



FIRESCOPE CAL OES FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Cal OES HQ
3650 Schriever Ave.
Mather, CA 95655

October 14, 2015 @ 0900

Members Present

Daryl Osby – Chairperson, FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Los Angeles County Fire Department
William Metcalf – Vice-Chairperson FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Fire Districts, South
Mark Ghilarducci – California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Director
Dan Kleinman – (representing Shawna Legarza) U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
Mike Esparza – California State Firefighters Association (CSFA)
Lou Paulson – California Professional Firefighters (CPF)
Eric Peterson – Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Ken Kehmna – County Fire Departments, North
Mike Richwine - (representing Tonya Hoover) State Fire Marshall (SFM)
Thom Porter – (representing Ken Pimlott) CAL FIRE
Kim Zagaris – Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division
Brian Marshall – Kern County Fire Authority
Jeff Bowman – Orange County Fire Authority
Jeff Meston – City Fire Departments, North
Mark Lorenzen – Ventura County Fire Department
Richard Webb – Linda Fire Protection District
Mario Rueda – (representing Ralph Terrazas) Los Angeles City Fire Department
Sam Marouk – U.S. Dept. of Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Steve Kovacs – Volunteer Fire Departments

Guests Present

Steve Winter – Ventura County Fire
Andy Ortega – Ventura County Fire
Shawn Fraley – Kern County Fire
Mark Hartwig – San Bernardino County Fire
Ron Phillips – City of Folsom Fire Department
Mike Hebrard – Region III Coordinator, CAL FIRE
Ralph Domanski – Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division
Mike Lococo – Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division
Scott Vail, Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division
Chad Stokes – Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division

1. Welcome, Introductions, Logistics - Meeting Begins @ 0930

(Osby)

Chairperson Chief Osby calls meeting to order @ 0930. Board members and guests introduce themselves.

2. Approval of July 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

(All Board Members)

ACTION ITEM – Motion made by Chief Osby to approve the July 8, 2015 FIREScope Board of Directors meeting minutes. Chief Meston seconds. All in favor, Motion approved.

3. Cal OES Director's Report

(Ghilarducci)

Drought Update:

1. With California experiencing its fourth year of drought, there have been 1,700 more fires this year than there were at this same time last year.
2. With the possibility of an *El Niño* condition forming in the Pacific this year, there is a potential that both Northern and Southern California may see higher rainfall amounts. With this possibility, swift water teams have begun preparing for the possibility of conducting flash flood operations in those areas hit with extreme rainfall amounts.
3. The severe fire season has placed an unusually high burden on mutual aid resources, with approximately 5,000 orders that were unable to be filled.
4. Due to the exponential amount of tree mortality (approximately 40 million dead or dying trees), executive action is being sought from the Governor's office not only to address funding concerns, but to help clear environmental regulations regarding the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).
5. Intensive operations continue with the watershed and debris clearance issues that were the result of the Valley and Butte fires.
6. Residents living in rural areas throughout the Sierra counties have had a primary source of water severely impacted with the approximate 2,800 wells having gone dry. To help provide relief, bottled water shipments and delivery of 2,000 gallon "bulk water" tanks to locations throughout the affected areas has commenced.
7. Based on *El Niño* rainfall predictions, Cal OES and Governor Brown are working together to create a campaign informing California residents on how to prepare for floods.

California Fire Service Task Force on Climate Impacts

8. With assistance from the Governor's office, a newly created Fire Service Task Force has been created to identify and analyze natural hazards brought on by climate change that are considered to be the greatest threat to California and its fire service. This task force will also develop new and/or updated recommendations for California's wildfire preparedness and mitigation efforts.
9. Based on the level of carbon emissions generated from this year's wildland fires, California may meet the requirements to participate in the "Cap and Trade" program. Funding received from this program would then be used to provide training and equipment to fire service personnel.
10. The Board members were asked to provide recommendations on ways current and next-gen technology can be leveraged to provide better efficiency and effectiveness to California's fire service capabilities.

