

**FIRESCOPE JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA
JANUARY 25-26, 1996**

ATTENDEES:

Alice Forbes, USDA FS
Neil Honeycutt, OES Fire & Rescue
John D. Buchanan, Woodland FD
Jim Ritter, Sacramento Co. FD
Frank Borden, Borden/Lee
Cary Eckard, Kern Co. FD
Claude R. Creasey, Los Angeles City FD
Rich Just, CDF North Ops
Jerry Clements, USFS/North Ops
John Tucker, Los Angeles Co. FD
Kim Zagaris, OES Fire & Rescue
Mike Dougherty, USDA FS
Jack Hickey, SFFD/Ops North, Retired
Jim Radley, Orange Co. Fire Authority

Andy Anderson, Quincy FD
Steve Vittum, Santa Barbara Co. FD
Al Wilsey, Ventura Co. FD
Bob Neamy, Los Angeles City FD
Mike Colgan, Orange County Fire Authority
Jim Jeffery, OES Fire & Rescue
Gary Glotfelty, USDA FS
Ralph Alworth, CDF/Task Force
Will Brock, OES Fire & Rescue
Ben Lopes, Santa Clara Co. FD
Les Matarazzi, Dept. of Interior
Stan Lake, CDF
Jim Cavallini, SFFD/Ops North

Mike Dougherty started meeting at 0850 and all members introduce themselves.

Will break into groups and discuss the 1993 Fire Siege Action Items.

Board of Directors Meeting January 10, 1996

Neil discussed last Board of Directors Meeting on January 10 at OCC Riverside. Closed meeting - voting members only. Neil shared with the group the duties of the Board:

1. Advise Director of OES with issues and law
2. Role of FIRESCOPE Board, FIRESCOPE, and the Decision Process

Closed session requested by Board to insure open discussion of roles and responsibilities.

- SB 27 Campbell Bill, read direction on OES/Fire Marshall
- Merger of FIRESCOPE and OES Advisory Board, unclear to some members what were the roles and responsibilities
- Fire Advisory Board
 1. to advise director of OES and keep him informed, what focus needs to be et al
 2. role as FIRESCOPE BOD and responsibility they play. Many Board members did not understand their role in the Decision Process.

There was much discussion of the Decision Process. They agreed to become more informed and involved in the process.

Must review the Decision Process: Simplify and clarify the process.

Spread ICS products/philosophy to the North part of the State.

Renewed interest by the Board to function more efficiently and effectively.

March 7 is the next Board of Directors meeting to finish some unfinished business from January 10 meeting. This will also be a closed door meeting - voting members only.

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Cooperative Agreement - Mutual Aid

Authorized signatures to agreement: FS, BLM, NPS, CDF, OES (for counties)

Changes:

1. Process of Payment
 - Can't justify average rate process in the document
 - Federal agencies cannot continue to pay according to process.

Group working on it agreed. (Still needs agency head approvals and OES must go to county departments)

Recommendations:

1. Average actual for each fire department in the state (24 hour OT with OWCP/unknown cost included). 3 rates don by rank. Each department bill according to this new formula.
2. Agreed to add an administrative cost - use an average of accepted CDF/Federal rates probably 14-18%.
3. Departments that are volunteer will be paid emergency firefighter rate of the agency making the request. Also will be able to add the administrative rate on top of the salaries.

(These recommendations are defensible to the "bean counters".)

4. "Free" periods under the agreement change back to 12 hour (up from 2 hour) beyond 12 hours then the agency can bill for the total period ie out 14 then bill for 14 not only the 2 hour over 12.
5. Training - Expectation that sending unit personnel will meet the specs as stated in NWCG 310-1.
6. Equipment - you will meet the typing requirement for the resource. Will include graphics for Type I-III engines. Must meet OSHA requirements.
7. Comm items - all apparatus in a Strike Team will have common comm. Strike Team Leaders will be required to have 32 channel programmed as identified in FOG.

Task Force Report - Ralph Alworth

Hazmat - 2/5-6 Specialist Group Meeting will be final review on OSD, training et al. Safety module to be added to I-401. Group remains active to deal with Hazmat issues and charges.

