



FIRESCOPE

CAL OES FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Cal OES Headquarters
3650 Schriever Ave
Mather, CA 95655

October 8, 2014, 09:30 A.M.

Members Present

Michael Dyer – Chairperson FIRESCOPE BoD, Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Daryl Osby – Vice-Chairperson FIRESCOPE BoD, Los Angeles County Fire Department
Kim Zagaris – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Ken Kehmna – Santa Clara County FD
Mark Lorenzen – Ventura County Fire Department
Brian Marshall – Kern County Fire Department
Richard Webb – Linda Fire Protection District
Mark D'Ambrogio – City Fire Departments North
Bill Metcalf – Fire Districts South
Tonya Hoover – Office of State Fire Marshal
Paul Bannister – U.S. Department of Interior, BLM
Mike Esparza – California State Fire Association
* Lou Paulson – California Professional Firefighters (conference call)

Members Absent

* Jeff Bowman – Orange County Fire Authority
* Ralph Terrazas – Los Angeles City Fire Department
* Sid Beckman – National Parks Service
* Ken Pimlott – CAL FIRE
* Shawna Legarza – USDA Forest Service

Guests Present

Ralph Domanski – FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Mike Lococo – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Lorenzo Gigliotti – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Scott Vail – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Jim Middleton – Mariposa County Fire Department
Mario Rueda – Los Angeles Fire Department (on behalf of Ralph Terrazas)
Mark Wells – Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Rob Griffith – (on behalf of Shawna Legarza)
Craig Kinoshita – Orange County Fire Authority (on behalf of Jeff Bowman)
Kirk Wells -- Orange County Fire Authority
Kurt Henke – Sac Metro Fire
Chad Stokes – Fire and Rescue, Cal OES
Elaine Smith – FIRESCOPE, Cal OES
Mike Richwine – Office of State Fire Marshal
Ralph Ochoa -- International Code Council
Chris Ochoa - International Code Council
Bob Roper -- International Association of Fire Chiefs
Sara Yerkes -- International Code Council

Doug Williams – Cal Fire, II
 Christine Reed, Central County Fire Department
 Larry Brueger –International Code Council
 Tim Annis – Davis Fire
 Amber Anderson – Cosumnes Fire
 Mark Johnson – Cal Fire
 Randy Metz – Moreno Valley Fire
 Philip Garrson – Redlands Fire
 John Cockle –California High Speed Railroad Authority
 Tracy Staiger – City of Merced Fire Department
 David Gonzalues -- City of Merced Fire Department
 Alan Perdue – International Association of Fire Chiefs
 Howard Hopper -- International Association of Fire Chiefs
 Mark Dossett – San Diego Fire Department
 Julie Frasure – Rancho Cucamonga Fire District
 James Carver – El Segundo Fire District
 Mike Hebrard – Cal Fire
 Denise Reynolds – San Bernardino County Fire
 Ron Phillips – City of Folsom

1) Welcome, Introductions, Logistics ***Meeting commences @ 0937***

Chairperson, Chief Michael Dyer called the meeting to order at 09:37a.m. Self-introductions begin.

2) Approval of July 09, 2014 Minutes

ACTION ITEM – Motion made by Bill Metcalf to approve the October 9, 2014 FIRESCOPE BoD Meeting Minutes. Richard Webb seconds the motion. Minutes approved.

3) Cal OES Director's Report

Ghilarducci

TOPIC: Ebola Threat

- Situation in Africa expanding daily; federal government in process of dispatching healthcare workers to Africa;
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) confident that (application of past protocols/methods) in place will contain it
- Globalization a factor in declared Presidential priority (national security threat)
- Local County and all 50 States health departments are fully engaged
- California State public health department and OES have combined efforts for advanced planning
 - Public health joint operations center is activated
- Department of Homeland Security – Customs screening *enhanced* at key airports with flights from Africa (i.e. JFK, Dulles, Newark, and Atlanta) entering the United States
- Potential receiving hospitals in California: Stanford, UCSF, and UCLA
- *No vaccine available*
- Information available such as CDC guidelines, Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) notices follow-up dissemination to Fire and Law enforcement networks

Recommended: *CDC guidelines (body fluids, travel/contact w/travel)*

Discussion: Concern about the perceived threat by the public based on the variety of media sources available.