NON-AGENDA ITEM - On behalf of the FIREScope Board of Directors, Chief Osby presents an award to Chief Metcalf honoring his contributions and dedication to California's fire service, the Mutual Aid system, and for his involvement as a member of the FIREScope Board of Directors. Chief Metcalf will retire from the fire service at the end of 2015.

4. CAL FIRE / SFM Update

(Porter/Richwine)

CAL FIRE

1. The drought has caused an excess amount of dead trees and disposing of them has become a problem. The lumber mills have stated that they are at work-load capacity, and currently are unable to accept any more logs for processing.
2. Personnel had to be evacuated when the Boggs Mountain Helitack base was “burned over” during the Valley fire incident.
3. Three of the four firefighters burned while fighting the Valley fire, and involved in the Boggs Mountain evacuation, have been released from the hospital. The fourth firefighter is still in the hospital due to the extent of his injuries, but is expected to be released soon.
4. The number of personnel injured during this year’s fire season has dropped from previous fire season totals. Contributing factors to this decline may be the overall effects of the currently implemented safety program, as well as taking EMS needs into consideration when staffing fire lines.
5. CAL FIRE Director Chief Pimlott expressed his gratitude with the helpfulness of the statewide mutual aid this fire season.
6. Regarding SRA/SLA (January 1st to October 10th)
 - i. On State lands, there were 5,741 fires for a total of 306,000 acres
 - ii. On State & Federal lands combined, there were 7,650 fires for a total of 823,000 acres
7. In regard to mission tasking, agencies involved with State emergency preparedness have been working together under a State post-fire watershed emergency response. There are multiple phases:
 - i. Phase 1 was to assess the current watershed and determine the potential mid-to-long term effects potential rains may have during the Valley and Butte fires. Phase 1 has concluded with team members transitioning over to Phase 2 teams.
 - ii. Phase 1b teams will implement the findings discovered during Phase 1.
 - iii. Phase 2 started October 9th and is currently ongoing. This phase involves determining long-term effects to watershed, health, and environment.
8. There are no other details regarding the fuel reduction grant at this time.

State Fire Marshal

9. The SFM Office Damage Inspection (DINS) teams were active during multiple fires this year. Once reviewed, the final incident reports submitted by these teams will be available on the SFM website. A comprehensive briefing regarding these reports will be presented at the next FIRESCOPE Board of Directors meeting.
10. In response to the Santa Barbara oil spill, the SFM and State Legislature have been working together to close any “gaps” that currently exist between State legislation and Federal laws. In particular:
 - i. AB864 – This Assembly Bill requires that any new, or replacement pipeline, use the best technology currently available in order to minimize the potential amount of oil released in an oil spill. This bill is effective January 2018.

- ii. SB295 – This Senate Bill requires the SFM office conduct annual inspections of pipeline operations and adopt regulations that increase the fees assessed on pipeline operators in order to pay for these increased inspections. This bill is effective January 2017.

It was noted that these two bills will effectively double the SFM Office Pipeline Safety Division program by adding 11 new Pipeline Safety Engineers along with appropriate support personnel.

11. Negotiations continue with the fireworks industry regarding the safe disposal of seized fireworks:

- i. If negotiations are successful, the fireworks industry would create an entity whose purpose would be the proper disposal of seized fireworks. If negotiations were to fail, this essentially becomes an unfunded mandate that places all responsibility for proper fireworks disposal onto local government. This includes the hiring of a hazardous waste contractor to deal with seized fireworks.
- ii. An informational bulletin has been created that provides the complete details of the fireworks disposal process, and includes a list of items that will not be accepted for disposal. This bulletin will be available for download from the SFM website in the near future.
- iii. The SFM office has approximately five-million dollars to collect for the current year, and for last year's stockpile of seized fireworks.
- iv. For those who have submitted a fireworks seizure form to the SFM office, Safe Harbors, the current contractor used for fireworks disposal, will be in contact with the agency representative listed on the seizure form to provide details regarding the transfer of seized fireworks.
- v. Items not falling within the statutory responsibility of the SFM, or those items considered "dangerous explosives," will not be collected by Safe Harbors. In these cases, responsibility for proper disposal will fall on local government bomb disposal units.

