

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

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1986  
SACRAMENTO FIRE DEPARTMENT - DIVISION OF TRAINING  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

**M I N U T E S   O F   M E E T I N G**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**William Powell**, Chairman - Chief, Sacramento Fire Department  
**Gerald Johnson** for **Don Manning**, Vice Chairman, Los Angeles  
City Fire Department  
**William Maxfield** - Chief, Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire Dist.  
**John Englund** - Chief, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
**Ken Brown** - Chief, Rio Linda Fire Protection District  
**Loren Pettis** - Chief, Montclair Fire Department  
**James Brannon** - Chief, Linda Fire Protection District  
**Richard Montague** - Director, Aviation & Fire Mgmt., U.S. Forest Svc.  
**Dick Day** - Deputy Director, California Department of Forestry  
**James McMullen** - State Fire Marshal  
**Pat Kidder** - Fire Mgmt. Officer, Bureau of Land Management  
**Larry Holms** - Director of Fire Services - Orange County Fire Dept.  
**Richard Peterson** - Chief, Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
**Michael Sellers** for **Wes Kilcrease** - Chief, Ventura County Fire Dept.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Chris Cameron** - Protection Specialist, National Park Service

**SPECIAL ADVISORS PRESENT**

**Harry Steimer** - California State Firemen's Association

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**Brian Hatch** - Federated Fire Fighters Association

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**Dick Ernest** - CDF, OES Region II  
**Gary Todd** - CDF, OES Region III  
**Bob Lerch** - Chief, Rancho Cordova Fire District, OES Region IV  
**Jim Dykes** - CDF, OES Region VI  
**Bill Neville** - Chief, Hayward Fire Department  
**Dale Geldert** - Chief, Merced County Fire Department  
**Henry Wright** - Acting Chief, Woodbridge Fire Department  
**Tom Bender** - Chief, Waterloo-Morada Fire Protection District  
**Bill Teie** - California Department of Forestry  
**Dave Walizer** - State Fire Marshal's Office  
**Chuc Lowden** - Chief, Chico Fire Department  
**Don Perry** - Santa Barbara County  
**Harvey Ryland** - Ryland Research, Inc.  
**Bill Medigovich** - Director, Office of Emergency Services

R. Blair Springer - Asst. Director Response & Recovery, OES  
Bev Passerello - Legislative Liaison, OES  
Jerry Schimke - Chief Planning Division, OES  
R.G. Barrows - Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Jerry Smith - Asst. Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Ramon Manzo - D.P. Manager, Fire & Rescue Division  
John Linder - Support Svcs. Mgr., FIREScope OCC  
Rich Aronson - Asst. Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Bill Wirth - Deputy Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Charlie Anderson - Asst. Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Mike Scherr - Deputy Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Will Brock - Asst. Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Mo. Fitch - Asst. Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Dick Starr - Deputy Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division  
Dianne Wirth - Secretary, OES Fire and Rescue Division

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Chairman Powell called the meeting to order at 0900 hours, welcoming the attendees and introducing Bill Medigovich, Director of OES.

### **INTEGRATION OF OES FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE FIREScope BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chairman Powell stated the most important action to be taken at today's meeting is the signing of the resolution to integrate the OES Fire & Rescue Service Advisory Committee with the FIREScope Board of Directors. Chief Barrows reviewed the resolution which resulted from meetings and actions of the FIREScope Board of Directors and this Committee in June. The two groups agreed to integrate and become a single entity. Draft copies of the Resolution were sent to members of this Committee and the FIREScope Board of Directors for their comments and approval. All changes have been incorporated into the draft Resolution, and the final document is ready for signature.

He further explained that the Charter and FIREScope Decision Process documents enclosed in today's portfolio are to be reviewed and then finalized at the next regular meeting of the combined group.

General discussion regarding the signature page of the Resolution. The minutes of the June 10, 1986 meeting stipulated that when the Resolution was finalized, all members of this Committee and all FIREScope partner agencies would be signatories. However, in order to avoid duplicate signatures of those individuals who represent FIREScope and this Committee, it was decided that Chairman Powell sign the Resolution on behalf of the Fire and Rescue Service Advisory Committee.

**IT WAS MOVED BY JIM MCMULLEN, SECONDED BY DICK MONTAGUE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE SIGNATURE PAGE AS IT APPEARS IN THE RESOLUTION INTEGRATING THE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE FIREScope BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Chief Barrows read the Resolution to the group and requested their approval and acceptance for signature.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF JOHN ENGLUND, SECONDED BY CHIEF BILL MAXFIELD, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO INTEGRATE THE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

#### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of the June 10, 1986 meeting were reviewed, with Chief John Englund questioning a statement on Page 3, item No. 3., describing changes to AB-2187. Item No. 3. should read as follows:

"In absence of a prior agreement with the city, counties must assume the responsibility for administering this program within 60 days after OES adopts regulations pursuant to AB-2185."

