



# FIRESCOPE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST GROUP

## Meeting Minutes (FINAL) San Diego Fire October 14-15, 2013

### Welcome and Introductions

Chair Lawrence opened the meeting at 1300 hrs. He welcomed the Group and Secretary Smith covered logistic issues. Thank you to Chief Nilsen 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	P
Vice Chair	Kody Kerwin	Co. Depts. North	CC
Secretary	Rick Smith	Cal Chiefs Comm.	P

### PRIMARY FCSG MEMBERS

Chet Ashbaugh	County Dept's South	A
Chris Baker	City Depts.' North	A
Mike Beckstrand	Cal EMA Telecom	A
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	CC
Bill Norton	CA PSCD	P
Frank McCarthy	Los Angeles Co.	A
Matt Nilsen	Metro Depts. South	P
Tony Frey	USDA Forest Service	A
David Paschke	Orange Co. Fire Authority	P
Don Root	Large Regional Systems	CC
Mike Fisher	Los Angeles City Fire	A
VACANT	CA Military Depts	A
Glen Savage	CAL Fire Telecom	P
Gary Stewart	USDA Forest Service	A
Tim Maguire	Fire Districts North	P
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	P
Mike Towns	Cal Fire Chiefs	CC

**GUESTS**

Martin Alcon	Orange Co. Fire Authority	P
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	A
Allan Columbro	CALFire Telcomm	P
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](mailto: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](mailto:plawrence@ci.oceanside.ca.us) if you have any difficulties logging in or using the Group hub.

Minutes from the January and April meetings 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. He talked about special event planning and what came out of the Boston Marathon bombing. New FOG books are available. The TF is starting to look at an E-reader type application for the FOG. Updating the website is needed. They are partnering with State Fire Training to update ICS documents. The TF has reinstated the High Rise committee. Working on Lessons Learned for 2012 wildland season.
- b. CAL OES Fire and Rescue Branch** – (Praytor) No Report
- c. CAL OES Telecommunications** – (Beckstrand) No report.
- d. CAL FIRE Telecommunications** – (Savage) ECC remodels: MVU, BDU, AEU, LNU. The new BK KNG CMD bought but not distributed. MCC (COM 27) is being built and will be located at Camino. Neil Eaton has filled the So Cal Telcom position. Glen Savage will be retiring Dec. 2013. Status quo for frequencies this year. There will be no Cal Fire changes. All programming will be completed by June 1 each year. Glenn was presented a plaque from the Group.
- e. NIFC/NIICD** – (Stewart) No report (on Furlough)
- f. PSCO/CAL-OES** – (Norton) They are now part of CAL OES. State radio tech’s will support the BK KNG radio next year. Assignment of Techs are for 14 days and those techs cannot be reassigned.
- g. USFS R5** – (Frey) No report (on Furlough)

**4. FCSG Sub-Committee Reports**

- a. CTAG – (Parker)** no report
- b. FCSG Training Group (COMMTRAIN)** – (Stabler) May 6-7 2014 Comm Van Rally will be in Sac.
- c. Channel Advisory Group (CAG)** (Lawrence) Weston is completing the 217A’s. Asked that the document be published on the FS website. The Chair will continue to work with the website staff to ensure it is posted.

## **5. CALSEIC Fire Working Group**

Beckstrand will advise the Group who is the contact will be for this Group. Con call trying to establish a working group for the All Hazard COML/COMT. The use of UCALL/UTAC in VNC is on a part time basis. Kerwin and Weston will create a White paper that will discuss the tone (156.7) for the Nat. Interop Channels and the potential to utilize user selectable tones for mountaintops. They will also ask that we be authorized to work w/CalSEIC.

## **6. Old Business**

a. None

## **7. New Business**

- \*a. Vote on 32 Tone Configuration (Smith) A paper will be produced and given to the TF liaison by the Chair (Lawrence). Group voted to adopt the tone 17-32 configuration recommended by Cal Fire.
- \*b. Standardization of ICS 205 (Gonzales) Rich went over the standard ICS 205's that are out there. Rich will chair a Group that will consist of: Towns, Weston, Nilsen. A position paper will be completed for review at the January meeting.
- \*c. Membership Composition (Lawrence) There will be two contact lists for this Group, one list will consist of the Primary members and then the second list will be others involved or interested parties. A discussion ensued on eliminating some of the positions created over the years for specific individuals/entities (e.g. Cal Chiefs, Tribal, Military, Blended Systems, etc.) and converting them to at-large positions. The group agreed with the concept and the Chair will produce a document outlining the changes for discussion in December and adoption in January. The goal of the change is to allow individuals who are participating with the Group to be able to be recognized without having to fit a specific assignment. The TF Liaison (Stone) identified that the composition of the group should reflect what needs to be accomplished on the Work Plan.
- d. Wildland Fire Comm. Overview 2013 Season – discussion from the Group ensued.
- e. Yarnell Incident - discussion from the Group ensued.

## **Round Table**

- General discussion but there was nothing that became a priority or a voted upon item to the Group
- **Next meeting will be a conference call December 17<sup>th</sup>0900. Phone number and pass code to follow.**

Respectively Submitted,  
Rick Smith  
Secretary

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