



FIRESCOPE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST GROUP

Meeting Minutes Foster City January 29-30, 2013

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Lawrence opened the meeting at 1300 hrs. Secretary Smith welcomed the Group and covered logistic issues. Thank you to Glen Savage for hosting the conference bridge. Orange Co. representatives were LATE on BOTH days.

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	P
Vice Chair	Kody Kerwin	Co. Depts. North	P
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.	P
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	P
Frank McCarthy	Los Angeles Co.	P
Matt Nilsen	Metro Depts. South	A
Tony Frey	USDA Forest Service	P
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	P
Gary Stewart	USDA Forest Service	CC
Tim Maguire	Fire Districts North	A
Margaret Gomez	Tribal	A

ALTERNATE FCSG MEMBERS

Paul Clay	CA PSCD	A
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	P
Dave Stone	FS Task Force Rep.	P
Don Stabler	Cordelia Fire	P
Ken Parker	Cal FIRE	CC
Ben Vickers	PSCO	P
Jim Krussow	CDCR Fire	P
Rich Atwood	LA Co. Fire	P
Allan Columbro	CALFire Telcomm	P
Mike Green	Foster City Fire	P

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 February meeting were approved as read.

Election of Officers for the 2013-2014 year. Chair voiced his opinion on the term limits of officers.

- Pete Lawrence - Chair
- Kody Kerwin - Vice Chair
- Rick Smith – Secretary/Treasurer

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. Comments were made pertaining to our membership. The TF had no issues with our attendance.

b. CAL EMA Fire and Rescue Branch – (Praytor) No Report

c. CAL EMA Telecommunications – (Beckstrand) A report was made but no major issues

d. CAL FIRE Telecommunications – (Savage) There are many changes in this group from the previous 2012 group 3 load.

REMOVED from previous loads

- 1.) 18ea of the Forest Service Nets have been removed, with the exception of the Cleveland Forest (CNF)
- 2.) TLC net – Tulare County net
- 3.) Forest Service Air to Air Nets 1, 2, 3
- 4.) CDF Air to Air nets 4, 5, 6, 21, 22, 23

All of the other changes to the group are shown in red letter font in the document.

NOTE: CALCORD 156.0750 now has a TX tone of 156.7 Also all of the VFIRE channels are tone protected on RX&TX per CALEMA Bulletin 28 that is coming out.

We will have a group 4 load this year that will include the Forest Nets for the CAL FIRE mobile radios. We are currently confirming the Forest changes for group 4 and will send them out when complete.

The Final Channel Count is: Group 3 - 151 channels, Group 4 - 18 channels for a total of 169 channels.

This leaves (85) channels for the CAL FIRE Units local loads.

We are still working on the HT load and it will include the Forest Service nets and CDF Air to Air nets in the Statewide load.

- e. **NIFC/NIICD** – (Stewart) New LOGS 6 frequency available soon, they are down 6 techs. in the shop. Kits are still in NIFC as of now. Will not send out any Datron portable unless a tech comes with them.
- f. **PSCD/CTA** – (Norton) A report was completed and no major changes were made.
- g. **USFS R5** – (Frey) A report was completed and no major changes were made.

4. FSCG Sub-Committee Reports

- a. **CTAG – (Parker)** no report. Ken Parker will replace Geoff Pemberton
- b. **FCSG Training Group (COMMTRAIN)** – (Stabler) Covered in CALSIEC section
- c. **Channel Advisory Group (CAG)** (Hobbs) No report

5. CALSEIC Fire Working Group

CALSIEC update (Beckstrand) Elections for a new CALSIEC Chair – Elections are being held on **February 12, 2013** via webinar

Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Workshop – Sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security - Office of Emergency Communications (DHS-OEC) – **July 16-17, 2013** – In Sacramento,

Upcoming Training:

- All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader (COML) Training:
 - o **February 19-21, 2013 in Orange, CA**
 - o **March 2nd, 9th, and 16th in Los Angeles, CA**
 - o **March 26-28, 2013 in Los Angeles, CA**
- All-Hazards Communications Technician (COMT) Training:
 - o **March 4-8, 2013 in Los Alamitos, CA**

6. Old Business –

- a. **Glossary of Terms** (Paschke) – members will submit their work to Dave and a report will be ready for the April meeting.
- b. **Narrowband Updates – (Group)** no new reports
- c. **ICS 205 naming convention (Columbro)** no report

7. New Business

- a. **Group Hub** (primary/alternate (Board) The primary and alternate are the only people that can get on the Group hub.
- b. **Establishing timelines for 217a input** (Gonzales) would like to reiterate that ALL 217's are due by March 1st of each year. Recommend reprogramming to be completed by May 1st. of each year.
- c. The Work Plan and the Charter were gone through and revised as needed
- d. **Good of the Order/Roundtable discussion** - no report

Round Table

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

***Action Items from December 2012 Meeting**

Rich Gonzales to formulate a letter to the Task Force of the typing of Communication Units

Motion for meeting to adjourn so moved and seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 1400hrs. January 30, 2012.

Next meeting is scheduled for April

The meeting will be in the Ventura

Respectively Submitted
 Rick Smith
 Secretary

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