It was also agreed that feedback regarding Cal-Chiefs Resolution 86-9 would be tabled until the next regular meeting of this Committee.

Chief Powell called attention to Page 7 of the minutes and the motion to submit a letter to the Director of OES regarding the issue of mutual aid reimbursement. The letter was sent July 18.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF KEN BROWN, SECONDED BY CHIEF LOREN PETTIS, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 1986 MEETING AS CORRECTED.**

#### **MUTUAL AID REIMBURSEMENT**

Chief Barrows began the discussion with the statement that the issue of mutual aid reimbursement has been a long-standing problem which the 1985 fires brought even more into focus. He referred to a letter to Chief John Englund from the Area "C" Chiefs of Los Angeles County expressing their concern and documenting their position regarding mutual aid reimbursement. In a letter to Chief Barrows, Chief Englund stated, "These same concerns have been expressed repeatedly at all of the Area Coordinator meetings throughout Region I."

General discussion ensued with the Committee in agreement that the biggest problem is lack of understanding about the Mutual Aid System and the Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan. After last year's fires, and the extended-time commitment of mutual aid resources and personnel, many small departments became active in pursuing some form of reimbursement. Also questioned are the provisions outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between OES, CDF, and USFS; i.e., first 24 hours are "free," and the reimbursement rate itself (not consistent with actual costs incurred because of the Fair Labor Standards Act mandate).

Chief Englund expressed the need to expand the subcommittee already established to review the Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan. This subcommittee would deal specifically with the subject of mutual aid and reimbursement.

The group discussed other areas of concern such as standardized forms for use on mutual aid incidents, the problem of tracking resources once they have been dispatched, duplicate order numbers, etc. Chief Englund feels that many of the problems experienced are due to inadequate provisions of the Fire and Rescue Emergency Plan.

After extensive discussion defining the specific issues to be studied by the sub-committee, it was agreed the sub-committee should consist of members of the Fire and Rescue Service Advisory Committee since every element of the fire service in California is represented in its membership. Therefore,

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF BILL MAXFIELD, SECONDED BY CHIEF LARRY HOLMS, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ESTABLISH A SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY STATEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY REGION I IN THE FIRE AND RESCUE MUTUAL AID PLAN, TO DEVELOP AND DEFINE A REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM, AND TO ESTABLISH REIMBURSEMENT CRITERIA.**

**THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM CDF, FEDERAL FIRE AGENCIES, OES, NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRE SERVICES. MEMBERS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>CDF</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE TO BE NAMED</b>
<b>FEDERAL AGENCIES</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVES TO BE NAMED</b>
<b>OES</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE TO BE NAMED</b>
<b>NORTH</b>	<b>CHIEF BILL MAXFIELD</b>
<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>CHIEF JOHN ENGLUND</b>

**CHIEF JOHN ENGLUND WILL SERVE AS ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A CHAIRMAN IS SELECTED.**

#### **REPORT ON UPDATE OF FIRE AND RESCUE MUTUAL AID PLAN**

Chief Englund presented a copy of the updated plan which reflects a name change to "CALIFORNIA FIRE SERVICES EMERGENCY PLAN." He briefly described some of the changes made to the plan, noting that Committee members will receive a copy of the revised document for review and comment at the next regular meeting.

#### **CALFIRMS**

Chief Dale Geldert (CALFIRMS Chairman) requested the Committee take action on the recommendations contained in the Annual Report from CALFIRMS, and provide a charter.

General discussion regarding State Fire Marshal representation on the CALFIRMS committees in the interest of training and education.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF BILL MAXFIELD, SECONDED BY CHIEF JOHN ENGLUND, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL BE REPRESENTED ON THE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF CALFIRMS AND THE OPERATIONS TEAM SUB-COMMITTEE.**

Chief Geldert further requested the CALFIRMS Committee be permanent and a liaison established with the FIREScope Operations Team on a regular basis. It was noted that the Resolution integrating the FIREScope Board of Directors and this Committee included an organization chart depicting CALFIRMS as liaison to the Operations Team.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF JOHN ENGLUND, SECONDED BY CHIEF JIM BRANNON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE ORGANIZATION CHART ATTACHED TO THE RESOLUTION APPROVED EARLIER IN THE MEETING BE ADOPTED, AND THAT CALFIRMS BECOME A PERMANENT COMMITTEE.**

