

OPERATIONS TEAM NOTES  
LAC CAMP 2  
April 16 & 17, 1981

ATTENDANCE:

K. Clark  
R. Creel  
J. Monesmith  
B. Irwin  
J. Uribarri  
R. King (2nd Day)  
E. Mavis (2nd Day)  
J. Cook (2nd Day)

R. Land  
R. Barrows  
F. Borden  
D. Perry  
J. Letson  
S. Brown (2nd Day)  
S. Wallace (2nd Day)

1st Day

1. Previous Meeting Notes:

Approved as written

2. Document Control Procedures for Mapping:

Land asked the Team for their views on the procedures that should be used for handling requests for Mapping products. It was agreed that the SSM would not provide documents to other than fire services or fire services outside of the FIRESCOPE region. At some future time a central point in the state will be needed to provide these services. Land is requested to investigate a source who can provide Mapping products to private interests and public agencies.

Land is also directed to develop a memorandum to non-fire service Governmental agencies which explains the Mapping process and how they might take advantage of it.

3. Previous Meeting Action Items:

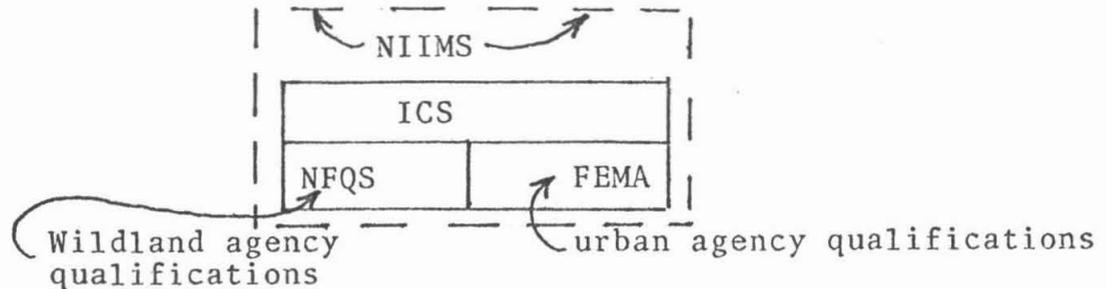
The current status of the action items are shown in attachment #1. Irwin announced the Contractor for analyzing the Order Tracking Module and various other coordination systems is now on board. In addition Irwin will provide a followup response to the partner agencies concerning the status of computer program development relative to manpower availability.

4. May 13, 1981 Board of Directors Meeting:

A. NIIMS

Irwin presented a proposed response to NWCG. The team made some minor changes and approved a recommendation to the Board.

Bob also shared some information on work being done at the Forest Service W.O. level concerning the name structure for the future National System. The Washington Office will be proposing the following:



The combination of ICS and a qualification system would be termed "NIIMS".

**B. 1981 MACS Procedures:**

The MACS procedures were reviewed and approved with minor changes. The final recommendation to the Board is attached.

Following Board approval, R. Barrows agreed to provide the MACS procedures direction to other than partner agencies via OES bulletin.

**C. MACS Goals and Interpretations:**

The goals and interpretations were reviewed with changes made on pages 3 and 7. R. Barrows stated the importance of indicating in the Board Meeting agenda background history that additional work on the procedures are being prepared by the Task Force and Operations Team.

**D. 1980 Operations Analysis:**

A final clean product has not been completed because of time limitations and the complexity of assembling the data. Some evidence of this was brought out through a discussion of the 2nd statement on Page 3 of the report. It was agreed the statement probably inaccurately describes the real problem. Irwin committed to develop a summarization document outlining the work accomplished to date and future actions planned by the Operations Team. This document will be available, along with the operations analysis package (provided as a handout) at the Board Meeting.

**E. FY 81 Budget:**

Irwin presented the revised budget.

There was a question concerning the financing for upgrading Comm 6. R. Barrows indicated \$25,000 was insufficient. A total of \$75,000 is needed to meet the standards developed by the Communication Specialist Group.

The issue was resolved the 2nd Day and is explained later in item 10.

**F. Coordination of Fire Service Involvement:**

R. Barrows provided an update on the development of procedures for adequately coordinating the involvement of fire services other than the partner agencies. Meetings are being scheduled to discuss the

potential impacts on OES area and regional coordinators. Final procedures will be developed based on the input received at those meetings.

An informational progress report will be provided at the Board of Directors meeting by Alex Cunningham.

