

*Office of Emergency Services
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FIREScope BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 1992*

MEMBERS PRESENT

*William Maxfield, Chairman - Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Department
Gerald Johnson, Deputy Chief for Donald Manning, Vice Chairman - Chief, Los Angeles City
Fire Department
Rich Aronson, Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Chris Cameron, Regional Fire Management Officer - National Park Service
Gary Costamagna, Chief - Sacramento City Fire Department
Michael Freeman, Chief - Los Angeles County Fire Department
Dick Henry, Director - U.S. Forest Service
Larry Holms, Chief - Orange County Fire Department
Donald Perry, Deputy Chief for Dan Fraijo, Chief - Santa Barbara County FD
Loren Pettis, Chief - Montclair Fire Department
Dave Festerling, Assistant Chief for George Lund, Chief - Ventura County FD
Bill Teie, Deputy Director for Richard Wilson, Director - California Department of Forestry and
Fire Protection
Ron Coleman, California State Fire Marshal*

MEMBERS ABSENT

*Jim Brannon, Chief - Linda Fire Protection District
Frank Buscher, Chief - Tiburon Fire Protection District
Dan Fraijo, Chief - Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Pat Kidder, Fire and Aviation Officer - Bureau of Land Management
George Lund, Chief - Ventura County Fire Department
Richard Wilson, Director - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection*

SPECIAL ADVISORS PRESENT

Eldon Nagel, General Manager - California State Firefighter's Association

SPECIAL ADVISORS NOT PRESENT

Brian Hatch, California Professional Firefighters

OTHERS PRESENT

*Andy Anderson, Chief - Quincy Fire Department
Richard Andrews, Director - Office of Emergency Services
Will Brock, Assistant Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
John Bryant, Emergency Operations Coordinator - U.S. Forest Service, South
Mike Dacy, Chief - Sacramento County Fire Department, OES Region IV Coordinator*

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Dougherty, Assistant Fire Coordinator - U.S. Forest Service, South
Mike Douglass, Emergency Services Coordinator - OES US&R Program
Mark Ghilarducci, Emergency Services Coordinator - OES US&R Program
Jim Owen, Chief - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Bev Passerello, Legislative Liaison - Office of Emergency Services, Legislation
Ray Quintanar, Deputy Director - U.S. Forest Service
Sherri Stromlund, Office Technician - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Dick Williams, Faculty - Rancho Santiago College
Al Wilsey, Battalion Chief - Ventura County Fire Department
Kim Zagaris, Assistant Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division

The meeting was called to order at 0945 by Chairman Maxfield. Round-table introductions were made and Rich Aronson discussed logistics.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JULY 8, 1992 MEETING

Chairman Maxfield asked for any corrections or additions to the July 8, 1992 minutes. No changes were noted.

IT WAS MOVED BY GARY COSTAMAGNA SECONDED BY DON PERRY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 8, 1992 MEETING.

IMS REPORT/PHOENIX SEMINAR

Mike Dougherty, John Bryant and Larry Holms updated the Board on the Phoenix Seminar. The next IMS Meeting will be in Houston on February 26 and 27, 1992. At that time the Consortium will discuss by-laws, the decision process, and hopefully move into other areas. Bill Zeason, Dick Henry and John Bryant will attend that meeting. Chief Holms advised that there has been some significant progress.

ICS TRAINING

Ron Coleman advised that the State Fire Marshal's Office is in the process of revising seven different curriculums which include ICS components, and asked that those revisions be passed through the Task Force, Operations Teams and Board of Directors for review/approval, and to ensure consistency with principles of the ICS System. He also recommended that curriculum at CSTI with ICS components be reviewed through the same process.

IT WAS MOVED BY LARRY HOLMS, SECONDED BY RON COLEMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE PROCEDURES FOR REVISED CURRICULUM WITH ICS COMPONENTS.

OPERATIONS TEAMS REPORTS/NORTH AND SOUTH

Andy Anderson reported for the North Operations Team. Chief Anderson advised the Board that the Joint Operations Team meeting held in Quincy was very successful, and the next joint meeting is scheduled for January in Morro Bay. He also advised that Pete O'Brien is retiring, and will be replaced on the North Operations Team by Brian Kelley from Millbrae Fire Department.

John Bryant reported for the South Operations Team. Mr. Bryant stated that the dates for the next Joint Operations Team meeting are January 27 and 28, 1993. The South Operations Team has been working on the IMS strategies, spot fires in maintenance of ICS, and mobilization of resources. Mr. Bryant stated that he would like for the Task Force and Operations Teams to begin examining ICS and bring it up to speed, including finishing the MAC's.

OAKLAND REPORT

Bill Teie referred the Board to the Action Plan to Implement the Recommendations from the East Bay Hills Fire Working Group. Final report is dated October 1992 (included in members packets). No action necessary.

Chief Teie also advised of three courses that are planned to be held at the CDF Academy in Ione, one of which is Wildland Essentials for Chief Officers to be held October 26-30, 1992 (Attachment A). This course will be instructed by CDF, USFS and Local Government Fire Instructors. It is a 32 hour class which includes 9 hours of demonstration. The two other proposed classes will be Fire Weather and Fuels, and Fire Prevention. All of these classes are targeted specifically for Local Government Fire Agencies.

