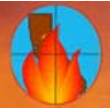
## **SFM UPDATE**

Chief Dargan presented a power point presentation outlining a new concept as it pertains to the use of GIS technology and solicited the help of FIRESCOPE to deliver of the program, possibly through the FIRESCOPE GIS Specialist Group. The following outlines the points of the presentation:

- Most of the data we gather is pre-intervention.
- Build on success of FIRESCOPE to explore and improve situation awareness.
- Explore prioritize and set the foundation for situation awareness.
- Situation awareness is the assessment side of “shaping the battlefield”.
  - Components of Situation Awareness



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- Data share
- Blue Forces
- Environment
- Decision making
- FIRESCOPE Involvement
- State and National Involvement

**Action Item** Chief Dargan will schedule an invitation to the FIRESCOPE BOD for a workshop to discuss the future of data sharing and new GIS technology sometime before the January BOD meeting. After that workshop the BOD will have a better idea of who should sit on the proposed FIRESCOPE GIS Specialist Group.

## **CFFA UPDATES**

Chief Vail advised that details are being finalized for the salary rate letter prior to its distribution. A meeting is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to finalize the letter.

## **FIRE AND RESCUE MUTIAL AID PLAN**

Chief Prather presented a proposal from both Santa Barbara and Orange Counties to examine the possibility of modifying the current practice of the exchange of 5 resources (1 Strike Team) for initial attack between adjoining Regions to allow the exchange of up to 5 Strike Teams of Engines with notification to the Regions and Sacramento.

The Chief's proposal was reviewed and approved with direction that a report would be forthcoming back to the BOD at their January meeting. Chief Prather then went on to accept the responsibility of coordinating a work group to review the California Master Mutual Aid Plan and provide suggestions back to the Board for changes.

## **General discussion**

Chief Dennen believed that the proposal was a great idea and felt that the MMA does need review. Chief Mike Dyer also agreed and would like to be added to the working group.

- **Action Item** Chief Roper asked that an Ad-Hoc Group chaired by Chief Prather is formed on this topic to begin their review to determine what areas of the MMA need to be updated. This item is to be placed on the January Agenda for further discussion.

## **IAFC BOARD ACTIONS, MAYDAY**

Chief Roper reviewed the IAFC Board's actions regarding supporting the use of MAYDAY was discussed. It was felt that the management of a "Firefighter Down" scenario and command of the appropriate radio channel to affect the rescue was a separate issue from the tactical events surrounding the specific Firefighter entrapment; and that the Board's opinion should be conveyed to the IAFC Board via written correspondence.

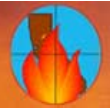
- **Action Item** A letter is to be drafted by Chief Roper for Chief Freeman which explains the Board's stance on the Mayday issue and submitted to the IAFC Board.

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## **CWCG UPDATE**

Chief Thompson reported that one of the ongoing issues before CWCG is the overall evaluation of Incident Management Team resource ordering and whether or not local government agencies are having problems with either the way those teams are being dispatched or with the documentation taking place in ROSS. Chief Thompson would like those BOD members who may be experiencing problems within their agency to bring them to his attention in time for him to take those issues back to CWCG at their January meeting. There is also a process under way for how the USFS is deploying the NIMO Teams.

With their Charter recently completed CWCG wants to establish standing committees. They are very aware of the importance of coordinating with FIRESCOPE and that they both have distinct responsibilities. CWCG is in the process of clarifying those distinctions and inventorying the committees that already exist. CWCG wants to have a more direct interagency support.

Chief Thompson invited the BOD Chair and Co-Chair to attend their January meeting and bring the list of the FIRESCOPE committees that currently exist.

Chief O'Bannon added a comment related to the ordering of Incident Management Teams in ROSS is that there is a new updated ROSS version, 2.7 that was put out last week. This new version should streamline some of the process and do a better job of documentation in the future. The CRIT is and will continue to work on those types of issues this winter.

- **Action Item** Chief Roper proposed to the board that CWCG provide standing updates at the BOD meetings in the future. **All were in favor.**

## **BRC STATUS REPORT- Sheldon**

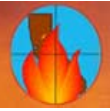
Chief Sheldon advised that the last meeting was held a month and a half ago. They had a discussion on how far the BRC has come, where it is currently and the direction it needs to head. The BRC initially started with 71 recommendations, that was pared down to 48 and of those approximately 22 have either been completed or are in the process. CWCG plans to meet again in November and have a discussion on the future role of the commission. There will be a detailed update after that meeting.