12. In regard to State Fire Training:

- i. A task force consisting of State Fire Training and its collaborative effort with Sacramento State University; Subject Matter Experts (SME) comprised of task force members; and OES and FEMA representatives, will be responsible for updating the DINS training curriculum.
 - o It is hopeful that having local, state and federal representatives involved with curriculum development, as well as expanding it into an "all hazard" approach, will expedite the vetting process and allow for a spring 2016 release of the curriculum.
 - o A comprehensive report regarding the DINS curriculum will be presented at the next FIRESCOPE Board of Directors meeting.
- ii. Upcoming training courses of interest include:
 - o Incident Management of Special Operations
 - o Incident Management of Firefighter Emergencies
- iii. In November, multiple groups will be formed to work on the following courses/certifications:
 - o Emergency Vehicle Technician I, II, III certification
 - o Fire Arson Investigator
 - o An ARF module will be included in Driver/Operator training
 - o Improve coordination between law enforcement and Fire agencies by adopting the Office of Traffic Safety - Traffic Incident Management Program
 - o Work continues with partner agencies to determine if grant funding is available for the development of a Rescue Technician certification program

- Development of CFSTES “High Rise,” “Major Wildland Fire Incidents,” “Labor Management Relations,” “Fire Control 3A & 3B,” and “Emergency Incident Awareness for Equipment Operators” courses

5. USFS/DOI Update

(Kleinman/Marouk)

USFS

1. In regard to United States Forest Service (USFS) lands in California:
 - i. From October 4th – 11th, there were 40 fires totaling 4,895 acres
 - ii. YTD totals are 1,542 fires (1,000 lightning / 542 human) totaling 494,000+ acres
 - iii. There were two U.S. Forest Service firefighter fatalities
2. The Frog Fire Entrapment Fatality report is available for review on the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center website.
3. A USFS firefighter was pinned by a log and received burns to his hands and back while battling the Rough Fire. He is currently receiving out-patient treatment at an area burn center and is expected to make a full recovery.
4. A USFS Captain with the Los Padres Hotshots suffered 2nd and 3rd degree burns to various parts of his body while battling the Lowell Fire. He is expected to recover and return to limited-duty within two months.
5. Three water scoopers based out of Lake Tahoe Basin combined for 83 hours, 392 sorties, and 627,000 gallons of water while battling the Butte/Lumpkin Fire.
6. Based on predicted weather patterns, Northern California will be staffed first, in order to provide support to Southern California.

DOI

7. 90% of the fires involving the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) took place in Lake County, with 100% of those fires protected by CAL FIRE.
8. BLM is in current collaboration with the State regarding Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) on public lands adversely affected by wildfire and fire suppression, in order to prevent soil erosion and ensure habitat restoration.
9. Most of the season was at or below drawdown. Severity funds are being used but will run out by end of October.

6. EMS Update

Mark Hartwig

1. A brief history of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was given.
2. Work continues with an anti-trust law firm with analyzing the tenability of being an exclusive provider. The Cal Chief General Membership gave authority to the Executive Board and allows action to be taken based on the recommendations of the anti-trust law firm. A meeting is scheduled with the law firm sometime during the week of October 19-23 to review the work that has been completed.
3. AB1223 was approved by the Governor and will authorize a local EMS agency to adopt the policies and procedures related to ambulance patient offload time, as currently defined. This bill would also

require the authority to develop a statewide standard methodology for calculating and reporting ambulance patient offload times by local EMS agencies.

