

## FIRESCOPE

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### JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING

JANUARY 18-19, 1989

QUALITY SUITES, SAN LUIS OBISPO

#### PRESENT:

#### **OPERATIONS TEAM NORTH**

Stan Lake, Chairman	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Will Brock	Office of Emergency Services, Fire and Rescue Division
Merrill McMurray	Rancho Cordova Fire Protection District
Jim Pennington	Rocklin Fire Department
Andy Anderson	Quincy Fire Department
Pete O'Brien	Redwood City Fire Department
Jack Hickey	San Francisco Fire Department
Sid Nobles	United States Forest Service, North Zone

#### **OPERATIONS TEAM SOUTH**

Mike Scherr, Chairman	Office of Emergency Services, Fire and Rescue Division
Ray Russell	Office of State Fire Marshal
Don Perry	Santa Barbara County Fire Department
John Bryant	United States Forest Service, South Zone
Jim Radley	Orange County Fire Department
Frank Borden	Los Angeles City Fire Department
Bill Zeason	Los Angeles County Fire Department
Dick Wilson	Ventura County Fire Department
Greg Wayne	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

#### **TASK FORCE**

Jim Jeffery, Chairman	Office of Emergency Services, Fire and Rescue Division
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#### **GUESTS**

John Englund	USFS Volunteer
Dick Barrows	USFS Volunteer
Rick Hafenfeld	Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield District
Jack Ringer	Kern County
John Passerello	Office of Emergency Services
Bev Passerello	Office of Emergency Services
Jim McFadden	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, San Luis Obispo

I. Self Introductions

II. Motion to approve minutes of Operations Team North Meeting of October 5, 1988.

**Anderson moved, second by Brock, passed.**

III. Motion to make State Fire Marshal's Office a voting member of the Operations Team South.

**Anderson moved, second by Bryant, passed.**

IV. Thanks to Don Perry for making meeting arrangements.

V. In discussing the December 7, 1988, minutes of the Advisory Committee/Board of Directors, Dick Barrows felt that the minutes were complete and the only item to be discussed was SB 27, our next agenda item. Dick's main concern was the last paragraph, numbered 13074. He is concerned that if funding is to come from departments, other programs may suffer. He was also concerned that the OES administration says that they contribute \$700,000 per year to the program, but the program's budget is more like \$400,000. John Passerello says the \$700,000 figure represents indirect costs.

Further discussion ensued regarding the funding. Concern was expressed about this generating competition between OES, CDF, and SFM for funds and whether funds might be redirected once allocated to an agency. There was also concern that 13074 was vague and may need to be rewritten or deleted.

Bev Passerello says that funding must be addressed in this bill and for clarification the group needs to talk with Blair Springer. It is unfortunate that he was unable to attend this meeting.

Bev will be analyzing this bill. She will be provided assistance by CDFFP, SFM, and OES Fire and Rescue Division.

Stan Lake will continue to be liaison with Blair Springer.

VI. Task Force Report - Jim Jeffery

A. NFPA Standard 1561 - Jim reported on the Task Force's reviews of the second and third drafts; their comments are in letter in the packet. During their review of the third draft, Bob Neamy, LFD, and a member of the 1561 Subcommittee, was a guest. He will be taking the Task Force's comments to the Subcommittee Meeting in late January.

Considerable discussion ensued. Concerns were expressed about the mixing of incident management systems with safety SOP's. There was also much concern that many items in the standard are labor/management issues.

**It was moved by John Bryant, seconded by Jim Radley, passed that Bill Zeason and Frank Borden will draft a letter for signature of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee/Board of Directors. The letter would express the Operations Teams concerns and oppose NFPA Standard 1561. Copies should also go to State Fire Marshal, Cal Chiefs, IAFC, etc.**

- B. Jim Jeffery reported that the Task Force had been providing input to NWCG's ICS Working Team through Gary Nelson, LAC, who also represents LAC on the Task Force. NWCG's Training Working Team had some proposed changes in the Fire Training Curriculum; these were shared with the ICS Working Team. In turn, Gary Nelson asked the Task Force for input which he might take to the joint meeting of the Working Teams.

Jim McFadden stated that Gary Nelson is very valuable and doing excellent work in this area. McFadden is being replaced by Dan Francis, CDF Fire Academy, on the Training Working Team. McFadden stated that Gary is vital to maintaining California's position until Dan Francis has gained some experience with NWCG.

- C. Jim Jeffery distributed copies of I-120, Introduction to ICS, a self-paced course developed by CDF's San Bernardino Ranger Unit. It is not intended to replace I-220, but is for people who might not ever receive I-220, or as an interim measure.

**Andy Anderson moved, Sid Nobles seconded, passed, to approve I-120.**

Dick Barrows stated that it needed to go to State Board of Fire Services for approval. This was questioned, as previous "I" courses have not. Mike Scherr, Ray Russell, Jim Jeffery will investigate.

Jim McFadden stated that CDFFP is very pleased and happy with the document and excited about using it.

John Passerello reported on the letter from the Governor's Office (in packet) implementing ICS for agencies that regularly work at emergencies. Bill Teie, CDFFP, is working on implementation using existing documents and courses. John feels I-120 will be helpful.

- D. Jim Jeffery reported that the HazMat Specialist Group was progressing well on HazMat ICS, saving the Task Force much time.
- E. Jeffery reported on the first meeting of the Communications Specialist Group North. It was very successful. They will now start frequency management planning. Communications Specialist Group South will be inviting San Diego City to participate.

- VII. Stan Lake introduced a form, Decision Process Issue/Problem. After considerable discussion as to need, use, and format, it was decided to refer this to the Task Force for refinement and recommendation. Some copies of the form with suggestions were given to Jim Jeffery.

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- VIII. The group reviewed the draft of the Decision Process document, MACS 410-4, as revised by Bill Zeason. Some suggestions were given during the review. Additional comments should be to him by February 13, 1989.

IX. Multi-Casualty ICS

Bill Zeason expressed some concern with the organization developed by the Task Force Development Group. Jim Jeffery responded with the Task Force's position. The group felt they needed more time to review the document. OES will mail an additional copy.

X. OCC Report

A. Agency Assessment Briefing Form, MACS 404.

Mike distributed a new draft for members to review with persons involved in conference calls. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

B. ADP

Mike discussed the success of the new Prescribed Fire Incident Reporting System (PFIRS). Its use is mandatory in several agencies. It is helping relations with air quality agencies.

Mike also discussed some problems associated with having a FIREScope Programmer position assigned to Sacramento.

C. We are ready to go to print with the reprint of the Field Operations Guide. We need to know anticipated purchases from agencies.

XI. Mike Scherr reported on the FIREScope Budget. He will also be reporting this to the Advisory Committee/Board of Directors on March 15, 1989.

**It was moved by Zeason, seconded by Perry, passed, that the Chairmen draft a letter to the Advisory Committee/Board of Directors expressing the Operations Teams concerns over cuts in the FIREScope Budget and the potential impacts on the Multi Agency Coordination System and the Mutual Aid System.**

XII. Future meetings - These will be scheduled by the Chairmen.

XIII. Election of Chairmen were discussed. They should be on alternate calendar years. Mike Scherr's term has expired. Nominations were opened.

**Scherr was nominated by Don Perry; Greg Wayne moved to close nominations, Perry seconded. Scherr re-elected.**

XIV. John Englund presented an idea for FIREScope pins: \$1.25 each, minimum 300. Zeason and Borden will draft proposal to Advisory Committee/Board of Directors for funding.