

OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING
OPERATIONS COORDINATION CENTER, RIVERSIDE
AUGUST 21, 1985

In Attendance: M. Scherr, OES (Chairman) D. Driscoll, CDF
 M. Sellers, VNC C. Creasey, LFD
 K. Boyd, LAC (Task Force) J. Radley, ORC
 P. Delaney, LAC D. Montague, USFS
 R. Manzo, OES (Minutes)

I. Opened Meeting and reviewed Minutes from last meeting.

M. Scherr announced that he has been re-assigned back to Southern California as Deputy Chief for this area.

It was announced that the planned ERDAS demonstration was postponed due to the Vendor's change in travel plans.

There was an addition to the Agenda under New Business, topic will be OES Coordination.

It was suggested that on page 4 of the previous minutes, under Item 7C, the word "considerate" be changed to "considerable".

D. Montague moved that Item 7C, as amended, be referred to the Task Force for feasibility and cost of putting weather forecast on the FIREScope Prime Computer. P. Delaney seconded the motion and all approved.

P. Delaney moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. D. Driscoll seconded the motion and all approved.

II. ADP Report

A. NOAA

Ray Manzo reported the NOAA Weather Wire was installed and is waiting for a special Modem to tie it to a terminal and the Prime Computer. Paperwork for acquiring the Modem has been started. Once the Modem is purchased, the data will be evaluated and programs to access and distribute the data will be developed.

B. Sacramento Computer

The Prime Computer installed in Sacramento has been operational since March 1985. It is functioning as the redundant computer. Currently only FIREScope Agencies are allowed to access the computer, but arrangements are being made to allow OES Area and Regional Coordination Points access.

C. BEHAVE

The latest revision of the Fire Behaviors Modeling Program (BEHAVE) has been transferred and installed on the Prime Computer. Currently all manuals and guides for this program are provided by the USFS. All I.D.'s can access this program and the special BEHAVE I.D. allows only access to the program. A letter announcing the revision change plus guidelines and procedures for access is being sent out by Dick Harrell, USFS.

D. Wildland Arson Response (WAR)

This program is nearly completed. A sample session was provided.

A recommendation was made that this program be completed by September 3, 1985 in order to coincide with the announcement of such a system.

III. Task Force Report

A. Task Force Critique

It was determined the overall feeling about the MACS/GHQ during the July seige went over good, considering the lack of experience in such a situation by some of the players.

The item B2 on page 7 of the "Operational Critique of MACS/GHQ Operations" handout was discussed and the following resulted.

D. Driscoll suggested a set of guidelines and/or procedures be created to provide a MACS/GHQ Request Number for the purpose of identifying, on paper, those items on an incident that are directly related to a MACS/GHQ decision, also for the purpose of determining cost sharing.

D. Montague made a motion the Task Force be assigned to develop guidelines, procedures, and policies for MACS/GHQ decisions on establishing administration, payment, and staffing for a Regional Mobilization Centers. D. Driscoll seconded the motion and all approved.

The recommendation was handed over to the Task Force Chairman, Ken Boyd (LAC), and a report is to be presented at the next Operations Team Meeting.

A recommendation was made that the Operations Team take the Critique and review it thoroughly in order to bring up other points of discussion by the next meeting.

M. Scherr thanked the Task Force for the document which he felt was very thorough and complete.

B. MACS 410 - Update

The document 410-1 now reflects the changes made on page 5, items 2 and 4 and will be identified by a bold line on the left margine.

P. Delaney made a motion that the MACS 410-1 be accepted as changed. J. Radley seconded the motion and all approved.

C. Lesson Plans

All recommendations for changes were listed in the handout for ICS Lesson Plans I-34 Situation Unit Leader, I-375 Air Support Supervisor, and I-470 Air Operations Director. Also a list for I-401 Safety Officer and I-450 Logistics Section Chief were almost complete. Overall there has been about 23 Lesson Plans reviewed and/or finalized, with about 9 more to do.