4. AB1129 was approved by the Governor and will require an emergency medical care provider to, when collecting and submitting data to a local EMS agency, use an electronic health record system that exports data in a format that is compliant with the current versions of the California Emergency Medical Services Information System standards, the National Emergency Medical Services Information System standards, include those elements required by the local EMS agency, and uses an electronic health record system that can be integrated with the local EMS agency's data system, as specified.
5. "Pen" Bill legislation was to get EMS first response reimbursement, but resulted in a trailer bill that will need further exploration by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Work regarding this legislation continues with input from Cal Chiefs, Metro Chiefs, and the California Professional Firefighters (CPF).
6. San Bernardino County just released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit a feasibility study to determine cost effectiveness of working with private ambulance businesses.

7. CFAA Update

(Zagaris/Webb/Lorenzen)

Letter to Albuquerque

1. On October 13 2015, Chief Zagaris contacted Shawna Legarza (USFS) and requested an update regarding the August 12, 2015 letter sent to the Jennifer McGuire, Director of the Forest Service Albuquerque Service Center, Budget and Finance. *(This letter is included in the meeting packet).* Ms. Legarza informed him that the Washington D.C. office has been notified, and Director McGuire was expected to have signed-off on it, but currently, there is no further information. Because of these delays, Director Ghilarducci will be meeting with upper management from several agencies to address the issues and concerns that have hampered an agreement from being reached. Chief Zagaris stated that while this may provide relief for the short-term, he feels that some type of legislative action will be necessary in order to provide a long-term solution.

Update on invoices submitted, paid and returned

2. To help resolve delays with processing reimbursement requests, Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division has hired on an extra staff member with previous California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) experience.
3. As of October 9th, approximately 505 of 1,100 departments have responded to Fire and Rescue Division's request for updated MOU/MOA/GBR information.
4. Research continues into developing an automated reimbursement system, but unidentified aspects within government I.T. continues to be a cause of frustration.
5. Multiple Board members not only expressed their own concerns with the ongoing reimbursement issues, but also the dissatisfaction expressed to them from agencies that rely heavily on the agreement and have had their reimbursement delayed because of these issues.
6. Chief Zagaris discussed in detail the document titled "California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System Resource Summary Jan 1 to Present 2015." *(This document is included in the meeting packet.)*
7. Assuming that all information is correct when an agency submits a reimbursement request, issues with the agreement have on average extended the time required to completely process a request, 5 to 6 months from when the request is initially received.

8. CWCG Update

(Marouk/Zagaris)

1. There will be a California Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (CWCG) meeting on October 16, 2015. Topics of discussion will include:
 - i. Push-down from NMAC regarding EIM efforts
 - ii. The number of Incident Management Teams (IMT) required in California
 - iii. Succession Planning
 - iv. Requirements to serve as an Incident Commander (IC)
2. Applicants have until October 31, 2015 to submit their application for IC Team selection. Applicant selection for teams is expected to happen in February 2016.
3. Local government composition on IMT teams in California is approximately 50%, but challenges continue with finding qualified individuals to staff these teams, and there exists the possibility that the number of teams in California may be reduced from 11 to 10. It was also noted that if this reduction were to take place, it would be from Federal IMTs and not CAL FIRE IMTs.

9. Haz Mat by Rail / HSR Update

(Zagaris)

1. Cal OES Fire and Rescue / Hazardous Materials section continues its work on Haz Mat by Rail regulations.
2. Based on attorney recommendations, the bidding process for the purchase of 12 Haz Mat units has been restarted after legal challenges were raised when the Department of General Services (DGS) disqualified the lowest bid. Announcement of the winning vendor should take place in the near future.
3. Work continues on creating an assignee agreement for the new Haz Mat units. Barring any unusual circumstances, a letter will be sent to the Fire Service containing the details of this agreement within a month or so.
4. The amount of Bakken crude oil entering California has decreased, most likely because the low price of oil is not cost effective when transporting it into the State.