Suggested Action: Educate the public and first responders increasing the awareness of how the disease can be spread, symptoms, and conditions, i.e. contagious when contact with febrile patient body fluids

4) CALFIRE / SFM UPDATE

Hoover

CAL FIRE

- 1) October 7, 2014 Air Tanker 81 Accident, Chief Pimlott at the scene; investigation underway
 - a. Release of the pilot's name pending family notifications
 - b. Many members of CAL FIRE executive team at the incident
- 2) CFAA is going through signature process
- 3) Any questions regarding CAL FIRE--Chief Hoover will collect and forward to Chief Frank

STATE FIRE MARSHALL

- 1) State Fire Training mission alignment information available on website/contact Chief Richwine
 - a) Important dates (include January 1, 2016)
- 2) CCIS Qualifications met, certificates signed by Fire Marshal, Individuals should receive letters and certificates this week
- 3) State Board of Fire Services will hear new certification and test requirements proposed by STEAC in November (for more information see website)
- 4) Received formal letter of request from Chief Zagaris on behalf of FIRESCOPE membership on STEAC; the request is in process, expect feedback soon

5) USFS/DOI Update

Griffith/ Bannister

Usfs

- 1) As of today just under 400,000 acres national forest system lands experiencing wildfires this year
- 2) Statewide all jurisdictions estimated at more than 550,000 acres
- 3) Initial attack success rate at 98% nationally and statewide

Doi

- 1) Acreage burned for the Bureau of Land Management in California is low this summer
- 2) Vacancy at North Ops for Interior Coordinator—Ken Hood took a position at OES
- 3) Discussions with Interior agencies to augment the services for the meteorology group at South Ops (hopefully in place this winter)
- 4) Down-staffing initiated in the North; Maintaining staff in the Southern part of the state through mid- November

6) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Tonya Hoover / Bill Metcalf

- 1) Chief Hoover, on behalf of the State Fire Marshal's Office presented Chief William "Bill" Metcalf with a faux leather cover of the California Seal and collar brass in recognition of his achievements as he was awarded the honor of Certified Fire Chief.
- 2) Chief Metcalf initiated the awards presentation for Chief Tonya Hoover. Chief Hoover was awarded a national award for her efforts in the fire prevention arena at Fire Rescue International. A delegation from the International Code Council (sponsors of the award) was in attendance to show support and witness Chief Hoover's acceptance of the award. Sara Yerkes presented Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover with the 2014 Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award on behalf of ICC and I-Chiefs.

7) EMS Update

Wells - Paulson

- 1) The legislation **AB2577** (funding from the federal government to local government) was **VETOED**. Motions and actions continue.
- 2) Meeting on October 24, 2014 of Task Force EMS to discuss Chapter 13.

Break called @ 11:00. Meeting resumed @ 11:17.

8) CFAA UPDATE

Zagaris

- 1) Fire Districts and California Fire Chiefs Association Concern over:
 - a) The MOUs/MOAs, resolutions, supporting documentation that needs to go with it
- 2) Need to let the agreement go forward was addressed by Zagaris at the Cal-Chiefs meeting
- 3) Current extension expires at the end of the year
- 4) Working toward signatures for CFAA 2015 (projected five year plan)
- 5) Working through 2014 reimbursements (busy season)

9) CWCG Update

Zagaris

- 1) Board of Directors met October 7, 2014; topics of discussion were GACC updates, predictive services, possibility of wetting rains next week in the North, possibility of Santa Ana conditions in the South subsiding
- 2) During King Fire Cal FIRE, OES, Forest Service and discussed possibly extending hand crews in the State; nationally not likely to occur (due to personnel timing out)
- 3) Hot Shots will go through the normal stand down as related to budgets and seasons throughout the country
- 4) Forest Service extended the VLAT (very large air tanker) contract going into November
 - a) Castle Air Base will be shutting down
 - b) Santa Maria, San Bernardino, and McClellan available for reloads
- 5) S- 520 -- One Team approved to go into training
 - a) GACC working to approve a second Team
 - b) Discussion regarding the cover sheet and modifications/revisions
 - c) Discussion regarding IMTs and task books (open)
- 6) Reps to attend NMAC meeting in early January due to conflict with FIREScope Board of Directors meeting
- 7) GACCs are working on standardizing ICAP nationally
 - a) Important to have representation respective of the areas
 - b) Bob Bell, CWCG rep, retiring; Paige, North Ops will take over
- 8) CFMA –clarification suppression repair, base and local operating unit agreements, operations proposals
 - a) Clarification suppression repair — not addressed in the current CFMA although AOPs have it in there
 - b) Operations proposals – update the CWCG IMT guidelines to allow ICs to remove someone off a team if justification warrants such action. Additional language to allow CWCG Board the latitude to remove people from any positions/teams as warranted making the system work bi-directionally.
 - c) Activation Evaluations -- Adjustments to the review process (issues related to waiting to request/replace a team; departure issues, etc.)
 - d) GACC ADs need to have communication stream between incidents, hosts and administration
- 9) Schedule set for 2015 meetings –