High Rise, John Tucker - Develop list of resources. Requesting dollars for travel to meetings or for teleconferencing. Developing student syllabus and outlines for course.

OSPR (Oil Spill Response) - Coast Guard cooperater in this. Developed FOG. CG had concerns regarding MACS process and Unified Command. Letter of endorsement for FOG.

ICS Hand-off - Hand-off almost completed. October 10 NWCG met to change engines et al (helicopters also). Requested NWCG go back to 1985 agreement.

MACS HO - Recommendations: MACS Guide changed and updated. How will document interface with SEMS.

DECISION PROCESS - Do three sections - draft should be reviewed this afternoon, tabled.

URBAN INTERFACE MIX WHITE PAPER - Glotfelty needs clear direction on where we go from there.

FOG - Jim Jeffery, first 5 months sold 25,000. Only about 3000 left. SEMS operational 12/1/96, so FOG meets many requirements so may have lots of orders.

ICS FORMS - ICS-215A, ICS-201 add LCES? Rather than this maybe develop 201A to add LCES.

SEMS Impacts

Technical Group: Larry Holms, Cal Chiefs Rep, Neil Honeycutt (assigned as technical staff). Technical Groups - identified by needs at the time. Using parallel of Fire Advisory Board. Nonfire SEMS folks gaining information from fire folks. SEMS handout final update.

Presentation

On 215W (Wildfire), 215G (Generic) and 215A, Incident Safety Analysis

Task Force Representation

The four folks (volunteers, counties, cities, fire districts, et al) needed representation. While we do decision process we will re-validate the membership.

Communications Specialist Group-11/29 North and South Meeting

- Public Safety Wireless Safety Committee established - discussed this group at length. FCC/NTIA set up this group. Needs info by draft in May. Bob Hewitt, LAC, designated to Liaison with group. 2 folks added.

- Looking at interoperability and frequency spectrum.
- March 7 meeting to discuss this group.
- Good opportunity to present Cal Fire Service needs for the future..
- Applicable to Action Item #10 of our 93 Action Report.
- Radio Frequency Sharing Agreement in development Process.
- Narrowbanding is part of all this discussion - splitting frequencies in half.
- Seek extra frequencies to commercial interests.
- Will not affect public safety channels (we don't buy) but the frequencies will "bleed" through if we don't get new radios.
- Around 2000 will be looking to split again to "6.25".

Decision Process

- Document could be simplified.
- Clarify integration of OES Fire Advisory Board and FIRESCOPE Board of Directors.
- Clarify Specialist Groups and Working Groups, which are standing vs ad hoc?
- Task Force/Ops Teams representation.
- Confirm the charter et al (OES) fits with Decision Process. Add into Decision Process and place the other docs in a historical file.

Training Coordination

Gary Glotfelty presented his proposal to have operational areas so the meetings would be kept at a manageable size.

- Much discussion of the process.
- Do South Ops meetings to develop the process considering the political ramifications. (set out process - re: how slots are allocated)

After Action Status

- See flip chart

Decision Process

- See flip chart
 - Change name "FIREScope Operations and Procedures" rather than Decision Process.
- I. Introduction
 - Mission Statement (or goals)
 - Historical Overview (SB27)
Congressional Charter 1972
 - Executive Summary
 - II. Glossary of Terms
 - III. The Organization
 - Board Level - description of responsibilities
 - Executive Coordinator
 - Operations Teams Level - description of responsibilities North and South
 - Task Force level - description and responsibilities
 - Specialist/Working Groups - descriptions and responsibilities, standing (Specialists), ad hoc (working)
 - IV. Procedural Components
 - Flow of information
 - Decision Process
 - Administration - BOD, Ops Teams, Task Force, Specialist/Working Groups
 - V. Membership
 - BOD
 - Ops Teams North and South
 - Task Force
 - Specialist/Working Groups
 - Criteria for membership
 - Expansion

Appendix - current Board members et al

Decision Process will be one part of FIREScope Operations and Procedures.