10. IAFC Update

(Zagaris)

1. While meeting with the Wildfire Policy Group at the 2015 IAFC FRI Conference and Expo, Chief Zagaris stated that the group expressed concerns with the inability to obtain additional wildland resources in ROSS, and because of this, the group has been exploring the possibility of using Mutual Aid Net in place of ROSS. Chief Zagaris stated that he will explore this topic further at the upcoming IAFC meeting in Washington, D.C.
2. Chief Ken Kehmna is awaiting word on whether he will be the new IAFC NWCG Representative.

Chief Osby calls lunch break @ 1150. Chief Osby calls meeting to order @ 1226.

11. Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC)*

**This is not an agenda item. This subject was discussed during the Climate Impact meeting that was held on October 12, 2015. A document titled "Blue Ribbon Commission Status Summary" is included in the Board meeting packet.*

1. Director Ghilarducci asked the FIRESCOPE Board to prioritize the recommendations listed in the 2004 BRC Final Report to the Governor, based on immediate focus. Chief Osby delegates this responsibility to Chief Zagaris and Chief Bowman.
2. Chief Bowman stated that in the near future, the Board members will receive a questionnaire listing the recommendations contained within the 2004 BRC Final Report to the Governor, and contain an area that will allow a rating to be given to each recommendation based on those they feel the FIRESCOPE Board should give priority to in order to reach a desired outcome.
 - i. Approval from the FIRESCOPE Chairperson will be required before distribution of the questionnaire can commence.
 - ii. Board members will have 30 days to complete and submit their responses, and are encouraged to seek input from other individuals/organizations for assistance with assigning an appropriate score.
 - iii. It was suggested that a number score from 1 to 5 (1 being worst 5 being the best) be used as a rating scale.
 - iv. The questionnaire will provide empty space to allow individuals to list issues affecting them, but were not included in the BRC final recommendations.
 - v. Once all responses have been received, results will be compiled and released sometime in December.

12. OPS Team Membership Request

(Zagaris/Osby)

1. Based on prior approval, a letter was sent out to departments within Region VI seeking to fill the position that was recently added to the OPS Team. Currently, only San Bernardino and San Diego have responded.

ACTION ITEM – Chief Osby motions to accept the applicant submitted from San Bernardino as the new member of the Region VI OPS Team. Chief Esparza seconds. All in favor, Motion approved.

13. Task Force / OPS Team Report Document Review

(Winter/Rueda)

1. The Rapid Extraction Module (REM) guidelines released earlier in the season have received good deployment reports.
 - i. There is now a REMS designator in ROSS.
 - ii. Departments have created REMS units that allow others to utilize them.
2. An extended Task Force meeting to discuss the 2016 FOG revision will take place at Allan Hancock College on November 3-5, 2015. Cal OES will have a representative in attendance to provide assistance during the pre-press planning phase of the revision.
 - i. Sales of the FOG App have been below expectations with approximately 3,000 sold on Apple and Google stores combined.
 - ii. To help boost low sales, the Board members were asked to spread the word regarding the availability of the FOG app, along with the “physical” version of the 2016 FOG including an advertisement for the FOG app.
 - iii. It was suggested that the FOG be made available for free. Chief Zagaris stated that the way the FIRESCOPE revolving fund is currently setup doesn’t make this possible, but is something that he will take into consideration and can be discussed at a future meeting.

