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FIRESCOPE JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING

Quincy
July 9-10, 1998

ATTENDEES:

Pat Cooney, OES
Chris Wurzell, CDF
Jeff Jones, CDF
Jack Hickey, Davis FD
Jim Marquis, OES
Mike Colgan, ORC
Hank Weston, GVFD
Ralph Alworth, CDF
Jim Radley, ORC
Bob Neamy, LFD
Neil Honeycutt, OES

Mike LaPlant, VNC
George Ewan, USFS
Jim Cavellini, San Francisco FD
Steve Vittum, SBC
Andy Anderson, Quincy FD
Ed Wristen, CDF
Cary Eckerd, KRN
Mike Dougherty, USFS
Rich McKinney, Sac FD
Brian Kelly, Milbrae
Jon Olney, KRN

Guests:

Dan Francis, CDF/SFM
Dorothy Albright, USFS R-5

Joe Wood, Plumas N.F.
Alice Forbes, USFS WO

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REVIEW AGENDA

Mike Dougherty and Andy Anderson started the meeting with a review of the agenda. Added topics: Operational Area Voting Process, Review Cal Chiefs Letter from Kurt Latapow, Three Letter IDS.

BOD MEETING 7/8/98

Neil Honeycutt, new SEMS Subcommittee, one dealing with SAR meets on 7/14/98, second committee deals with Mutual Aid, Fire & Law, etc., will be represented.

OES Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund and extra \$5m this year. Striving to establish 20 year replacement cycle. OES trying to establish a Fleet Manager position.

5 Party Agreement has been revised, is currently being signed.

SFM Certs/Quals first meeting 8/11 in Sacramento.

Some discussion on terrorism. Neil outlined various local, state, and federal efforts regarding funding organization, authority, etc. Lots more questions than answers. State Board of Fire Services trying to sort it out also.

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TERRORISM

At the Morro Bay Joint Operations Team meeting a Terrorism Specialist Committee was formed with Darrell Higuchi named ass Chair. To date no other city identified by FEMA has participated. This includes San Francisco, San Diego and either Sacramento or San Jose.

OES ENGINES

Issue of what percentage of OES engines should be Type I or Type II? OES will resolve.

FY 1998-99 FIREScope WORK PLAN

George Ewan passed out the FY 1998-99 FIREScope Work Plan and briefly highlighted - outlined each task, and bi-annual review of the Strategic Plan by the Ops Team on page 2.

The Ops Teams approved the FIREScope FY 1998-1999 Work Plan.
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FIREScope Website Issue

OES Information Technology needs to consult with FIREScope for historical and current accuracy (it would be good if Troy Armstrong talked with Ray Manzo).

LEICS Awareness Paper

Chris Wurzell and Rich McKinney passed out a sample of the LEICS Issue Paper (only one), and promised to send copies out.

LEICS

Pat Cooney reviewed of Law Enforcement Specialist Committee Meeting 6/24-25/98. Most of the meeting was related to the "Law Enforcement Guide for Emergency Operations", also referred to as the "Red Book". Cooney is now a member of the Specialist Committee. The next scheduled meeting is 12/1-2/98.

GIS MAPPING SPECIALIST

Dorothy Albright, GIS Mapping Specialist Group representative spoke. 23 people from various agencies providing input to develop a consistent, user friendly product. In the process of correcting some map symbology errors. The group has developed a 5 Year Plan, Mission Statement, "Champion The Role of Geospatial Solutions in Emergency Management, make recommendation to the FIREScope BOD".

General strategies, etc., are included in two handouts from Dorothy. #1 "Emergency Management Mapping", #2 19 pages with Executive Summary. The present package is being built based on wildland fire needs, work developing structural applications is on the near horizon. A UC Davis sponsored presentation "The Role of Information Technology in Fire Management" will occur November 16-19, 1998. Handout #3 draft Geographic Information System Team (GIS Team). This group is not leaning toward developing hazard and risk analysis, however the potential is there. Several papers associated around these topics will be shared at the UC Davis presentation.

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OES REGION AND OPERATIONAL AREA FIRE AND RESCUE COORDINATOR

Neil Honeycutt spoke on letter from Chief Mitten, Merced FD, regarding the OES Region and Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinators. Lots of discussion around the fact that the process needs to be identified, organized and administered at the lowest level. These processes are a local decision (the BOD stated this premise also a recommendation was that the election process #6-page 2 could be generically worded better to identify who is eligible to vote, how ties are broken, etc.

Jeff Jones, plus a couple of others, will draft a replacement to at least portions of #6, page 2 for review.

Chiefs organizations (county level) vary greatly. The election process needs to be able to be applied under different situation. The discussion has ranged from "lets review the whole election process document" to " lets fix the definition of eligible".

Decision some word smithing will occur overnight and give to Neil Honeycutt for modification of the wording identified.

NWCG REPORT

Ralph Alworth presented the NWCG Report. He shared draft updated 310-1, 310-1 part 2, and 330-1 in a new single document. This draft is reasonably close to the FIRESCOPE Review of NWCG in 1997. Ralph also passed out a draft copy of the new Interagency Incident Response Pocket Guide. NWCG would like an evaluation of the new Pocket Guide by the Task Force by this fall.