NMAC/GACC meeting	Jan 13, 2015
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- 10) Secession Planning (CWCG departures):

Sid Beckman	Federal level time out
Christie Neill	New assignment for Marin County
Clare Frank	retires from Cal FIRE in April
Paul Bannister	eligible to retire end of the year
- 11) Basic Committee Reports
 - a) Upcoming 420 - Need to have 420 (CWCG, LA county)
 - b) Line EMT medics
 - c) Not enough Safety Officers
 - d) Succession planning within the teams
 - e) Staffing 11 teams we have; what supplemental employees are or are not
 - f) Holding pattern – Incident Management Team Staffing pending evolution of National Management and EIM
 - g) February 24, 2015 IMT Selections, 2015 ICs recruitment letter; ICs After Action November 13, 2014

10)*OIL BY RAIL

Reggie Salvador

Report by Reggie Salvador to update the Board members on the issues and concerns related to the Oil by Rail program in process.

Department of Transportation (DOT) Fire and Emergency Manufacturers and Service Association (FEMSA) issued an emergency order regarding Bakken oil:

- a) State commence development of protocols and performance metrics to issue alerts regarding transports of Bakken crude to the various regions the trains would be passing through
- b) Noting OES through the State Warning Center would be the sole point of contact in regards to some of the notifications
- c) Governor's interagency working group Oil by Rail Report outcomes included:
 - (1) OES specifically developing training and exercises, regional Haz-Mat emergency response teams, etc.
- d) AB380 amendment implements provisions to begin tracking Bakken crude through the rail system
- e) By January 31, 2015, railroads are supposed to be providing OES with prospective data / information relative to the shipment of crude coming in (currently, providing past data)
- f) DOT/FEMSA Relative to this any emergency order issued connected to Bakken Crude will be codified by AB380

Proposed:

- (1) Amend and unify the emergency order (notification) documentation format throughout the railroad industry nationally (DOT in collaboration with the States);
- (2) Changes to the Grant process allowing for preparation, and training exercises for Bakken crude California volunteered to host national exercises on Bakken crude --awaits response

Intent is to develop a sustainable funding source; 1st year capability will be by a 10M loan equipment for training, exercises

Break for Lunch

11) HIGH SPEED RAIL

John Cockle

Presentation commenced with John Cockle, Fire and Life Safety Specialist representing Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., Preliminary Engineering and Program Management Team, for the High Speed Rail Authority.

John gave an overview of the development of programmatic level requirements with focus on encompassing emergency response measures as an integral part of planning for California's High Speed Rail Program. Areas of emphasis included the impact of there being a consistent statewide approach inclusive of local agency input; passenger safety, responder access, fire and smoke prevention and suppression.

An invitation was extended to continue or begin outreach/communication through established Fire & Life Safety (FLS) and Security Committees; specific outreach to local emergency response agencies as requested.

Next up development of Fire& Life Safety program for tunnels

December 9, 2014 Contact information included in packet

Discussion of Cost to first responders to educate, staff rail –related. Much like the Interstate Highway System Get the CFFJAC (CA Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee JAAC folk involved to get funding options initiated visit venues providing the equipment; Conference opportunity

12) IAFC WILDFIRE POLICY Committee/Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy*

Bob Roper- Chair, Wildland Fire Policy Committee; term ending in August 2015, in transition