3. Research has begun to create a standardized Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Preplan and will include departmental and commercial products.
4. The Emerging Information Technologies (EIT) Specialist Group has been directed to prioritize the development of a Common Operating Platform (COP) for situational awareness tools.
5. The Incident Command System (ICS) for Structure Fires document was presented to the OPS Team. The document was reviewed and finalized during an October 9th, 2015 conference call.
6. The Area Command Use document was reviewed and finalized by the OPS Team during an August conference call. Portions of this document will be included in the 2016 FOG revision.
7. The ICS for Planned Events guidance document has been posted to the FIREScope web site.
8. In regard to Task Force vacancies:
 - i. Cities North – Filled by Dave Barnett (San Jose FD)
 - ii. Cities South – Currently Unfilled (Chief Osby suggested that this position be filled with an individual from San Diego. Chief Winter stated that he would have no problem with this.)
 - iii. Volunteer – Currently Unfilled (Chief Zagaris stated that Chief Kovacs may have an individual for this position)
 - iv. DOI – Filled by Nate Gogna
9. Due to fire activity, the August Task Force meeting was cancelled.
10. A re-write of the All-Hazard Strike Team curriculum is currently being worked on, and a pilot class containing the new material is scheduled to take place in March 2016.
11. Discussion took place regarding the document titled “Managing Large Scale Incidents – Area Command.” (*This document is included in the meeting packet.*) Details of the discussion are below:
 - i. This document is consistent with, and expands on the Area Command document that was published last year.

ACTION ITEM – Chief Rueda motions to allow the Area Command document to be posted as a “use” document on the FIREScope web site. Chief Kehmna seconds. All in favor, Motion approved.
12. Discussion took place regarding the document titled “Incident Command System – Structure Fire Operations ICS-SF.” (This document is included in the meeting packet). Details of the discussion are below:
 - i. Content added to this document from previous revisions are:
 - o Risk Management – made consistent with NFPA.
 - o Organizational diagrams have been standardized for multi-story buildings, businesses, and strip malls.

ACTION ITEM – Chief Bowman motions to approve posting the Structure Fire Operations ICS Structure Fire document to the FIREScope web site. Chief Meston seconds. All in favor, Motion approved.

14. New Business (Zagaris/Hoover/All)

FIREScope BOD Meetings 2016

1. The conference call to discuss the agenda for the next Board of Directors meeting has been moved to December 17, 2015 @ 1600.

2015 Fire Season Review

2. Chief Osby stressed to the Board that the problems involving reimbursement can only be resolved when all levels of government can effectively communicate, as well as be willing to make compromises with payment and cooperative agreement issues.
3. Chief Lorenzen stated when a jurisdiction's resources are depleted to the point where ICs are reluctant to give up contingency resources, a process at the State or Federal level may be required in order to allow the ability to prioritize and move contingency resources to areas where they are needed the most and/or can do the most good.
 - i. Chief Porter stated that he would be hesitant to allow the MACS process to control resources, and it might be better to refine the mechanism used by those in the decision process.
 - ii. Chief Rueda stated that based on past experience, the multiple processes involved with moving resources through an Area Command (i.e. demobilization, rest, reassignment, etc.,) takes time, and finding a solution may involve making changes to many of the existing rules used in this process.
4. Chief Metcalf asked the Board members if anyone has had problems dealing with the local all-hazard Type III Teams FEMA has staffed using local government personnel, and are using FEMA position qualifications not found in ROSS.
 - i. Chief Zagaris stated these teams are considered a local government resource and used under the CFAA accordingly, but that overall, dealing with these teams has not been a problem.
 - ii. Various Board members suggested that this topic be readdressed at a future meeting.
5. To help get the new Fire Chiefs up to speed regarding the duties and responsibilities that come with their position, Chief Rueda recommended that the Board review the content found in the "California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System - Orientation for the new Fire Chief" manual and together, with the decades of experience the members have, the Board looks into creating an orientation seminar for new Fire Chiefs.

15. Old Business

(Vail)

CICCS Update

1. Work continues with the Forest Service Ad-Hoc Committee on resolving issues with sending Type III teams out-of-state.
2. Chief Vail stated that a phenomenal job was done training hundreds of individuals throughout California on the FEMA sponsored Type III Command and General Staff training courses.
3. Due to the severe fire season and low course enrollment, the All-Hazards Type III Incident Management Team Training course taking place in November has been cancelled and rescheduled for January. As a side note, more applicants have expressed interest in attending this January class than there was for the November class.
4. There will be an upcoming CICCS meeting in December. Discussion will include:
 - i. The complete CICCS document will be reviewed and updated as necessary in order to ensure that the needs of the California Fire Service will continue to be met. In particular, certain areas of the document that have caused the most confusion may need to be extensively revised to provide a better understanding.

