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Following is the record of the FIRESCOPE Operations Team meeting at Riverside on July 6 and 7.

- I. Present: Barlow (w/Chief King), Barrows, Borden, Chase, Halliburton, Masson, Millar, Schori, Irwin.  
  
Task Force: Demos, Mills, Metcalf, Scherr, Smith.
- II. Progress: Verbal updates were presented by Irwin, Barrows, and Chase.  
  
Irwin: Reviewed preimplementation process on Program Key Activities chart and discussed the "Performance Overview" (enclosure No. 1).  
  
Barrows: Provided information on status of bills relating to FIRESCOPE which are awaiting legislative action. State Assembly is in recess until August, so Senate Bill No. 398 (Campbell) which pertains to OCC funding is currently in limbo.  
  
Defined areas of concern and requested Fire Services awareness and whatever legitimate support that could be provided for pending legislation.  
  
Chase: Reviewed contractor memo on progress and problems. Urged all patrons to support Task Force efforts for their own future benefits.

## III. Agenda Items

A. 1977 Activities:

1. Agency Participation in SITSTAT: Los Angeles County amended their 1976 reporting criteria. Scherr will incorporate changes into 1977 procedures. (hand-corrected copy enclosure No. 2).
2. OCC Funding: The discussion on dollar needs was preceded by a determination of SITSTAT manning needs. Briefly, the following were agreed to:

Modes 1 and 2: CDF-FS-OES can provide full services without additional help.

Mode 3--WITHOUT Fires: Any additional services required will be decided by the three coordinators (CDF, FS, OES) at the OCC depending on existing conditions.

Mode 3--WITH Fires: If the agency with the fire load is FS or CDF, their procedures already allow for additional manning, and added support to SITSTAT is no problem.

If the fire load is on "Contract Counties," or Los Angeles City, CDF and OES will provide additional personnel, subject to legal limitations.

Mode 4: Assumes the actual or imminent involvement of all partners, so a combination of all of the above is envisioned.

During the preceding deliberations, several future actions were decided. These were:

- a) Schori will investigate the possibility of using additional RO-6 personnel for Modes 3 and 4 situations.
- b) OES will proceed to train selected "White Hats" (other agency fire personnel) as helpers to trained SITSTAT workers under peak workloads.

- c) "Liaison" personnel were defined as those persons employed by the major partners who would, at the discretion of their Chief, move to the OCC as a key contact for their Department when they became involved in fire business. They will not get involved in general OCC operations.
- d) SITSTAT aids or helpers from major partners are invited to join in OCC operations at any time.
- e) SITSTAT will start formal 1977 operations on 7/11, with the deadline for all agencies to be on board by 7/15.

Funding OCC operations is currently being done by FS, CDF, and OES for the very basic necessities. The needs, although being financed, are not according to previous agreements. However, in order to maintain a "skeleton" operation, this situation will have to continue until at least September. At that time, subject to State funding legislation, the Operations Team needs to readdress the entire funding problem.

- 3. ICS procedures: Team agreed to changes in original recommendations. These changes were developed by the Task Force and are shown in Mills' July 1 memo (enclosure No. 3).

B. 1978 Implementation Preparation:

- 1. Task Force Activities and "Working Group Charters:" These documents were reviewed by the Team. The following agreements were reached:
  - a) Task Force workload, as delineated, represents a good example of future tasks and they need to be accomplished. There seems to be no workable alternative to continuation of the Task Force.
  - b) The "Working Group Charters" were extensively reviewed, and a number of specific modifications in wording were made. The Team recommended that the corrected copies be forwarded to the Board of Directors recommending approval of this decisionmaking process. Irwin will have the copies corrected and mail two copies to each Team member. One copy will be for Board member review. Within the next 60 days, Irwin will hand-carry a signature copy to each partner for Board approval.


2. Agency Needs and Objectives: It was agreed that it is necessary to attempt to define each partner's specific implementation objectives and limitations. As a first step in this process, the subject list of questions will be discussed with each agency. Irwin will conduct "structured interviews" with each Team member and Board member. (Probably be at the same time No. 1b, above, is delivered for signature.)
3. Mission Diagram: Irwin's graphic was not approved. The diagram as presented still allowed for too broad an interpretation on fire services functions and legal involvement in other emergencies. Irwin will try again.

IV. Next Meeting:

The next Operations Team meeting will be two days. It will be held at the Riverside Fire Laboratory on August 30 and 31.

Starting time will be 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 30.

A specific agenda will be mailed to you by August 15.

  
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Enclosures

cc: Borden  
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