



CICCS Notes November 8, 2006

Meeting location McClellan, CA at the Forest Service Training Center

Task Force Attendees:

Steve Brown, Chico FD
Nick Duvally, LA County FD
Mike Esparza, Riverside FD
Bill Holmes, CDF
David Lord, Alameda County FD
Rich Rubin, Aptos La Selva FPD
Brad Smith, Livermore Pleasanton FD
Scott Vail, OES
TJ Welch, Alameda County FD
Rusty Witwer, USFS

Steve Brown and Scott Vail reviewed the presentations of the Task Force activities to date to the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors Meeting and the State Board of Fire Services Meeting. CICCS will be a standing agenda item at each State Board Meeting.

State Board will need to approve any changes to the Task Forces direction but clarifications can be done without their approval.

The State Board asked the Task Force to expand its membership to better reflect peer review committees. The Task Force identified the following needs: Federal Military, Tribal Fire Agency, Labor, Independent Volunteer Fire Agency and the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors. In addition we wanted to make sure that OES Regions were adequately represented. Mike Esparza agreed to contact the California Professional Fire Fighters, Scott Vail agreed to contact Tribal Departments, Volunteer Departments and the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors (A letter has been sent to Lou Paulson requesting CPF participation, Jim Little of Laytonville FD has agreed to represent

volunteer departments and Ed McOrmond of the Pechanga Fire department will either participate himself or recommend a Tribal Fire Department representative to the task force).

The remainder of the meeting discussed the tasks we outlined in the letter to the State Board of Fire Services.

Qualification Cards: This is an area where we can make a significant improvement very quickly. CDF is looking at adopting a card system which would set a good example for other agencies who are hesitant to adopt. There is a website, vdatasys.com, where IQS is maintained by the Forest Service and State Foresters. IQS is a fairly simple and cost effective system to maintain records and generate cards. Art Bishop, Training Officer for Apple Valley FD, has developed a carding system for the San Bernardino County Operational Area and he has been invited to join the task force and to assist in the development of a system that can be used statewide. There will be a presentation at the next Task Force meeting on their system.

Communications: The Task Force has to do a better job of communicating our work to the fire service community. To achieve this a letter will be sent to all fire departments outlining the Task Forces activities and program of work, an article will be sent to the State Fire Marshals Office for inclusion in, Fireline, their online newsletter, the Frequently Asked Questions Handout will be rewritten to reflect the ongoing activities and presentations will be scheduled at each upcoming Regional meeting. Included in this discussion should be the roles of OES, SFM and the home agency in CICC.

SFM, with the advice to the State Board of Fire Services, adopts certification standards. Certification includes meeting position prerequisites, completing appropriate training and gaining the required minimum experience.

The home agency determines what certified personnel are fully qualified to fill ICS positions locally or statewide including currency, physical fitness and what personnel will be trainees.

OES deploys ICS qualified personnel who are made available to the mutual aid system by their home agency. Trainees designated by their home agency may also be deployed when requested and approved by the IC or the agency managing the incident.

Database development: The Task Force agreed to defer this item until after recommendations are developed on a qualifications carding system and the CA specific 310-1 is developed.

Needs Assessment: The Task Force agreed that it is important to develop a needs assessment for training, curriculum development and personnel but would defer working on this until the work on the 310-1 is completed.

Currency requirements: Currency will be part of the development of a CA-310-1.

Standardizing Peer Review: Standardization will be accomplished with the development of the CA-310-1, which will detail the requirements for peer review in the administration section. In the mean time through presentations to OES Assistant Chiefs, Regions and Operational Areas standardization of peer review committees should occur. Rusty Witwer will send the Task force members a copy of the Federal Qualification Committee procedures which might be applicable to peer review committees.

California Specific 310-1: The Task Force will devote the majority of it's time to the development of the CA-310-1. Rather than forming a separate sub-committee the Task Force as a whole will work on this. LA County FD and CDF have already been in development of agency specific qualification guidelines which will assist in developing the qualifications guide. Bill Holmes and Nick Duvally have agreed to present what their agencies have accomplished. CDF is in the process of developing task books for all-hazard positions.

Other Issues: The 500 and 600 peer Review committee has to be re-established to deal with the few people in this situation as they are in limbo now.

Equivalencies will be included in the development of the CA specific 310-1. The equivalency document will be updated to reflect changes in the NWCG 310-1 and State Fire Marshal Equivalent and Recognized as the positions are approved for Hazmat, US&R, EMS and structural firefighting.

Note: The State Fire Training Policies and Procedures Manual (May 2006) includes CICC reference material beginning on page 204.

Next meetings are: January 22nd at McClellan 1000
March 26th at McClellan 1000

