



**FIRESCOPE OPERATIONS TEAM  
MEETING MINUTES**

Pismo Beach, CA  
0900 January 24, 2019  
0800 January 25, 2019

Members Present:

Al Poirier (LFD)	Jim Johnstone (OES)	Steve Oaks (SBC)
Mark Kendall (Cal Fire)	Dustin Gardner (VNC)	Eric Walder (Region IV)
Ray Barber (Region III)	Jose Velo (SFR)	Don Trapp (BDC)
Bob Neamy (NIMS Consortium)		

Task Force Members Present:

Tim Kelly (LFD)	Ira Peshkin (KRN)	Sean Fraley (KRN)
David Gerboth (SND)	Andrew Henning (SFM)	Cathy Johnson (OES)
Shanna Kuempel (CNT)	Dan Horton (VNC)	Brook Spelman (Cal Fire)

Agency Guests:

Trevor Richmond (LFD)	Dave Russell (Cal Fire)	Damian Guilliani (ENC)
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**Thursday January 24, 2019 – 0900 Hours**

**0905 hours – Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics.....Poirier**

**Agenda Review/Additions.....Poirier**

**Review and Approval of Minutes.....Poirier**

Offered brief review of minutes.

Motion by Bob Neamy to approve December 12, 2018 conference call minutes.

2nd by Eric Walder – unanimously approved.

**Roster review and update.....Johnstone**



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**January 9, 2019 Board of Directors (BOD) Burbank meeting report**

Poirier/Johnstone

- OES Chief Zagaris retirement / Chief Brian Marshall (KRN) appointed as replacement
- Mike Richwine Acting State Fire Marshal
- Chief Brian Fennessey new Vice Chair BOD – Chief Ken Kehmna retired.
- Director Mark Ghilarducci to remain in position.
- Governor Gavin Newsom announced new funding for CA Fire Service (\$105 million)

**Cal OES Update**.....Johnstone

- Apparatus update – 25 new Type III and 75 new Type VI coming
- Brief discussion on Federal shutdown and absence of our Federal partners.
- Utilization of Shopify e-commerce platform to buy FOG manual
- Discussion that July BOD meeting will likely be held at new South Ops facility.

**FIRESCOPE Task Force Report**.....Tim Kelly

- New Member Specialist Liaison Assignments
- TF/Specialist Group Member Biography Update
- Polo Shirt Update
- 2019 Plan of Work Review – this was a detailed overview of the plan of work and Chief Kelly followed the Task Force Smart Sheet. The Smart Sheet link will be shared for member access.
- Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation and mug to Chief Sean Fraley (KRN) for all of his work and efforts in support of the Task Force and FIRESCOPE. Special Presentations:
- Firefighter Damian Guilliani (ENC) was invited to present on his experiences with Search and Recovery Operations and related data collection efforts while working as a SITL at the 2018 Camp Fire. FF Guilliani gave a detailed slide presentation for about 45 minutes.
- Division Chief Dave Russell (Cal Fire) was invited to speak on his experiences as the IC on Cal Fire IMT Team 4 working the 2018 Camp Fire. Chief Russell spoke about 15 minutes.

**State Fire Training update and report**.....Andrew Henning

- Retired or retiring certification updates
- Multiple course and curriculum updates
- Certificates all electronic now, no hard copies issued
- Discussed possible future increase in fees as SFM is fee funded.

**CISM Peer Support Update**.....Dave Gerboth

**US&R Specialist rroup name change** .....Gerboth



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- Discussed a white paper that was developed related to name change
- “Technical Search & Rescue Specialist Group” is proposed
- **Motion** by Neamy to approve and forward to BOD, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Velo – unanimously approved.

**Marketing and Messaging project review and discussion.....Horton**

- Presentation on white paper and strategic plan for marketing and messaging FIRESCOPE
- Discussion on steps that have been completed and possible next steps
- **Motion** by Walder to approve and forward to BOD, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barber – unanimously approved.

**ICS 225 Form Review and update.....Gerboth**

**CAD to CAD interoperability working group white paper and discussion.....Gardner**

- Review of past conversations about a motion that was approved that would “disband” the working group and transition it to a sub-committee within the existing Emerging Information Technologies (EIT) Specialist Group. Working with Cal Chiefs collaboratively on this. Also mentioned there is a presentation scheduled as part of the Cal Chiefs Fire Operations Technology (ESRI) conference February 19-20 in Redlands. Dustin Gardner, Jim Johnstone, and Tim Kelly attending.

