

## OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT LAC CAMP #2

FEBRUARY 24, 1987

ATTENDANCE: M. Scherr, OES (Chairman)  
J. Linder, OES (Minutes & Task Force Chairman)  
D. Perry, SBC  
F. Borden, LFD  
M. Sellers, VNC  
J. Bryant, USFS  
G. Wayne, CDF  
P. Delaney, LAC  
J. Radley, ORC  
R. Barrows, OES  
G. Newcombe, BDO (Guest)  
G. Sayer, ANF (Guest)

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## XIII. Retrack Program

G. Newcombe, BDO, stated that the Retrack program needed additional evaluation in the Region VI area before it is implemented in the entire FIREScope Region. The Operations Team concurred.

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  - 2. Status of the All Risk ICS sub-system documents.
  - 3. Task Force membership, Task Force liaison to specialist groups, and specialist groups' rosters.
- B. J. Linder, OES, reported that the Task Force had elected him as Task Force Chairman for a two (2) year term.
  - 1. J. Radley, ORC, pointed out that the Decision Process requires the

Task Force Chairmanship to be rotated on a regular basis.

2. After a discussion, the Task Force Chairman was directed to have the Task Force justify their actions based on the modification to the Decision Process, and to make a recommendation if changes to the Task Force Chairmanship rotation is justified.

- C. J. Linder, OES, reported on the Task Force Annual Work Plan developed at the January, 1987 meeting. M. Scherr, OES., handed out copies of the Work Plan submitted to the Decision Process for review and approval.

1. It was the feeling of the group that the Work Plan should show priority for each item, time frames, and what approach is to be used to accomplish each task.
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**Motion was seconded by G. Wayne, CDF.**

**Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

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