



HIGH RISE SPECIALTY GROUP MEETING
CAL FIRE FACILITY
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA
MAY 12-13, 2014

MINUTES

DAN TALBOT (X)	CHUCK TOBIAS (X)	BOB FISHER (X)
JAMES HENERY (X)	KIM IANNUCCI (X)	SERGIO SANCHEZ (X)
TONY WHITTLE (X)	PAT RUSSELL ()	GUY TOMLINSON (X)
DAVE STONE ()		CHUCK BUTLER (X)

May 12, 2014

Called to order: 0910 Chuck Tobias

Overview of FIRESCOPE Task Force/Specialist Group meeting at OES Head Quarters in Sacramento, with Chuck Butler as our new FIRESCOPE Liaison replacing Kirk Wells.

The Confidential Roster was updated with phone numbers from the members in attendance. Need to get phone numbers from members unable to make this meeting.

January 2015 is target date for sending our final High Rise FIRESCOPE revisions to the Task Force for review

Looking at Plan of Work we need to look at RAT, NIST High-Rise Field Study, Training Curriculum, Safe/Temporary Refuge

Agency Support Letter – Sample letter provided for Agencies to send to FIRESCOPE. Will become an annual requirement and should be a member of the agency (preferred) or a retiree who is an annuitant still affiliated with the agency.

Discussion of “Safe Area of Refuge” for occupants of building, how do you monitor “Safe” areas with the calibration issues of HAZMAT monitors? Need to look at and determine if it is something that can even be accomplished. Should we refer to it as Safe Refuge Area, Temporary Refuge Area or Refuge Area? Need to look at the verbiage and reinforce moving victims to areas as free of contaminants and IDLH as possible. We can look to SME’s from other specialty groups for assistance. The TASKFORCE would like to see us use Refuge Area for continuity.

Break taken at 1000 hours.

Meeting called back to order at 1015 hours.

More in depth discussion regarding Refuge Area: Problem areas defined

More in depth discussion regarding Rapid Ascent Team: Concept based on Masse report regarding High Rise fire deaths and recommendation of a team needing to access the areas above the fire floors. Started with concept of Rapid Ascent Team Leader reporting to Evacuation Group Supervisor and worked on a first draft

Lunch taken at 1130 hours.

Meeting called back to order 1300 hours

Continue with review of 1st draft for Rapid Ascent Team Leader

Need to provide a summary paper of why we are adding RAT to FIRESCOPE....

Lobby 3rd draft review

Systems 3rd draft review

Staging 3rd draft review

RIC 3rd draft review

Base 3rd draft review

Ground Support 3rd draft review

Evacuation Group 3rd draft review

Meeting adjourned at 1600

May 13, 2014

Called to order: 0900 Chuck Tobias

- Reviewed Plan of Work updates
- Reassigned Position Description assignments
- Worked on first draft Position Description for RAT
- Annual election of officers: Chuck Tobias re-elected as Chair, Dan Talbot re-elected as Vice-Chair, Kim Iannucci re-elected as Secretary
- Review of Action Items

Meeting adjourned at 1045

Action Items:

Confirm correct contact information with members unable to attend

All members should update their annual Agency Support Letter – Send to Chuck Tobias

Provide a summary paper of why the group is adding RAT to FIRESCOPE (Iannucci)

Committee members to review Position Manuals on the FIRESCOPE Website and the most current draft Position Description assigned to them (see Position Description Assignments)

Next meeting dates: August 14-15, 2014 in Los Angeles. Tentative location of LACoFD Station 51 at Universal Studios