D. Newsletter

It was noted the Orange County (ORC) logo was missing from the cover of the proposed FIREScope Newsletter. There were also other proposed changes to be made, but it was clearly stated that the newsletter was not being distributed, it was just presented to the Operations Team for review and critique.

M. Scherr recommended a statement similiar to the following should appear on the final page of the newsletter.

For agency and individuals who wish to submit articles, photographs, or comments should send them to

It was D. Montague's feelings that the newsletter should contain information pertaining to the FIREScope Program only. Articles concerning accomplishments, directions in which the program is headed, or any major changes.

After some more discussion on the newsletter issue, D. Montague made a motion stating that M. Scherr (Ops Team Chairman) be assigned the task of doing the FIREScope Newsletter update. M. Sellers seconded the motion and all approved.

E. Safety Bulletin

A copy of the FIREScope Safety Bulletin No. 1 was handed out to each member for their review and discussion.

C. Creasey then suggested a track record of all changes made be kept in a program or file on the FIREScope Computer for the purpose of reference.

After some discussion on the Safety Bulletin, a motion was made that Safety Bulletin would be sent out as is and a follow up study will determine if new pages should be printed and distributed for the Field Operations Guide. J. Radley seconded the motion and all approved.

F. Semi-Annual Report

A handout was given to each member showing information concerning the projects, time, and attendance of the Task Force.

G. MACS/GHQ Displays

A handout created by the Task Force was distributed to each Operations Team member. The Task Force Chairman then explained and exhibited the MACS/GHQ Display recommendations. The following comments and/or recommendations arose:

- A. Under item III., C. Resources Committed/Un-committed and Open Request (Pages 7-10), it was recommended that the five (5) forms have the same agency identifiers for consistency and an extra form without resource types, resource names, and agency names be included.

This review process was cut short and then it was recommended that all Operations Team members review the remaining pages of the document and bring their input to the next meeting.

IV. ICS Change Proposal

A letter from James R. Abbott, Chairman of the ICS Working Team of the NWCG, to M. Scherr was handed out for informational purposes.

After given time to read it, a small discussion on the meaning of the letter ensued. Finally, D. Montague briefly explained to the group the intention of the letter was to inform FIREScope that standards for national use would be more generic and minimal than those established by FIREScope.

It was agreed by the group that FIREScope would make recommendations to the NWCG and not the reverse. Also, a letter of acknowledgement by M. Scherr would be appropriate.

V. Old Business

A. OES Communications Advisory Group

The group was informed that Captain Jim Jeffries has finally been appointed to the OES Communications Group as a FIREScope Representative.

B. Document Control

The group was informed that the Document List would be updated and then verified by Marty Barrows (USFS). Also that a charge of two (2) cents a page would be assessed to all documents, plus shipping in order to keep the Revolving Fund operating.

C. Red Flag/Hazardous Condition

It was suggested this item be turned over to the representative of Los Angeles City Fire Department, Orange County Fire Department, and Santa Barbara County Fire Department for the purpose of developing a Hazardous Condition Staff Paper to assist them without changing the current Red Flag System.

It was suggested that M. Scherr write a letter to Chief Perry of SBC and follow up with a phone call concerning the Hazardous Alert Issue, also to remind him not to use the current Red Flag System for such a Hazardous Alert.

D. Mode 3 and 4 Orientation

The group was informed the proposed Mode 3 and 4 Orientation previously scheduled did not come about because of the July fire situation.

There was a recommendation such an orientation should be re-scheduled and it should probably be expanded to encompass other target groups, such as dispatchers. Finally, a suggestion that a video cassette tape of the orientation be created for possible distribution and back-up.

It was also suggested that the moratorium on ICS Proposed Changes be extended until such time the Operations Team feels the moratorium be lifted.

E. Budget 85/86

The budget issue was not discussed but the \$425,000 figure is what was mentioned as the current budget.

VI. Next Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting

1. All members would try to pin down their Board of Directors Representative for a date somewhere in the first part of November. Date set would be discussed and determined by phone.
2. Operations Team Meeting
Operations Coordination Center
October 16, 1985
0930 hours

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