

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE/  
FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 1987  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

John W. Englund, Chairman - Chief, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Don Manning, 1st Vice Chairman - Chief, Los Angeles City Fire Department  
William Maxfield, 2nd Vice Chairman - Chief, Contra Costa Co. Cons. Fire Dist.  
R.G. Barrows, Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Dennis Smith, Deputy Chief - for Ray Charles, Chief, Sacramento City Fire Dept  
John Lee, Div. Chief - for Loren Pettis, Chief, Montclair Fire Department  
James Brannon, Chief - Linda Fire Protection District  
Dick Wilson, Deputy Chief - for Wes Kilcrease, Chief, Ventura County F.P.D.  
Jim Radley, Asst. Chief - for Larry Holms, Director of Fire Services, Orange County Fire Department  
Walt McDermott - for James McMullen, State Fire Marshal  
Rich Peterson, Chief - Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
Ken Brown, Chief - Rio Linda-Elverta Fire District  
Dick Harrell, Regional Fuel Specialist for Aviation and Fire Management - for Kenton Clark, Asst. Regional Forester, A&FM, U.S. Forest Service  
Jim Dykes, Chief - for Dick Day, Deputy Director, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Ray Charles, Chief - Sacramento City Fire Department  
Loren Pettis, Chief - Montclair Fire Department  
Wes Kilcrease, Chief - Ventura County Fire Protection District  
James McMullen - State Fire Marshal  
Dick Day, Deputy Director - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Pat Kidder, Fire Mgmt. Officer - Bureau of Land Management  
Kenton Clark, Asst. Regional Forester, A&FM - U.S. Forest Service  
Larry Holms, Director of Fire Services - Orange County Fire Department  
Chris Cameron, Protection Specialist - National Park Service

SPECIAL ADVISORS PRESENT

Beth Martinez - for Brian Hatch, California Professional Fire Fighters

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Harry Steimer - California State Firemen's Association  
Brian Hatch - California Professional Fire Fighters

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Don Banghart, Chief, CDF Region II - Mutual Aid Region III  
Michael Dacy, Chief, Rancho Cordova FPD - Mutual Aid Region IV  
Dale Geldert, Chief - Merced County Fire Department  
Merrill McMurray, Deputy Chief - Rancho Cordova FPD  
Andy Anderson, Chief - Quincy Fire Department  
Blair Springer - Senator Wm. Campbell's Office  
William Medigovich, Director - OES  
John Passerello, Asst. Director Response and Recovery - OES  
Bev Passerello, Legislative Liaison - OES  
Eileen Baumgardner, Asst. Director Plans and Preparedness - OES  
Dick Starr, Deputy Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Will Brock, Asst. Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Rich Aronson, Asst. Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Dianne Wirth, Secretary - OES Fire and Rescue Division

#### OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Englund called the meeting to order at 0930 hours, welcoming members and guests.

#### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF MAXFIELD, SECONDED BY CHIEF PETERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 1987 MEETING.

#### FIRESCOPE NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY

At the last meeting, Committee members were requested to review the Needs Assessment Study prepared by Ryland Research, and submit their comments to OES Fire and Rescue Division. Chairman Englund referenced written comments submitted by Santa Barbara County, Ventura County and Los Angeles County, and asked for additional discussion, citing that he feels adoption and sponsorship of the program is probably the major item which needs some consideration.

At this point, OES Assistant Director, John Passerello read portions of a memorandum he submitted to the OES Director and Deputy Director, concurring with Ryland's recommendation that "The State of California officially adopt and sponsor the Program as the basis for all risk statewide emergency management," with the following course of action:

"...OES support an effort that the State of California officially adopt and sponsor the FIRESCOPE Program as the basis for all-risk, statewide emergency management.

"Ask the ...Advisory Committee...to advise OES of a long-term program for full implementation of FIREScope which is consistent with fire service priorities and capabilities and the OES mission.

"...the reorganized and expanded Program be implemented, in a systematic and planned approach for Northern California.

"...retain the name FIREScope (because of its identified success throughout the state and across the nation)..."

General discussion ensued, with Mr. Passerello stating the OES Director has concurred with these recommendations and course of action.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF MAXFIELD, SECONDED BY CHIEF BROWN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT 1) THIS COMMITTEE RECOGNIZE STATE SPONSORSHIP OF THE FIREScope PROGRAM; AND 2) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM SHOULD PROCEED AS RECOMMENDED IN THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY.**

Discussion regarding a five-year plan of implementation, including cost factors which must be considered. Chief Barrows stated that Fiscal Year 1989-90 is the earliest cost factors could be placed into the State budget process, and must be submitted prior to June, 1988.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF DYKES, SECONDED BY CHIEF PETERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPOINT A SUB-COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF CALFIRMS AND THE FIREScope OPERATIONS TEAM TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR IMMEDIATE (SHORT-TERM) AND LONG-TERM (5-YEAR PLAN) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIREScope PROGRAM. THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM IMPLEMENTATION AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

Chief Peterson asked the status of the "symposium" which was to be conducted by Harvey Ryland, with other users of ICS. He suggested the symposium be conducted before long-term implementation plans are prepared, to prevent duplication of efforts and determine what is already being done by other groups to promote ICS, etc.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF PETERSON, SECONDED BY CHIEF DYKES, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT CHAIRMAN ENGLUND CONTACT HARVEY RYLAND WITH REFERENCE TO CONDUCTING A SYMPOSIUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY. AFTER THE SYMPOSIUM IS CONDUCTED, MR. RYLAND IS TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THIS COMMITTEE OF HIS FINDINGS.**

#### SENATE BILLS 1095 AND 1568

Chairman Englund introduced Blair Springer, Senator Campbell's Office, who provided a summary of the two bills. Discussion ensued regarding legislation to provide assistance to those providing mutual aid to the affected jurisdictions.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF PETERSON, SECONDED BY CHIEF MANNING, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THIS COMMITTEE SEND A FORMAL LETTER TO SENATOR WILLIAM CAMPBELL ON THE ISSUE OF EXPANDING THE CONCEPT OF MUTUAL AID REIMBURSEMENT TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS DURING LOCAL PROCLAIMED EMERGENCIES. CHAIRMAN ENGLUND WILL PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE LETTER.