## **EMS EXCLUSIVE OPERATING AREAS (EOA) ISSUE**

Due to the dynamics of wildland fire and the potential to cross geographical boundaries there was a situation that occurred on the Zaca incident where the fire moved onto LRA thus impacting an area deemed as an Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) by the Santa Barbara County LEMSA. The County's Contract Provider, AMR approached the LEMSA with a concern that the ZACA incident was allowing their EERA contracted provider to provide care within that EOA. The Santa Barbara County LEMSA then contacted Zaca Area Command with a demand that they terminate their EERA provider ambulance and contract with AMR. It was determined and an opinion rendered by Zaca Area Command that the EERA provider was supplying services to the incident assigned personnel and not providing 911 services within the EOC. After discussion that opinion was supported by CA-OES Legal Counsel, the Cal Chiefs Legislative Analyst and the FIRESCOPE BOD. An additional suggestion by the BOD is that there is improved



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communication in the future between Incident Command Teams and local officials to resolve potential conflicts such as this. It was also revealed that this particular issue has resurfaced again pertaining to Air Transportation. State EMSA has created an Aero Task Force to look at the potential issues. The BOD opinion rendered is that the capabilities of private air transports are separate and different than fire service rescue helicopters. Chief **Scherrei** agreed that he would speak to the Santa Barbara County LEMSA and Chief Gilbert stated that he would speak to State EMSA to ensure that dialogue is maintained and that everyone is on the same page. This suggestion would be for the Incident Commander to have better dialog for the incident as far as what is the local area provided. FIRESCOPE shall continue to monitor the Aero Task Force meetings for issues that may be relative to the fire service.

## **ZACA INCIDENT**

Chief Scherrei provided an update on the Zaca incident which began on July 4<sup>th</sup> near Zaca Lake. Santa Barbara County had had 5 extra engines staffed due to the Holiday weekend and almost caught it prior to it moving onto State and Federal lands. Over the next 10 days it moved sporadically from west to east with the majority of Chief Scherrei's time was spent controlling political issues. Over the course of the incident both CAL FIRE and a Federal Incident Management Team along with a Federal NIMO Team were in Unified Command as the fire burned 240,000 acres over 42 miles. There were 43 injuries and over 3,000 personnel assigned. Chief Henson also provided an overview of the structure protection contingency plan that CAL FIRE had developed for the Santa Barbara Front Country in the event the fire moved into the city of Santa Barbara.

## **CICCS UPDATE**

Chief Vail provided an update on the status of the CICCS Task Force. The following items were identified and needed improvements for the CICCS "Red Card":

- Strengthen the language of the Fire Chief's responsibility.
- Strengthen the language pertaining to physical fitness.
- Request for gradual adoption of language.
- Plan is to send out to each fire department in California after the document is approved. .
- Departments will need to comply to obtain CFAA reimbursement

It was also determined that the CICCS will adopt the 2006 version of the NWCG 310-1 document as the foundation for the program.

The next CICCS Task Force meeting is scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008

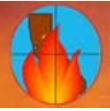
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Chief Roper requested that the FIRESCOPE BOD to take time to recognize both retiring Chiefs Brian Kelly for his achievements and leadership and Ralph Alworth who was recognized for all of his contributions and leadership.

## **OPS TEAM REPORT**

Meeting held since last BOD meeting  
Orange County – August 14 and 15  
Conference calls: September 17 and October 3

### *Clear Text issue (Mayday)*

The Ops team has continued to follow this issue, and prepared a letter for the Board Chairman to send to the IAFC BOD regarding the action taken by that Board in Atlanta before their annual Conference in August. The recently released, National Response Framework, specifically calls for “clear text” in all emergency communications. Chief Zagaris is assisting in the processing of the FIRESCOPE response to this issue.

### *Membership of Operations Team*

The FIRESCOPE OPS Team is continuing to develop proposed guidelines for the membership of the Ops team. Up to now there have not been rules for the membership of the Operations team. The proposal that was sent to Chief Zagaris is intended to recognize the historical makeup of the two groups, CAL FIRMS and the original Southern CA group and establish a procedure to fill vacancies when they occur on the Ops team in a manner that is consistent with the MACS 410-4.