G. Improving Decision Process Effectiveness:

A recommendation was presented by Irwin. The recommendation was approved with a word change in item 1 of the policy.

2nd Day

5. MACS Goal #1

There was a great deal of discussion about the Task Force's MACS Goal #1 position paper. Most of the discussion related to the intent of the statements in items 1 and 5 on Page 4. Some rewriting may be appropriate for these items. In general the direction outlined by the Task Force seemed to be appropriate but some members stated further development would be necessary before they could make an accurate determination.

Chief King moved to recommend the Task Force progress with further development. Second by Borden, Unanimous vote. (Santa Barbara absent)

6. Training Prerequisite for ICS positions:

Steve Brown announced that in order to continue with ICS Course development project, sequential course prerequisites need to be established. They will have the effect of applying the correct degree of training to the appropriate responsibility level within ICS. He emphasized that this would not be a qualification system.

Borden moved we accept the "concept" of training prerequisites. Second by King, Unanimous vote. (Santa Barbara absent)

7. Policy for issuing Login I.D.'s

Uribarri reviewed a proposed policy for issuing Login I.D.'s. The policy is needed to assure future use does not over-tax the available computer entry ports.

After discussion on a first proposal a re-write was requested and then developed and presented by Cook and Uribarri. A copy of the approved document is attached.

King moved to accept the re-write. Second by Borden, Unanimous vote (Santa Barbara absent)

8. Use of Electronic Mail

Some complaints have been made about the types of information being entered into the mail system. Chief King asked if a policy might be needed to manage types of information to be transmitted by mail.

The SSM was requested to send a letter to each MACS coordination point explaining the proper use of the electronic mail system and especially controls needed during modes 3 and 4.

Uribarri and Cook were directed to include the proper use of electronic mail in future computer training.

9. Wulfsberg vs Motorola Radios:

Jerry Letson announced Motorola now has a synthesized radio that may compete with Wulfsberg. However, it does not completely meet the standards previously agreed to by the FIREScope Decision Process. Various differences in the radios were outlined in a letter provided by Letson. No one appears to know how much the difference in costs might be.

A great deal of discussion continued concerning the disadvantages and advantages of the two, however, no policy decisions or changes were suggested. The general opinion seemed to be that it may be risky to purchase the new Motorola radio before they are adequately tested and evaluated. NOTE: Paulus advised Irwin on Wednesday, 4/25/81 that the CDF plans to purchase Wulfsberg radios.

10. Comm. Vehicles

Mavis reported on the Comm Groups general consensus to go to a 10'x 25-30' trailer for a communication vehicle. Some of the reasons were:

- A. Lower Maintenance
- B. Ability to be towed by a pick up
- C. No special Drivers License required
- D. Meets the funds available
- E. Provides 10' width

A great deal of discussion followed concerning the type of vehicle which should be used (motor home, truck, trailer, etc.). Clark pointed out that the performance standards was the key requirement and not the type of transport vehicle, the type of vehicle should be determined by the agency who will be responsible for the stewardship making it consistent with their policies.

R. Barrows offered to provide an OES motor home and oversee a project of reconfiguring it to a standard very near that needed for FIREScope design.

The team agreed to move \$50,000 from the radio purchase budget and add it to the \$25,000 to reconfigure the first OES motor home Comm unit in FY 82. \$25,000 to be granted to the OES for reconfiguration, \$50,000 to Forest Service to purchase radio equipment. The third unit would be a truck chassis (bob tailed truck) with a fixed mounted van box. This unit is expected to cost

\$40,000 for the vehicle and \$50,000 for radio equipment.

King moved to approve the above recommendation. Second by Clark. The Task Force (Creel Acting) and the Comm. Specialist group Chairmen were in attendance and concurred. Unanimous vote (Santa Barbara absent).

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 26 & 27, 1981 at the RO VI CDF Conference room in Riverside.

The proposed agenda items are:

- A. Computer Training
  - 1) RESTAT
  - 2) New electronic mail system
  - 3) New INC 209
- B. Task Force position paper on MACS Goal #2 (single-point-ordering)
- C. Definitions of mobilization and demobilization centers
- D. Document control policy for Mapping products
- E. Status of the Mapping Program
- F. Followup on 1980 Operations Analysis recommendations
- G. Schedule for 1981 training
- H. State Fire Marshals training position
- I. Recap of the Board of Directors Meeting

*Robert L. Irwin*

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