TASK FORCE REPORT

Mike Dougherty reported on the NFPA 1561 Revision, Resource Typing, National Fire Service IMS Consortium Structure Fire Procedures Guide, NWCG Qualifications Guide 310-1, and the HAZMAT revised OSD and Position Manuals (Attachment B). Mr. Dougherty also advised the Board that Ray Russell will be representing the California State Fire Marshal on the Task Force. Mr. Dougherty asked for the Board's opinion on a letter to John Philbin, USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, regarding the revised Wildland Fire Qualification Guide (310-1) and the Task Force concerns with suggested vs. required training. Chief Maxfield stated that he didn't have a problem with the letter going out under Mr. Dougherty's signature (Attachment C).

Mr. Dougherty asked for the Board's approval on the Task Force Package, (included in each member's packet) which consists of the Incident Command System Generic Curriculum Development, Hazardous Materials Operational System Description and Position Manuals.

IT WAS MOVED BY BILL TEIE, SECONDED BY LARRY HOLMS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE TASK FORCE PACKAGE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET IMPACT

Dick Andrews exchanged in an open forum with the Board Members the effects that the Local Government Budget cuts could have on Mutual Aid Responses. Chief Holms stated that he felt there was a renewed concern about responding Local Government Strike Teams. Chief Maxfield added that the Mutual Aid response to date has probably not been effected only because most departments have not finalized their budgets. The Chiefs also expressed concern that the Mutual Aid System has really not been stressed or drawn down with multiple incidents. Chief Costamagna stated that he felt the focus should not be solely on Fire Season, but also other all risk emergencies that will need the System. Chief Freeman stated that he felt the Board of Directors should adopt a position of responsible leadership in planning for the loss of Local Government Mutual Aid response. Dr. Andrews suggested scheduling a time to meeting prior to the January Advisory Committee meeting; Chiefs requested possibly meeting with staff from the Speaker's Office, and Roberti's Office to provide them with information.

SB-1841 REPORT

Dick Andrews advised that SB-1841 was signed by the Governor and deals with State Agencies working together to develop a Standardized Emergency Management System. OES will be required to write regulations by December 1, 1993 for all State and local agencies.

Ron Coleman advised the Board that, per information received by Mike Dougherty at the last NFPA-1561 meeting, NWCG was going to develop a new standard for Disaster Management. Chief Coleman stated that he felt the Board should raise a strong objection. Chief Freeman recommended that NWCG be contacted to find out exactly what they have in mind before the Board takes a position on the development of new standards. Dick Henry and Ron Coleman wrote a proposed motion as follows for the Boards review and consideration:

The Chair of the Fire and Rescue Service Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE Board of Directors correspond with NWCG asking that when they re-write the introduction courses for ICS, that they stress the basic use of the system. The introduction courses must be tailored to engine company and all risk user's knowledge base. Subsequent courses should be more comprehensive as the students develop their understanding of how the system works for them. And, that a copy of this policy system be sent to each Committee/Board member and request that they communicate with their organizational representatives on NWCG, the same concerns and request.

IT WAS MOVED BY LARRY HOLMS, SECONDED BY DICK HENRY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MOTION.

OES - REORGANIZATION

Dick Andrews outlined the attached OES re-organization and the OASIS Project. He advised Board members that the Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Regions would not be a part of the re-organization and would not be affected; however, the Fire Coordinators positions are being

reviewed for possible re-organization and realignment of reporting responsibilities. Dr. Andrews distributed hand-outs explaining organizational structure, objectives and recommendations from the Department of Finance Program Audit (Attachment D).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Bev Passerello updated the Board on the Legislative bills specific to the Fire Service. Mrs. Passerello asked the Board members to disregard AB-971, which has incorrect information in the package they received, and apologized for the error.

US&R PROCEDURES - HAWAII CALL-OUT

Mark Ghilarducci updated the Board on the recent US&R call-out for Hurricane Iniki. Mr. Ghilarducci presented a slide presentation and overheads showing the mobilization and deployment of the two US&R Teams that were activated to respond to Hawaii.

Chief Aronson referred the Board to a letter he received from Chief O'Brien, requesting a clarification of the call out procedures via the Mutual Aid System.

Mr. Ghilarducci explained that call-out procedures were approved by the US&R Advisory Committee, but have not been finalized yet. A procedures flow chart was outlined on an overhead. After lengthy open discussion by members, it was agreed that flow chart would be changed to reflect that the Alert, Activation, Notification, Cancellation (Stand-down), and Demobilization messages for the US&R Task Forces must be authorized by State OES with the issuance of a mission number and Governor's Office authorization. And that based on a written Mobilization Plan, developed by OES-US&R Board Members, agreed that the Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System will be used for the notification process, and that this would have no restriction on the US&R Coordinators coordinating directly with the Task Forces.

APPROVAL OF 1993 MEETING DATES

Chief Maxfield presented the 1993 meeting dates for approval. There were no major conflicts with the dates submitted therefore, the 1993 Fire and Rescue Service Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE Board of Directors Meetings for 1993 will be as follows:

January 13, 1993

April 14, 1993

July 14, 1993

October 13, 1993

January 12, 1994

CLOSING REMARKS

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1347 hours.