### *Participation on Task Force*

The active participation on the Task Force continues to be a problem. The Task Force Chair has forwarded a letter outlining the current vacancies on the Task Force. Every effort should be made to fill all vacancies, and replace those current members who have not been able to participate fully on the Task Force.

### *FIRESCOPE Plan of Work*

The Task force has revised the Plan of Work as of their September meeting which has been posted to the Web.

### *NWCG:*

Resource Typing:

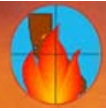
Continue to coordinate resource typing with NWCG and NIMS.

### *Cycle of meetings of OPS Team for 2008*

The Operations team has set a schedule for it's meeting in 2008 that provides the opportunity to meet before most of the Board meetings so that we can have a more timely



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review of documents and or action items that have been completed by the Task Force and are ready for review at the Board,

January	Shell Beach-with the Task Force
March	Sacramento
June	Buck Lake – with the Task Force
September	Orange County

## **TASK FORCE REPORT**

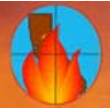
The Task Force met on August 15-16, with the Ops Team, in Orange County, and September 19-20, 2007 in Sebastopol.

These are the accomplishments that we have to report to the board:

- Review and develop (with the OPS Team) a letter to the IAFC regarding MAYDAY and clear-text.
- Review of North and South MACS exercises, discussed needs to improve the process and exercises (form revisions, Intel worksheets, North California All-Risk scenarios). A small group of task force members will began meeting in January 2008 to begin the development of the spring, 2008 exercises.
- Review and approve ICS form changes for posting on the FIRESCOPE Website (cosmetic changes).
- Discussion of meeting schedules between BOD, Ops Team and the Task Force, to facilitate timely movement of completed projects.
- Review and approval of the Haz-Mat Specialist Equipment List.
- Draft Task Force vacancies report for forwarding to the Ops Team and executive Coordinator.
- Discussion of California Fire Service training challenges to address CICCIS, FIRESCOPE products, and the overarching issue of revisions to reflect NIMS Compliance.
- Finalize Plan of Work revisions for BOD' review.
- Review 410-4 for needed changes regarding Task Force Membership and filing vacancies- no revisions needed.
- FOG Update- State printing bid process has delayed the printing; it is now out to bid in the private sector.
- NWCG Engine and Water Tender typing recommendations continue to conflict with FIRESCOPE typing. Task Force position is to look to the NIC where ultimately this conflict should be reconciled. The Task Force recognizes the need for a FIRESCOPE type of Decision Process at the national level to reconcile similar NIMS issues.
- The Task Force discussed the difference between MACS Modes (4) and National Preparedness Modes (5), based on discussions after the North OPS MACS Exercise. Discussion only at this point on the differences between CWCG and FIRESCOPE.
- The Task Force will be evaluating all FIRESCOPE documents to determine the need and/or priority for revision and updating.
- The EMS Specialist Group will meet for the first time in October.



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- The GIS Specialist Group announcement has had a very limited response. The task Force has requested that Ops Team members to survey the agencies they represent for appropriate candidates for this important group.

## **SPECIALIST AND WORKING GROUPS REPORT**

- High rise met in San Diego and are close to completing their revisions of the OSD.
- Haz-Mat has completed and forwarded their revisions of the Specialized Equipment List that OES will be using for resource typing.
- All other groups are not meeting due to fire season and team assignments.

Upcoming Meetings

October 16-17 Ventura

November 14-15 Nevada City

December 11-12 Santa Barbra

## **BOD MEETINGS**

Chief Roper addressed the committee. It was asked of the board should we continue with the BOD meetings on Tuesdays with a 9:30am start time. All members of the board were in agreement. It was also decided that a conference call will be scheduled two weeks prior every BOD meeting on the Thursday@4pm to set the agenda.

## **OLD BUISNESS**

None

## **NEW BUISNESS**

Chief O'Bannon advised that the new version of ROSS, 2.7 now requires social security #'s. The CRIT is attempting to find a work-around.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned @ 1530

## **2008 FIRESCOPE Board of Directors Meetings:**

January 9, 2008 @Ontario International Airport

April 9, 2008 @ Sacramento International Airport

July 9, 2008 @ Sacramento International Airport

October 8, 2008 @ Sacramento International Airport