**MACS 409 (ICS 900) Document.....Johnstone**

- Continued work on this Document has been tabled until additional clarity from the BoD is provided in terms of the CFAA revision.

**Standard Wildland Pre-Plan update.....Kelly**

**Resource Typing Rehab.....Fraley**

**Fireline Flagging Tape White Paper.....Fraley**

- Discussion on how guidelines within this white paper bring us closer to being in alignment with NIMS. No motion on this matter and it was decided to wait for our Federal partners to review.

**Evacuation/Repopulation & LELO review and update.....Johnstone**

- OES LE Deputy Chief Sherri Sarro will schedule an initial meeting with the Working Group that will include Law Enforcement and Fire Reps.



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#### **SmartSheet Update**.....Cathy Johnson

- The Board of Directors and the Ops Team will be provided viewing rights to the Task Force Smart Sheet Program.

#### **FIRESCOPE Website Redesign Update**.....Johnson

- This was also discussed during the Marketing / Messaging white paper review by Horton.

#### **Incident Communications Advisory Council – Comm Section**...Johnstone

- Letter from FIRESCOPE BoD Chair to DHS OEC Chief Dusty Rhoads will be mailed next week. The letter states FIRESCOPE’s opposition to establishing a “Communications Section” within NIMS ICS.

#### **FIRESCOPE /CWC Collaboration** .....Johnstone

- Continued discussion on the need to improve the collaboration between FIRESCOPE and the CWCG Parent Group/Ops Group.

#### **FIRESCOPE Radio Capacity Survey** .....Kuempel

- Some survey results are back. Reconciling existing and awaiting new responses.

#### **Area Command/MACS Update** .....Kendall

- Chief Kendall is the POC on setting up the Area Command Training and subsequent MACS collaboration. Early summer 2019 target.

#### **Pre-Positioning guidelines review and discussion**.....Johnstone

- Questions by Walder and Barber on finality of policy and guidelines. Open discussion on utilization of the pre-positioning “pre-po” matrix and reimbursement. All members were assured that the matrix and guidelines – while being utilized – are still being considered for improvements and adjustments. Members were encouraged to provide feedback to Chief Richardson, Chief Johnstone, or the Operations Team.

#### **Motion to adjourn in honor of Frank Esposito**.....Johnstone

- Frank Esposito was a dedicated and well-respected Superintendent with the Big Bear IHC in the San Bernardino National Forest.
- He was born on January 3, 1962 and passed away on Sunday, January 6, 2019.
- Frank was a resident of Hemet, California at the time of passing.
- Frank Esposito proudly served his Country by enlisting in the United States Navy and upon his Honorable discharge, he became a Firefighter with the U.S. Forest Service.
- He was laid to rest on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 1130 hours in Corona, CA.

Seconded by Neamy – unanimously approved. Adjourned Thursday Meeting - 1600 hours



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**Friday January 25, 2019 – 0800 Hours**

Meeting opened with 30-minute Presentation / Discussion:

- Chief Gardner (VNC) and Chief Richmond (LFD) were invited to discuss their experiences and lessons learned from the 2018 Woolsey Fire. Multiple topics covered in an active group discussion with additional input offered from Chief Kelly (LFD) and Chief Russell (Cal Fire).

**Election of 2019 FIRESCOPE Ops Team Officers.....Poirier/Johnstone**

- Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions up for nominations and election
- Chief Dave Richardson was nominated for Chair. No other nominations.
- Chief Al Poirier was nominated by Neamy for Vice Chair. No other nominations.
- Chief Dustin Gardner was nominated by Poirier for Secretary. No other nominations.
- No vote was taken on the nominations because our Federal partners were not in attendance due to the Government shut-down. Ops Team members in attendance opted to allow the opportunity for additional nominations – with final vote taking place at the next meeting.

