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FIRESCOPE Operations Team Meeting  
12/6 and 7/77  
Palm Springs, California

Attendance:

Bob Irwin, USFS, Program Manager  
Dick Millar, USFS, Fire Management, Region 5  
Bob Halliburton, Assistant Chief, Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
Stan Masson, Fire Chief, Ventura County Fire Department (B.O.D. member)  
Frank Borden, Assistant Chief, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Arnie Masoner, Assistant Program Manager, USFS  
Dr. Charles Philpot, Assistant Director, USFS, Riverside  
Joe Springer, Chief, Region VI, CDF  
Jerry Letson, Assistant Chief, Fire Protection, CDF  
Stan Barlow, Chief Deputy, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Dick Barrows, Chief, Fire and Rescue, OES

Task Force Members in Attendance:

George Lund, Battalion Chief, Ventura County Fire Department  
Chuck Mills, Staff Specialist, USFS  
Keith Metcalf, FIRESCOPE Project Officer, CDF  
Mike Scherr, Assistant State Fire and Rescue Coordinator, OES

12/6/77 Objective:

1. Define problem areas and forward to the B.O.D. with recommended alternatives.
2. Show accomplishments to date.
3. Develop action plans for Ops. Team and Task Force from the above two items showing where progress can be made in 1978.

Agenda:

- I. Barrows - OCC Support Services Manager
- II. Halliburton - (Santa Barbara letter)
- III. Background and Objectives

## IV. Ops. Team Questions

## V. B.O.D. Feedback

## VI. Task Force "where are we now?"

- II. Discussion of a letter to Bob Irwin from William Patterson, Fire Chief, Santa Barbara County Fire Department; will participate in FIRESCOPE Program in the areas of: (a) B.O.D.; (b) Ops. Team; (c) Task Force Member; (d) Training Committee; (e) Communications Committee. (Copy of letter enclosed)
- III. Background and Objectives. Current study underway to look at possible reorganization of Departments in Federal Government. Nothing final yet; expect decision by Administration sometime in early 1978.

FIRESCOPE funding for FY 79 was not approved by O.M.B. This is a matter for serious consideration of the agencies involved.

- IV. Ops. Team questions. The following questions were answered by the Ops. Team members present:
1. What are your top three personal objectives for FIRESCOPE?
  2. What do you feel are your agency's top three objectives?
  3. What FIRESCOPE elements do you know most about?
  4. What FIRESCOPE elements do you know least about?
  5. What single effort could we make that would be most productive for FIRESCOPE implementation?

Copies of replies were handed out at the meeting.

- V. B.O.D. Feedback. A summary of the B.O.D.'s replies to 20 questions was discussed, and copies of the summary were handed out.
- VI. FIRESCOPE - "where are we now?" report discussed. A general outline organized by Program elements was handed out, and discussion centered on problems identified.
- VII. The group generated and reviewed the possible alternatives for Program funding in 1979.

Possible 1979 alternatives:

1. No new Federal funding except maintenance of Program Office.
2. Secure an additional year of \$1.2M.
3. Acquire \$3.7M according to Implementation Plan.
4. Acquire approximately \$15 MM - on a "no-year basis."

Ops. Team Recommendations:

1. \$3.7 million
2. Planned figure (\$1.2 million)
3. \$15 million "no-year"

VIII. Program Manager will prepare a format to obtain information on FIRESCOPE systems uses in 1977 season. The purpose of obtaining this information is to support our future year(s) funding needs, and provide the B.O.D. with a working tool. It will require some Task Force members and other specialists' time to complete this report.

The Program Office will have a report summary available for the Ops. Team meeting on January 17, 1978.

IX. Items touched upon briefly:

ICS - Terminology: Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties have gone over to FIRESCOPE terminology.

ICS - Communications: How fast is each agency going to this system--at what level? If USFS goes, this does not mean other partner agencies have to go, at least at this time.

ICS - Accomplishments: Comstat #6 - (OES vehicle) future plans are to reach partner agreement on van design so that we are all the same for different agencies. May purchase new van.

Test Area: Update assessment and resource models.

Core Area: Includes part of Los Angeles County. Definition and purpose of Core Area questionable. Mapping, terminology - not done within FY 1978. What constitutes Core Area? Is it necessary? Program Manager to prepare paper on alternatives for Core Area.

MACS operation procedures we now have were not followed in 1977; are planned to be followed in 1978.

Improved - quick-call

SITSTAT

Nonfuels Data Base map will tie to the Large Fire Perimeter model. Do we want to pay for this? Who is we?

Problems: Frank Borden: MACS and ICS need to apply to other than wildland incidents.

Urban Problem: Borden has problem as far as MACS system is concerned because other agencies are not participating. ICS can be implemented OK. We are lost as to needs on urbanization (we is everyone).

Other emergencies (earthquake, flood).

Intercom: Comm. Div. to city, county, etc. - re: meeting. Keith Metcalfe needs firm commitment for go-ahead on Intercom system. Intercom to be put in where people want it even though some may want to "mute" the system and use it only when incidents happen. Los Angeles City and County agreed to do this.

After above commitment, Program Office needs firm costs from State Comm. Div. before budget can be allocated.

Need operational guides (Task Force duty). Guidelines need to be effective before intercom system is established.

Ops. Team next meeting is 1/17 and 1/18/79, 9:30 a.m., Orange CDF Airport Station.

February B.O.D. meeting, noon to noon, 2/15-16, Griswolds, Claremont.

Agenda Item I - OCC Support Service Manager

Discussion by Chief Barrows on staffing problems and solutions for filling the position. Input from members on minor qualification changes and a potential list of candidates was provided to Chief Barrows.

Enclosure: Patterson's letter