

FIRESCOPE Joint Operations Teams Meeting

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.Alice

**\*\*NWCG TRAINING PROPOSAL - Dan Francis/Gary Nelson (Handout #1)**

Four major components:

- qualification system
- ICS
- Skill "S" course curriculum
- General Training Design modifications (job aids)

Gary (NWCG ICS Working Team) discussed the reasons to change qualification system:

1. Build a training - down to fire firefighter level (rather than STLdr level as it is now.
2. Standards for national mobilization of FF to insure folks who go as Div Sup for example are in fact Div Sup qualified.  
310-1 is only applicable to national mobilizations.
3. Need stronger skills for a position - change prerequisites for a position (ie: need to be a Div Sup (rather than a STL qualified) BEFORE going to Air Attack Sup training. Increase prerequisites for certifying someone is qualified.

(Handout #2)

The intent is to pre-certify through the task/job aid books; sign-off could occur on the home unit during simulation, Rx'd fire etc.  
(MWGS handouts)

Proposal includes increased requirements for IC-Type II, Liaison Officer, and IC-Type III.

**\*\*TASK FORCE REPORT - Mike Dougherty**  
(handouts 3 & 4)

Mike Sherr proposes that we take the recommendations shown (handouts) and route through folks to insure it accurately reflects the agency position.

Next Task Force Mtng: 3/6-7/91

Time Lines:

March 15th - Responses due to task force (Final Agency response)  
(Task Force will consolidate and develop a response from FIREScope-probably the 3/18-19)

April 1, 1991 - Ops Team Review of product

April 3, 1991 - Board of Directors meet

May 9, 1991 - Dan Francis needs consolidated response.

GROUND COMMAND VS ICS - Rich Peterson

**NFPA #1561 - 15 Key factors**

Sept. 12-14, 1991 - Phoenix, AZ meeting on ICS/FGC (Handouts 5 & 6)

Extensive discussion developed on this topic and the question was raised whether we should even be involved or not.

Clyde Bragdon gave an excellent presentation regarding where FIREScope should be on this issue.

After the break, there were three main issues on the table:

1. Should we have continued involvement with the current sub-committee?  
NO - motion Bill Zeason, second - Frank Borden that we submit correspondence back to the working group and the decision process.
2. Participation in ICS/FGC seminar in Phoenix  
Ok to participate - have folks go and sell ICS...no need to justify the seminar. Concern was expressed about sponsorship by FIREScope. Voted to withdraw FIREScope - request our name be removed from pamphlet.

**\*\*800 MEGAHERT ISSUE: Mike Harris**

Not really an issue - already have a policy statement on 800 Mh.

VHF capability at STL level has to remain effective. - principally due to mutual aid resources and their need to communicate effectively.

Send it back to the Task Force to re-emphasize and re-write the policy if necessary.

**\*\*REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS TO COVER FRIDAY - PACKAGES, FOG, ETC**

**\*\*CWCG:**

PREPAREDNESS LEVELS: Need to look at the five levels we need. It was clearly stated that MODES have NOTHING to do with the preparedness levels as set forth in the National Mobilization Guide.

Mike Harris thought that this was a difference - like comparing apples and oranges.

Degenerated into a discussion of how CWCG/NWCG/FIREScope all fit together.

**Discussion of Computer Programs: Mike Sherr**

Fire Arson Pointer System (FAPS)

Prescribed Fire Information Reporting System (PFIRS)

These are being developed for statewide application.

Reviewed the organization chart of those involved - DOD, NWS, Air Quality Boards, all agencies, etc.

Regulatory agencies are using this process now to determine approvals for

The question was put forth as to whether we want to develop a "buffer zone" (A winning states - AZ, OR, NV) for these programs - the air basin doesn't end at the state line....where that data would be input into our system? No real answers at this point...it appears that this program is building to national applications.

Reviewed Year 1 of Five Year Plan - briefly.

No significant change - priorities are shown now throughout the plan. Rich Aronson and John Bryant entered a discussion of why this program is not a state budget item since the state passed the bill last year making it a statewide process. Recommendation: Motion by John Bryant and second by Bill Zeason that the Five Year Plan be forwarded to the Advisory Board (again) and inform other groups - Fire Marshal's Office, CDF etc so they can support the effort through their agencies. The motion passed.