Task Force accepted the assignment.

Ralph passed out the new NWCG document "Equipping Fire Apparatus for Use in the Wildland/Urban Interface". This types structure and wildland engines separately, Type 1 - Type 7. It also sets guidelines for equipment, appliances, PPE, training, communications, etc. Key is minimal staffing levels.

Ralph also passed out the PTB Recommended Changes for Wildland/Urban Interface ICS positions. Many of the recommended changes will have to wait until lesson Plans are developed or modified.

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FLORIDA FIRES

The meeting began at 0830. Mike Dougherty shared information on USFS commitments to Florida.

HIGH RISE OSD

George Ewan opened the discussion on the High Rise OSD. He passed out a single page handout that outlined the different proposals. The remark on the handout regarding the breaking of ICS traditions based on the potential of beginning a function in one part of the ICS organization and then during the incident moving to a different organizational area. Bob Neamy said that the system as outlined in the south is documented in the IMS Consortium publications. Lots of discussion back and forth regarding where Lobby and Systems belong, Operations or Logistics? Mike Colgan suggested holding off on publishing the OSD and move forward with writing the individual position descriptions. Pay special attention to the areas in question, Systems, Lobby etc. See if after specifically defining/creating these positions, then the overall High Rise organization actually fits (form follows function). Mike Colgan suggested move forward with development to see how the development of individual position descriptions might drive the overall organization. Mike Colgan also suggested that North Operations provide a person(s) to help with this development so that all points of view are represented.

US&R vs TECHNICAL RESCUE

A one page handout developed and passed out by Jon Olney and Rich McKinney. The handout outline was very clear that US&R is part of overall rescue, not that overall rescue is part of US&R. Bob Neamy suggests clarifying the difference of wildland SAR and Urban SAR.

The decision was made to adopt Alternate #1 on the issue/problem paper "Quote the alternate.

LAW vs FIRE SAR

Neil Honeycutt spoke on this issue. Law vs fire SAR. Issue involves who is responsible? Two recent issues, one in Mammoth Lakes and one in San Luis Obispo County. OES is sponsoring a meeting next week (maybe only the first) between LAW and FIRE to try to find a resolution. Brian Kelly says San Mateo County has also experienced recent problems.

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FIREFIGHTER ACCOUNTABILITY

Mike Dougherty raised the issue, that was raised at the BOD meeting, dealing with Firefighter Accountability. Should there be a statewide system or standard? Some use different systems, perhaps some use none. Maybe that answer is to write an outline with some base organizational or content framework.

The decision was to do nothing.

CALABASAS REPORT

Mike Dougherty passed out the original letter from Chief Freeman to the BOD on the Calabasas Fire, and also a separate handout with a proposed recommendation for reach of the 12 recommendations from Chief Freeman.

Proposed FIREScope response #1 approved. #2 approved. #3 approved.

Alice Forbes will send out a copy of the new video on engine company fire burn overs, recently published to each Operations Team member. Rachel Parks will furnish Alice with mailing lists.

Neil Honeycutt indicated that he will include items 3 through 7 in an information bulletin to the California Fire Services. #7 will need some careful wording. There are no approved wildland fire respiratory protection devices at this time. Ed Wristen raised the question of the intelligence of wording in #6, with respect to requiring the use of structure turnouts as stated. The idea of structure turnouts used in wildland scenarios, except when fighting structure fires is in question. The wording needs to be reworked.

Mike Dougherty will share drafts for the Operations Teams review. Neil Honeycutt will included these items in statewide information bulletins, will get drafts to Rachel Parks for distribution in the next three weeks.

#11 no resolution of this issue. Not sure if OES Strike Team Leader training is consistent from region to region. #12 can be updated today.

3 LETTER IDENTIFIERS

George Ewan spoke on the 3 Letter Identifier System which is administered by OES Fire.

All agreed the system needs to be updated to recognize or identify who may acquire an identifier, base requirements, fire and rescue only, private vendors, EMS, Hazmat, law enforcement. Project given to Task Force.

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FIREFIGHTER IN TROUBLE ALERT MESSAGE

Bob Neamy spoke on this issue. Is the word "mayday" appropriate? LFD uses "Red Alert", others use "Firefighter Down" Looking for a unified FIREScope approach, not asking for a decision today. Any comments or thoughts give to George Ewan for sharing.

CAL CHIEFS LETTER

Neil Honeycutt briefed the group about Cal Chiefs letter regarding Federal Fire Policy, Mutual Aid, Reimbursements, etc.

S-430 OPERATIONS CHIEF

Mike Dougherty said the new FIREScope S-430 Operations Chief course is about to be blessed by the STEAC Group/SFM.

TASK FORCE REPORT

George Ewan shared the Task Force Report to the BOD.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Joint Operations Team will be January 28-29, 1999.

Steve Vittum will find a location around SLO.

Notes By:

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