**Cal Fire Update.....Kendall**

- Appointment of new Cal Fire Director Chief Thom Porter
- New Region Chiefs: Northern Mike Bradley, Assistant Region Chief Mike Hebrard, Assistant Region Chief George Morris, Southern Region Dan Johnson, and Assistant Nancy Koetperich
- New Fire Hawk arrives end of May. Will be housed at McClellan and used throughout the state training flight crews. Taking delivery of the remaining copters throughout the next three years.
- 6 fuels crews are hired and completing training. Should be starting fuels projects by March.
- C130 program starting. Cal Fire will contract one this year to start pilot training. The Department will receive 7 aircraft – five (5) will be deployed across the state and one (1) will be reserve, and one (1) will be in heavy maintenance. This program will allow Cal Fire to start heavy maintenance on the S-2 fleet extending the life span of the current tanker fleet
- Big focus continues to be vegetation management program fuels reduction.

**NFPA Update.....Neamy**

- The next NPFA meeting for the 1500 Committee is next week in San Diego, CA. Neamy won't be attending but an alternate probably will. The 1500 Committee is responsible for the following seven NFPA Standards: NFPA 1500 Occupational Health and Safety Standard; NFPA 1561 Emergency Incident Management System Standard; NFPA 1521 Safety Officer Job Performance Standard; NFPA 1581 Infectious Control Standard; 1582 Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program Standard; 1583 Health Related Fitness Program Standard; NFPA 1584 Rehabilitation Process for Members During Emergency Operations and Training Exercises Standard. With the exception of the Safety Officer Standard 1521, the doctors on the 1500 Committee reportedly have the most interest in these Standards.
- The meeting next week is to handle the first draft of revisions for NFPA 1521, 1581, 1582, 1583, and 1584 Standards. The committee will also have a chance to change it on the 2nd revision later on.



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- In May the 1500 Committee will be meeting on the second draft for NFPA 1500 and 1561. Chief Neamy plans on attending this meeting. He has submitted comments for NFPA 1561 to add items FIRESCOPE has added to the Structural Guide, i.e. strip mall layout for identifying the adjoining occupancies on each Division. Neamy reports he also added text to reflect changes LAFD has made to climbing aerial ladders as a result of a member being killed when he fell from an elevated ladder.
- The Committee is looking at adding the IMT colored vests as what the USCG uses: Command Section - White vests; Operations Section - Red Vests; Admin./Finance Section - Green Vests; Logistics Section - Orange Vests; and Planning Section - Blue Vests.
- Neamy also passed on information to the OPS Team. He indicated there is no guarantee to succession to an agency for a member that changes employment or retires. He indicates we currently have a representative from four agencies that support FIRESCOPE: NIMS Consortium, OES, CSFA, and LAFD. Neamy emphasized that it is important for us to maintain these positions in discussing changes to existing NFPA 1500 Series Standards.

**Specialist/Working rroup Update .....Kelly**

- Task Force Bios: many members have submitted bios, working on remaining members
- Aviation Specialist Group working with UAS – much interest from many agencies
- Most 2019 Specialist Group elections are done, working on roster updates for each group
- Communications Group working with Chief Kuempel on radio channel survey
- Chief Tomaselli (USFS) working with the Safety Specialist Group.
- GIS Group working on Operation System Description (OSD) for SITL
- Haz Mat Group also working on OSD, and NIMS Resource Typing

**Related dates of the next Task Force Meetings .....Kelly.**

- Feb 19-20 in San Diego
- March 12-13 in Santa Cruz (will coincide with next Ops Team Conference Call)
- April 23-24 slated for Redding, but will likely be relocated to Sacramento.

**Assembly Bill 2380 Discussion .....Sean Fraley**

- Chief Fraley wanted to ensure this bill related to private fire protection companies was on our radar. Chief Johnstone will carry the conversation back to Sacramento and the BOD will be made aware. Ops Team may discuss in the future.

**Next FIRESCOPE Board of Directors Meeting**

- April 2019 in Mather CA



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**Roundtable discussion with no significant issues raised.**

1. Next Ops Team Meetings
  - Conference Call tentatively scheduled for March 13. Chief Johnstone will finalize with Chief Richardson and the group and will send out an email.
  - June 6-7, 2019 in San Francisco. Details to be provided via email.
2. **Motion** at 0955 hours by Chief Oaks to adjourn, 2nd by Velo – approved. Meeting Adjourned.