We will wait until after April 3rd meeting of the Board to strategize how to market the need for \$\$ for the program implementation.

Mike Sherr requested that he be replaced as SZ Ops Team Chair due to conflicts between the FIREScope group and his agency. He requested this to happen at the end of the meeting. It was tabled for further discussion later.

WEATHER SERVICE: (John Bryant/Mike Sherr)  
quick overview.

**\*\*TASK FORCE CHAIR REPORT:** Mike Dougherty  
(handout # 7)  
Response regarding the addition of law enforcement personnel in the ICS system.

Mapping proposal: Mike will take it back to the Task Force for review

HazMat/Multi-casualty: This group needs to get further direction to get their act together on the development of training, manuals, etc.

**\*\*BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING - Rich Aronson**  
General review of the last meeting.  
(Mike - if you want more details pls call me and I can get them to you...A)

Frank Busher (sp?) is the new member representing Fire Districts North...a position for which they had four candidates.

**\*\*AGENCY REPORTS:**

CDF: Jack Weiss  
Budget problems - \$7 to as much as \$ 10 million.  
Drought - causing unprecedented fire conditions.  
Augmentation: a real possibility due to drought conditions. They have submitted a package in excess of \$40 million.  
Anticipate an early opening of Fire Season - 4/1/91

BLM: Rick Haffenfelt (sp?)  
State fire plan approved.  
in funds - 60-70% of planned strength in fire plan.

BLM (CON'T)

for aircraft and heavy equipment but can't use it for regular folk.  
der is going to Washington, DC to Interior for funds for severity.

NPS: Chris Cameron

Central Sierras a big concern - YNP and Sequoia-Kings

Up until now no severity \$\$ but hoping he'll be successful in getting \$\$\$.

OES: Rich Aronson

Covered issues

Discussed agencies which have adopted a FOG - CHP and Dept of Water Resources.  
Cal Trans is working on one but has no draft as yet.

LA CITY: Frank Borden

reported on aircraft accident which recently occurred at LAX.

Reports were also given by:

Bill Vandevort - Monterey County

Jim Pennington - Rocklin

Don Parry- Santa Barbara County

Bob Crim - Ventura County

Jack Healy - San Francisco

Pete O'Brien - San Mateo County

All above reported on drought, the December freeze and budgetary problems.

MIKE-SOME NAMES MIGHT BE MISPELLED AND I DID NOT PROOF READ THESE BUT I  
THINK I CAUGHT MOST OF IT. I DIDN'T INCLUDE JOHN BRYANT'S SZ CACHE PROPOSAL  
BECAUSE IT IS AN INTERNAL ISSUE.  
ALSO BELOW ARE ATTENDEES AS NEARLY AS I COULD GET THEM DOWN - AGAIN MAY BE SOME  
PROBLEMS WITH SPELLING.

Rich Peterson - Santa Barbara

Ken Brown - State Fire Marshal's Office

Gary Nelson - LA County (?)

Jim Raddley - sp?

Frank Borden - LA

Bud Armstrong - Fresno

Bill Vandever - retired - fire marshal's office

Bill Hanna

USFS- Alice Forbes, Sid Nobles, John Bryant, Mike Dougherty

CDF-Jack White, Mike Harris, Stan Lake, Jack Weiss

Jack Healy - San Francisco

Pete O'Brien - Redwood City

Rick Haffenfelt - BLM

Mac McMurray - Sacramento

Jim Pennington - Rocklin

Bill Zeason - LA County

Andy Anderson - Plumas County

Clyde Bragdon - retiree

~~arrows~~ - retiree

Bill ??? (Father of ICS???)

day we were joined by CWCG folk: Dick Adams, USFS; Pat Kidder, BLM; Chris NPS.

Any questions? I am not the NZ Coordinator for the next 12 WEEKS - a story I will tell you sometime...this came from Dick Adams on Friday after the meeting - I am sure you heard my comments while we were seated around the pool!! At any rate I am in SF for the next week at least. You can reach me at 465-2788 - leave a message and I can call you back if you have questions.....

Good Luck and E N J O Y ! ! ! ! !

Alice Forbes

MESSAGE SCAN

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Comments:

Rachel: Please print these notes and give them to Mike. I haven't proofed them or anything so he will need to look at them very carefully....Thanks much - Alice

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