- 1) **Challenge:** FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, opportunities in front of it to determine how as an entity it would like to work with **I Chiefs** (how to accomplish the goal)
- 2) WFLC: Wildland Fire Leadership Council (composed of Secretaries of Agriculture, Interior, (NASF) National Association of State Foresters, Department of Homeland Security, **I-Chiefs**, USFA)
 - a) Sets national fire policy
- 3) With adoption of national cohesive strategy → formation of NSC: National Strategic Committee reporting directly to WFLC
 - a) Two branches under WFLC
 - i) **Federal** entities setting federal fire policies for their agencies
 - ii) **WFEC** (Wildland Fire Executive Council) with Boise based NWCG subordinate
- 4) **I-Chiefs** submitted to WFLC for seat on Boise executive committee
 - a) Significance being acceptance of a full seat
 - b) NWCG relationship with FIRESCOPE
 - c) Goal to develop partnership between I-Chiefs and FIRESCOPE
 - d) I-Chiefs Wildland Fire Policy Committee membership includes a liaison from the NASF; FIRESCOPE Board of Directors asked to consider requesting a liaison position to secure a direct bond between it and I-Chiefs (recommended that liaison be versed in policy)
 - i) *Involves* monthly conference calls,
 - ii) Committee meeting at the Reno Conference in March
 - iii) Committee meeting at Fire Rescue International (FRI) August 2015 *location: Atlanta, GA*
- 5) Recommended local representation on Six Committees (list of committees and contacts in packet)
 - a) Emphasis on knowing what the cohesive strategy is
 - i) Evolving Incident Management (see handout) partnership needed
 - ii) Quadrennial Fire Review – Agriculture specific- fast track, forward thinking
 - iii) Fields Management committee Group –working with/through NWCG on process and procedures
- 6) **Action:** (Chief's Osby and Rueda volunteered to examine the issue and report findings in January with recommendations for liaison)
 - a) **Considerations:** Ability to get info to the right group, in timely manner, generating feedback /action as necessary; maintain viability of FIRESCOPE needs

13) OPS Team / Taskforce Report *

Rueda

- 1) **Ops Team** -October 2, 2014 Conference Call (direction) to the Task Force:
 - a) Resurrected the draw down discussion- determine what “draw down” means for agencies and publicizing definition
 - b) Revise Plan of Work
 - c) Leaving the Ops Team
 - i) Jim Middleton - retiring
 - ii) Kelley Gouette - retiring
 - d) JACC Training – Unified response to violent incidents curriculum has been adopted by the US Navy, going to be adopted by the DoD nation/worldwide
 - e) **Task Force Update** (see October 8, 2014 report/handout)
 - i) Member Changes
 - (1) Ken Hood now OES; temporarily replaced Nate Gogna (BLM)
 - (2) Gary Lane (NSD) replaced by Jeff Birchfield (SBC)
 - f) Upcoming Meetings (see handout)

14) New Business

Board of Directors 2015 Meeting and Agenda Conference Call Dates*
2015 Election of FIRESCOPE Board of Directors Chair and Vice Chair*

**ACTION TAKEN – Daryl Osby was nominated and elected 2015 FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Chairperson.
 Bill Metcalf was nominated and elected 2015 FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, Vice-Chairperson.**

Rapid Extraction Module

Discussion: FIRESCOPE Task Force working on this.

Action: Task Force to report on progress at January 14, 2015 Board of Directors meeting.

FIRESCOPE seat on STEAC* – FIRESCOPE Chair, Executive Coordinator and Operations Team Chair will discuss and bring to January meeting.

15) Old Business

1)- CICC update* -Vail

- The CICC Task Force will work with Law Enforcement and other disciplines to participate in CICC and to be more inclusive of other All-Hazard disciplines.
- The Task Force will meet with Law Enforcement on November 4, 2014 to further develop this concept.

2) - Type III Team Update

- a. The CICC Task Force will develop the following Type III Command and General Staff task books: IC, PIO, SOF, PSC, OSC, LSC, FSC.
- b. Complete Historic Recognition process for NIMS specific training and All-Hazard IMT-III, process will end on Dec. 31, 2014.

Cal OES

Zagaris

- 1) Three replacement engines were engaged at the King Fire—four more to move
- 2) Two new Type III engines have arrived at Cal OES Headquarters
- 3) NICS has been extended through March 2015
- 4) California Sheriff's Association to reexamine Wildland Fire issues
- 5) Applied for fifteen FMAGs to FEMA (fifteen approved); fourteen in process of being funded
- 6) Opportunity to share experience and educate new I-Chief during 2-day tour (OES, CAL FIRE Aviation, McClellan, night briefing King Fire etc.)

16) Roundtable

Craig Kinoshita - Orange County Interim Fire Chief Jeff Bowman from San Diego Fire and Rescue (thru December); OCFA board has enlisted Ralph Anderson Associates to assist search for Fire Chief in regard to Chief Richter's retirement; expect final hire to take place in January 2015

Rueda- New Fire Chief R. Terrazas expressed his regrets at not being able to attend Port fire in LA; Cell phone warning system technology idiosyncrasy awareness noted

17) Meeting adjourned @1416 Dyer

The next Cal OES Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE BoD Meeting will take place at the Burbank Fire Department Training Center, in Burbank, California on January 14, 2015. The agenda setting conference call for the meeting will be December 18, 2014 @ 1600.

***-Denotes documents supporting this agenda item are included with packet.**