Task Force will now take and prepare a draft for presentation to March 7 BOD meeting. Next Joint Ops Team Meeting 7/11-12. Next BOD open meeting 4/10 in Sacto.

Agency Reports

BLM (Les Matarazzi): Fred Simas retired and won't fill behind him. Rob Collins (State Aviation Manager) transferred so pulled pilot into Sacto to do the job. OV-10 was handled by Kern County by agreement. Engine status remaining the same. Most resources will remain at historical levels through the season length may vary. Cessna from state to Desert District for drug enforcement.

NPS: Chris Cameron has retired effective this date. Tom Nichols acting. Going through many changes.

BIA: New positions/funding levels can be worked between agencies within the Dept. of Interior.

US Fish and Wildlife Service: Push for training for personnel.

LAC: Tried new tack with training. Brought BC out to Santa Clarita site and covered many issues from Ops to weather, vegetation, et al (strategies and tactics). Class scheduled in March. One ongoing. 140 FF vacancies to fill.

CDF (Rich Just): Changes to aviation program. A/T dates either be same or earlier by a week. Probably losing the C-130 at Sonoma. 9 helicopters in service with one relief ship-trying to get another relief ship authorized. Looking to consolidate Sonoma/Lake Napa Ranger Units. Maybe drop 7 crew North with 11 crews South. Jack Weist new Ranger Unit Chief in Butte. CEA system may change-Ranger Unit Chiefs and staff positions may become CEA political appointments.

KERN CO.: Doing S-370 week after next, all 100+ captains are 1CT-4 certified and through S-390. Picked up D-7 through excess property. Still trying to get into rotor world, Grand Jury supportive. Fixing aero cmdr - one engine is timed out. Looking at adding 2 stations.

LFD: Budget unknown. Chief Engineer still in selection process. Re-write of 1500 stds - Bob Neamy heavily involved in development of this.

SAC CO: Consolidation study in completion stages, planning to permanently close com stations.

VENTURA: Going back to red fire trucks!

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY: 21 folks on BOD. Experiencing budget gap. Chief Deputy and 5 Deputy Directors reorganized dept. Increase participation on the Federal/State Incident Teams. Got FEMA grants to do work in burning, fuels modification, homeowner protection. Expanding paramedic Program. Getting land to build new headquarters and may be another station in 3-5 year time period. Rotor program (Colgan): UHIH Huey been in service since June, next week hope to get their super Huey, CDF very supportive of Orange Co. in development of the helicopter program, going into long term joint to move agreement with CDF at Fullerton Airport, using contract pilots.

QUINCY FD: 18 fire districts trying to get 172 funds

SANTA BARBARA: Shirking but diversifying. Closed one station put engine in reserve fleet. Offer Golden Handshake which may give some job opportunities. Took on environmental health trainings in the county, staff time eater.

SAN FRANCISCO: New Chief Bob Dimmons. Jim pleased with staff he put together. Paramedic, SF has its own division, looks like fire dept will take them over.

OES: Advertising Sr. Coord/ Dep Chief. Get flyer from Neil. Budgets, interesting process, BCP for 97 approved additional positions for FIRESCOPE. Deputy Chief around first of June should be selection. First time in many years the whole fire branch will be staffed up. Continue with revitalization of the BOD, he will report on at Buck's Lake. Goal to move FIRESCOPE statewide.

WOODLAND (John Buchanan): Situation 7-8K acres where mgmt lacks skills. John ended up as 1C because no one would take it, parallels I-5 and 505. Setup a chiefs meeting - took a beating. Little progress in rural areas.

SEMS

Larry Holms - FIRESCOPE Representative
Neil Honeycutt - OES Representative
Cal Chief has a representative

Neil Honeycutt reports on SEMS from the technical committee.

215 W and 215A to Ops Team

Gary Glotfelty held a discussion on the 215 W and 215A to Ops Teams.

FIRESCOPE Task Force Attendance

Mike Dougherty discussed Task Force attendance. Fire districts, counties, cities north, volunteer. B/C rank. Add 4 new members to the FIRESCOPE Task Force with the rank of Battalion Chief.

FIRESCOPE Communications Group

Jim Jeffery discussed public safety issues.

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