



FIRESCOPE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST GROUP

Meeting Minutes (FINAL) Ventura Co. Fire April 10-11, 2013

Welcome and Introductions

Secretary Smith opened the meeting at 1300 hrs. He welcomed the Group and covered logistic issues. Thank you to Glen Savage (CalFIRE) for hosting the conference bridge.

Secretary's note: Since some attendees were only available during certain periods of time, these notes do not necessarily reflect the chronological order in which the topics were discussed.

Within the notes, the * asterisk indicates an **ACTION ITEM**. For attendance you will see **P (Present) A (Absent) CC (Con. Call)**

Members in Attendance:

FCSG Officers

Chair	Pete Lawrence	City Depts. South	CC
Vice Chair	Kody Kerwin	Co. Depts. North	CC
Secretary	Rick Smith	Cal Chiefs Comm.	P

PRIMARY FCSG MEMBERS

Chet Ashbaugh	County Dept's South	P
Chris Baker	City Depts.' North	A
Mike Beckstrand	Cal EMA Telecom	P
Charles Dahlen	Volunteer Fire Depts.	CC
Richard Gonzales	Ventura Co. Fire	P
Tim Henry	Metro Depts. North	A
Kevin Harper	Fire Districts South	P
Scott Alderete	Santa Barbara Co. Fire	P
Bill Norton	CA PSCD	A
Frank McCarthy	Los Angeles Co.	A
Matt Nilsen	Metro Depts. South	A
Tony Frey	USDA Forest Service	A
David Paschke	Orange Co. Fire Authority	P
Don Root	Large Regional Systems	A
Mike Fisher	Los Angeles City Fire	P
VACANT	CA Military Depts	A
Glen Savage	CAL Fire Telecom	A
Gary Stewart	USDA Forest Service	CC
Tim Maguire	Fire Districts North	P
Margaret Gomez	Tribal	A

ALTERNATE FCSG MEMBERS

Paul Clay	CA PSCD	P
Dexter Dearth	BLM-Sac	A
Mike Dickerson	Ventura Co. Fire	A
Warren Gerry	CA Military Depts	A
Ben Green	Cal EMA Telcomm	A
Chris Hinshaw	Large Regional Systems	A
John Hudson	Cal EMA Telcomm	A

Javier Lara	Metro Depts North	A
Dave Larkin	City Depts South	P
George Lowry	Cal EMA Telcomm	A
Eric Martinez	USDA Forest Service	A
VACANT	Volunteer Fire Depts.	A
Geoff Pemberton	County Depts. South	A
Bill Pennington	Cal EMA Telcom	A
Hampton Stewart	Cal Fire Telecom	P
Don Turos	CA Military Depts	A
Steve Weston	Los Angeles Co. Fire	A
Mike Towns	Cal Fire Chiefs	P

GUESTS

Martin Alcon	Orange Co. Fire Authority	A
Dave Stone	FS Task Force Rep.	P
Don Stabler	Cordelia Fire	P
Ken Parker	Cal FIRE	P
Ben Vickers	PSCO	A
Jim Krussow	CDCR Fire	A
Rich Atwood	LA Co. Fire	P
Allan Columbro	CALFire Telcomm	A
Mike Green	Foster City Fire	A

FIRESCOPE Communications Specialist Group (FCSG) Logistics

FCSG Roster/Group hub –Any changes should be emailed to rsmith779@yahoo.com Reminder that the website address for the FCSG website is <http://FIRESCOPEComm.grouphub.com> and to contact Pete Lawrence plawrence@ci.oceanside.ca.us if you have any difficulties logging in or using the Group hub.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved as read.

3. Agency Reports

- a. FIRESCOPE Operations/Task Force/Board of Directors** – (Stone) Chief Stone gave a report of the TF’s last meeting. The FOG is finally going to print. The POW, roster was given to the Board for approval. Looking at older documents and if they are needed and if so, they will need to be updated.
- b. CAL EMA Fire and Rescue Branch** – (Praytor) No Report
- c. CAL EMA Telecommunications** – (Beckstrand) A report was made but no major issues. Calcord will be tone protected on the Tx side (156.7 T6). No new news on the NDF on use of Calcord. Bulletin 28 has been blessed by Chief Zagaris.
- d. CAL FIRE Telecommunications** – (Savage) Parker gave a report. CalFIRE A/G using tone protection 1,2,3. A Safety Bulletin is in the works. A “ZONE of influence” for aircraft is in regards to where the tanker base is located. June 1st is when they will go live with this tine protection.
- e. NIFC/NIICD** – (Stewart) A report was completed and no major changes were made. An answering service will be in place for this fire season instead of Stewart wearing the phone 24/7. May 21-22 COMC training in Boise. Still looking for technicians to hire.
- f. PSCO/CTA** – (Norton) A report was completed and no major changes were made. 42 certified field COMT will be available for fire season. (OES PSCD) will be the new name when CalEMA takes over management.
- g. USFS R5** – (Frey) A report was completed and no major changes were made. A Safety Bulletin on the Air Attack frequencies will be out soon. Tony Martinez will be the primary rep for FS.

4. FCSG Sub-Committee Reports

- a. CTAG – (Parker)** no report
- b. FCSG Training Group (COMMTRAIN)** – (Stabler) Looking at dates in 2014 for COML/COMT training. May 8th Comm. Trailer Expo in Sacramento.
- c. Channel Advisory Group (CAG)** (Lawrence) No report. Weston is completing the 217A’s.

5. CALSEIC Fire Working Group

Beckstrand will advise the Group who is the contact will be for this Group.

6. Old Business

- a. Repeater Tone Protection past the Standard 16. Stewart will call the BLM rep. and see where they are going with it. This will be tabled until all of our cooperators are contacted.
- b. MACC – 441 (Weston) updates from 3/18/13

7. New Business

- a. SoCal Interop Comm. Network (Larkin)
- b. Frequency Removal List (Paschke)
- c. CalFIRE A/G (Weston/Larkin/Gonzales)
- d. NLW Webinar (Smith)

Round Table

- General discussion but nothing that was a priority or a voted upon item to the Group

Respectively Submitted,
Rick Smith
Secretary

Note: NB (Narrowband) DOCR (Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation) CTA (California Technology Agency aka, OIC, PSCD, PSCO, OES PSCD)