

**FIRESCOPE JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING
MORRO BAY, CA
FEBRUARY 6-7, 1997**

ATTENDEES:

Steve Vittum, Santa Barbara County
Darrell Higuchi, Los Angeles County
Pat Cooney, OES
Greg West, Los Angeles City FD
Dennis Derr, FS-North Ops
Jack Hickey, Olivehurst Fire-North Ops
Will Brock, OES
Cary Eckard, Kern County FD
Dan Francis, CDF/OSFM
Al Wilsey, VNC
Andy Rosenberger, SBC
Neil Honeycutt, OES
Mike Dougherty, FS-South Ops

Andy Anderson, Plumas County
Jim Jeffery, OES
Gary Pavusko, OES
Brian Kelly, Millbrae
Jerry Clements, FS-North Ops
Jim Cavellini, San Francisco-North Ops
Robert Martines, CDF Rep-Sierra/South Region
Ed Wristen, CDF-Tulare
Tom Sensintaffar, Federal Interagency Com Ctr
Bill Cunningham, Federal Interagency Com Ctr
Lynn Caldwell, Santa Clara County Fire
Ralph Alworth, CDF-Sierra South Region
Jim Radley, ORC

Election of FIRESCOPE Operations Teams Chairs North and South

Meeting opened with 1st business to elect Chairs of both North and South Operations Teams. North Team reelected Andy Anderson - Quincy FD; South Team reelected Mike Dougherty - USFS, South Ops.

Review of Board of Directors Meeting February 5, 1997

- Two new members of BOD:
 1. Roger Purdy - Vista Fire Department
 2. Stewart Gary - Livermore/Pleasanton
- Transition of PRIME Computer is in progress. Lotus Notes is a concern on abilities and costs of this program.
- Reviewed Flood activities:
 - Activated 8 Rapid Water Rescue Teams
 - Lots of water flowed and is still flowing
 - Not out of trouble yet, still have potential problem until snow melt is past
- Feds want to add 2 US&R Teams
 - California asked to participate - Ventura County, Kern County, Area C of LAC told to go forward.
 - California has 39 K-9 teams to be used with US&R Teams.

- NWS has entered into agreement with CWCG.
 - 2 Forecasters at Riverside (Will join FS Staff)
 - 2 Forecasters at RDD (Will join FS Staff)
 - Spot Forecasts will continue for all agencies (can be done thru RIV/RDD)
- Need to look at After Action Report and make response to BOD.
- Need to review Strategic Plan and make assignments.

NWCG (Alworth) Activities:

- Moratorium of 5 years on any ICS Document changes
 - California will go ahead and make document changes for California use. Will not drastically change forms.
- Position Manuals/Task Books were not properly explained, will improve explanation and continue to use.
- Glossary
- NWCG approved a T5 IC
- Review Helicopter Typing to differentiate Copter (T1) vs Helitanker
- Fireline Handbook as recommended by FIRESCOPE to NWCG

Wildland Urban Interface Curriculum:

- Curriculum being written with 2 test courses scheduled for April and May of 1997.

FOG

- Printing issues
- Hope to have 15,000 copies by end of March
- Changes are not significant
 - Personnel Accountability

Task Force Update

- FS gives \$30,000 to FIRESCOPE to review and remove redundant parts of courses (skills courses) been done
- FS funds will be used to bring SME's together and figure out how much it will cost to review and update courses.