- ii. Conducting workshops in preparation for the revised CICC release in spring 2016.
- iii. Suggestions received regarding updates to the 2016 CICC revision will be compiled, and sent out to the fire community for feedback.

16. Cal OES Fire and Rescue Report

(Zagaris)

1. An email has been sent out regarding the location of where all 25 Type III engines have been sent.
2. On October 16, Cal OES will send five OES Type III engines to Region VI.
3. Delivery has started on the seven replacement Type I engines.
4. Additional Retired Annuitants (RA) have been brought on to provide additional assistance to areas that require it.
5. Positions that are currently vacant in the Fire and Rescue Division:
 - i. Special Ops, Assistant Chief
 - ii. Special Ops, Deputy Chief
6. Assistant Chief Dave Stone will be replacing Assistant Chief Ishmael Messer as the new AC for Region I. Chief Messer will be retiring in less than a month.
7. After 14 years in its current location, the Fire and Rescue Division's Fire Shop will be moving to a new location. Negotiations continue and it is expected that the new location will be larger, and much closer to Cal OES HQ than its current location.
8. Work continues on a few large Budget Change Proposals (BCP) involving personnel and equipment.
9. Work continues on catastrophic plans for both earthquakes and flooding.
10. Staff continues to work diligently on streamlining the reimbursement process. Chief Zagaris notes that reimbursement continues to be the biggest challenge currently facing Fire and Rescue.
11. Research is currently being conducted on the feasibility of replacing the Water Tenders recommended in the Blue Ribbon Commission Report, with Type 3 2WD engines or Type 6 engines. Chief Zagaris stated that water tenders do not get much use, and with some rural departments in Northern California continuing to struggle in order to meet the specific requirements for Type 1 or Type 3 engines; it may be feasible to use Type 6 engines instead.
12. Type 1 engines continue to be purchased in order to allow a greater mixture of engine types available for request, though there doesn't seem to be much demand for them.

17. Roundtable

(all)

1. Chief Marshall stated that an incident occurred in Kern County when ranchers fired warning shots into the ground as a helicopter, supporting lightning strike fire operations, was attempting to take water from a local pond. Local law enforcement responded and learned that a call had earlier been placed into the ECC denying the use of this particular pond, but that a miscommunication had caused the pilot to choose the wrong pond for water retrieval. Because of the limited supply of water available to ranchers in these wildland areas, as well as the seriousness of this incident, Kern County, along with the local Cattlemen's Association, will launch an aggressive campaign to limit the future potential for incidents of this type from happening again. A blue sheet will also be created and sent out in the near future.

2. Chief Metcalf, responding to a question from Chief Peterson regarding the blue card program for structure fire response, stated that most of San Diego is using the program, but that it is currently undergoing major changes and is most likely considered to be a work in progress.
3. Chief Richwine stated that the AAIM course (DHS approved, Cal OES and local agencies are partners) is still available, and Federal grant monies can be used for it. More information can be found at www.californiafiretraining.org.
4. Chief Zagaris stated that funds have been transferred to CPF to allow the active shooter course to continue.
5. Chief Kehmna stated that Santa Clara County has begun its preparation for hosting the upcoming Super Bowl.
6. Chief Metcalf stated that his retirement is effective come Christmas, but that he will continue to be active within the Fire Service Community.

18. Chief Metcalf adjourns meeting @ 1404.

1. The next FIRESCOPE Board of Directors meeting will take place on January 13, 2016, and held at the Burbank Fire Department Training Center. The agenda setting conference call for this meeting will be on December 17, 2015 @ 1600.