



FIRESCOPE



Hazardous Materials Specialist Group

Meeting Minutes September 08, 2016 / 1330 – 1700

The HazMat Continuing Challenge Sacramento, CA

Members in attendance: Brad Darbro, Jeff Adney, Steve Carrick, Shanna Kuempel, Jon Poganski, Jack Fry, Pete Jensen, Steve Bartram, Brad Haldeman

Absent: John Crook, Steve Byers, Jay Joiner, Steve Langston, Ken Murray, Jan Dunbar, David Barnett

Associate Members: Vance Bennett (CSTI) filling in for Dan Casner

Guests: Kristina Escalante (Aristatek), Alex Cabassa (CSTI), Jerry Apodaca (Sacramento Fire), Kathy Hansen (CDP), Chuck Lacy (San Diego Fire), Robert Nelson (LA City Fire)

Round Table:

B. Darbro: Will present a Taskforce update later in the meeting.

J. Adney: Modesto Fire preparing to receive one of the 12 OES Type 2 HazMat rigs and get personnel trained for it.

S. Carrick: Concerns on how training needs are going to be met statewide.

S. Kuempel: Discussion on regional training and Urban Shield needing more people to participate in the exercises.

V. Bennett: CSTI is in the process of developing a training schedule and format to meet the needs of the 12 OES Type 2 teams that are being created, changing HMEP Requirements and still accommodate the normal training requests.

J. Poganski: discussed a few HazMat incidents and mentioned that HazCat should have an ebook version out soon.

J. Fry: Mentioned that the Southern California Regional Training is going well. He noted that classes are filling up and that relationships are building.

P. Jensen: Mentioned a few incidents in the Ventura area involving tank and pipeline oil along with drug lab waste incidents.

S. Bartram: Mentioned a need for additional HazMat guys within LA Co. Fire.

B. Haldeman: Teaching a lot of classes... Also mentioned a desire to put a 3rd HazMat Team in service, but cited an issue with a lack of trained personnel and attrition issues.

Demonstration of the Aristatek (PEAC-WMD) software by Kristina Escalante

Approval of minutes from June, 2-3 2016 Meeting

Roster update: Confidential and Non-Confidential

Task Force Updates: B. Haldeman and B. Darbro

- SEL & Position Manuals approved
- FOG app out soon

New Business:

- Discussion on how this year's participation in the CC worked out brought up the idea of selling the FOG at our booth next year.
- Dialog on interoperability issues with existing monitoring equipment resulted in the group recommending to placing the issue on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss it further.
- Chief Darbro presented an overview of the numbering changes that will take place with Firescope Documents and asked the group to consider what recommendations we would make to the Task Force on where documents related to HazMat should live on the Firescope website.
 - Group discussed exploring a link to OES HazMat Section for bulletins and updates.
 - Group discussed the idea of all links within the Firescope website related to HazMat default back to the main HazMat page.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: December 8-9, 2016 in Ventura with the exact location to be determined.

Motion to approve: Shanna Kuempel

Seconded: Pete Jensen