#### ASSEMBLY BILL 1284

AB-1284 provides for the acquisition, refurbishing, and resale (financing) of used fire apparatus and emergency equipment to certain local agencies, through OES. Chief Barrows stated eligibility parameters must be determined, and other considerations addressed, in order to benefit potential users.

General discussion regarding other considerations such as maximum loan amount to any one jurisdiction, and establishing a system of identifying available apparatus. Chief Barrows also pointed out the repossession clause in the bill.

With permission of this Committee, Chairman Englund would like to designate Chief Dykes, Chief Dacy, and Chief Brannon work with Chief Barrows and other OES Fire and Rescue Division staff to establish guidelines and set standards to follow in carrying out the provisions of AB-1284, which becomes law January 1, 1988. Chief Ken Brown will contact a representative from Cal-Chiefs Mechanics Section to provide input. The sub-committee should meet within the next month, with Chief Barrows as Chairman. The Committee was in agreement.

#### CDF/USFS/OES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Since a copy of the revised Cooperative Agreement between CDF/USFS and OES was distributed to the California Fire Service in September, the need for a structured program of training and familiarization on its contents and intent is indisputable. Chief Brown suggested a video program which would "walk through" the agreement.

The Committee agreed on the concept of a video training film.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF BROWN, SECONDED BY CHIEF PETERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT OES, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THIS COMMITTEE, MAKE A MUTUAL AID TRAINING FILM WHICH INCLUDES REIMBURSEMENT AND THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT. THE FILM IS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR USE PRIOR TO NEXT FIRE SEASON.

#### CALIFORNIA FIRE SERVICE AND RESCUE MUTUAL AID PLAN REVISION

Chairman Englund has incorporated all recommendations and changes which were submitted. A few editorial changes remain to be made.

### SEPTEMBER 1987 FIRE SIEGE - MUTUAL AID RESPONSE

Discussion of notable efforts by fire fighting personnel during this extended period of mutual aid operations. Also discussed was the "critique" of operations being prepared by an Evaluation Team composed of representatives of CDF and USFS.

Chairman Englund will request this Committee be provided a copy of the Evaluation Team final report.

### OCTOBER 1987 EARTHQUAKE - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Chairman Englund stated the mutual aid system responded very well. The disaster declaration was needed for recovery relief - not because an emergency situation existed in Los Angeles County. Communications and dispatch activities were discussed, with Chairman Englund explaining the telephone line "overload" condition which prompts the telephone company to give priority service to "essential" lines. Lines not designated as "essential" are subject to delayed dial tone. He reiterated the importance of having all lines in a Communications Center designated as "essential."

### OES ORGANIZATION

OES Assistant Director, John Passerello, distributed and explained the OES organization chart to provide Committee members with a conglomerate depiction of the agency and its functions.

### ICS FOR ALL-RISK SYSTEM

Chairman Englund introduced OES Director, Bill Medigovich, who spoke on acceptance of ICS by law enforcement agencies. Assistant Director John Passerello advised there is a meeting of the Governor's Emergency Operations Executive Council on Monday, October 26, at which time ICS will be presented and explained to the members.

Mr. Passerello has encountered no resistance as yet, and will use the successful operations during the recent earthquake and fires as a "model" to break down any barriers which may exist. When asked the status of incorporating ICS into the OES Multi-Hazard Function Planning Guidance, Mr. Passerello stated the document is being revised at this time, and ICS will be incorporated into the revision. Per Mr. Passerello, this Committee will be provided the proposed changes and revisions before the final document is printed.

### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE AND DISCLOSURE ACT AND TITLE III IMPLEMENTATION

Chairman Englund introduced Eileen Baumgardner, OES Assistant Director for Plans and Preparedness. Ms. Baumgardner welcomed the assistance of this Committee in revising the Multi-Hazard Planning document. She briefed the group on OES involvement in Title III implementation and explained staff changes (increases) in the Hazardous Materials and Planning Divisions.

### FIRESCOPE OPERATIONS TEAM AND CALFIRMS COMMITTEE

These two groups will meet in the near future. Reports will be made at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

OES Legislative Liaison Bev Passerello, distributed year-end legislative summaries and copies of a House Resolution commending the efforts of fire fighters during the September siege.

### NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Englund mentioned the upcoming retirement of Rancho Cordova Fire District Chief Bob Lerch. He would like this Committee to recognize Chief Lerch and thank him for his many years of service and dedication in the fire service. The Committee was in agreement; Chairman Englund will prepare a telegram to that effect.

### NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Committee meeting will be Wednesday, January 20, 1988. Agenda and location are forthcoming.

There being no further business,

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF MAXFIELD, SECONDED BY CHIEF BROWN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 1500 HOURS.**