#### **EARTHQUAKE TASK FORCE REPORT**

Chief Barrows provided an overview of recent earthquake preparedness efforts. The following budget change proposals were submitted as a result of this Committee's recommendations:

1. Purchase of 15 Heavy Rescue/Fire Fighting units to be assigned three per Mutual Aid Region.
2. Purchase of 18 rescue caches with compartmentized trailers to support the Heavy Rescue/Fire Fighting units. Provide initial and ongoing training.
3. Purchase 5 SHARPS units, which will provide one unit per Mutual Aid Region.
4. Purchase six listening devices for rescue work - to be assigned one per Mutual Aid Region.
5. Provide initial training and establish a statewide training program for heavy rescue.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF KEN BROWN, SECONDED BY CHIEF BILL MAXFIELD, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO SUPPORT THE BCP'S SUBMITTED BY OES ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE SERVICE EARTHQUAKE TASK FORCE AND THE SEARCH AND RESCUE COMMITTEE.**

#### **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

Chief Powell introduced Jerry Schimke, Chief of OES Planning Division, who discussed the status of AB-2185, AB-2187 and CHMIRS (California Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting System).



AB-2185: Formal regulations were adopted June 30, 1986. Cities must make known their intention as to submission of a plan by August 29, 1986. Area plans are due December 27; Business plans are due December 30, 1986.

AB-2187: The Governor signed AB-2187 on July 23, which authorized adoption of emergency regulations to modify AB-2185 regulations. Therefore, on September 2, 1986 the amended regulations of AB-2185 were adopted on an emergency basis and will be in effect for 180 days. Regulations have been renumbered as follows:

<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>
2720	2720
2722	2721
2724	2722
2726	2723
2728	2724
2730	2725
2732	2726
2734	2727
2736	2728
2752	2729
2754	2730
2756	2731
2758	2732

Mr. Schimke also provided copies of the amended regulations to the Committee.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

In the absence of OES Legislative Liaison Bev Passerello, Bob Gerber presented a brief update on legislation of interest to/affecting the fire service.

### OES REPORT

#### Hazmat Equipment and OES Engines

Chief Barrows requested input from the Committee regarding hazardous materials equipment and OES fire engines, citing a situation involving San Luis Obispo Fire Department and OES Engine No. 202. The department has placed a complement of hazmat equipment on the engine and identified the unit as a city hazardous materials response vehicle.

Chief Barrows presented copies of the letter from San Luis Obispo and his reply, which suggests the department pursue the purchase of a hazmat unit since OES-202 was not intended to be used as such. In the interim, however, the department-owned hazmat equipment may remain on the engine provided San Luis Obispo does so in accordance with the Agreement for Temporary Transfer of Vehicular Equipment and established OES policies, and assumes all responsibility and liability arising out of such use.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF BILL MAXFIELD, SECONDED BY CHIEF JOHN ENGLUND, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THIS COMMITTEE SUPPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY CHIEF BARROWS REGARDING HAZMAT EQUIPMENT CARRIED ON OES ENGINE NO. 202, AND TO REITERATE THAT THE POLICY FOR ASSIGNMENT AND USE OF OES APPARATUS IS STILL VALID.

### FIRESCOPE

The FIRESCOPE Program has been nominated for an exemplary Practice Award. Chief Barrows encouraged the FIRESCOPE partner agencies to participate in the upcoming awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

### Needs Assessment Study - Ryland Research

Chairman Powell introduced Harvey Ryland who was awarded the contract to perform a needs assessment study for the FIRESCOPE Program. Mr. Ryland stated the primary objective of the study is to prepare a plan for the continued development and implementation of the FIRESCOPE Program. Also to be accomplished are revised and updated needs and requirements which reflect changes over the 15 years since inception of FIRESCOPE. Potential sources of funding will be identified, both public and private, and the extent to which FIRESCOPE components are being used in the state of California and throughout the nation will be determined.

Mr. Ryland will contact all FIRESCOPE partner agencies to discuss ideas and areas of concern based on their experience with the Program.

### NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Powell announced this will be his last Committee meeting as Chairman since he is retiring October 31, 1986. Chief Don Manning, Vice-Chairman, will act as Chairman at the next regular meeting.

Chairman Powell expressed his gratitude to the Committee members for their valuable assistance and support, and wished them success in future endeavors. He further invited all present to attend a "Celebration Party" on November 7 at the Woodlake Inn.

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be December 3, 1986 in Sacramento. The location will be announced.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1400 hours.