

**FIRESCOPE JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING
BUCKS LAKE
JULY 11-12, 1996**

ATTENDEES:

Mike Dougherty, USFS
Lynn Caldwell, Santa Clara County FPD
Mike Richwine, CDF-SFM
Steve Vittum, Santa Barbara County FD
Dan Lang, CDF
Darrell Higuchi, Los Angeles County FD
Rich Just, CDF
Brian Kelly, Millbrae FD
George Ewan, USFS
Jim Jeffery, OES, Fire & Rescue

Andy Anderson, Quincy FD
Rich McKinney, Sacramento FD
Will Brock, OES, Fire & Rescue
John Buchanan, Woodland FD
Al Wilsey, Ventura County FD
Jim Radley, Orange County FA
Ralph Alworth, CDF
Alice Forbes, USFS
Mike Colgan, Orange County FA
Jon Olney, Kern County FD

Joint Operations Team meeting opened July 11, 1996, at 1000 hours.

Board of Directors Meeting July 10, 1996

Mike Dougherty, Ops Team South Chair, provided an update on the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors meeting on July 10, 1996, at OES Headquarters in Sacramento.

- BOD requested Ops Teams to provide additional work on FIRESCOPE Program Organization and Procedures Guide. BOD will approve Procedures Guide upon completion of additional work.
- BOD requested Ops Teams to develop a Work Plan for next calendar year.
- OES is moving forward to fill vacant positions and currently has numerous new employees.
- BOD announced that Kern County is a full FIRESCOPE member. Chief Dan Clark (KRN) will be on BOD and Kern County will have representatives at all levels of FIRESCOPE.
- OES reported that there has been a request to reactivate the Governor's Mutual Aid Task Force. This will be done in the near future.
- BOD has three vacancies. 25 applicants are currently being reviewed. Selection will be made in the near future.
- Ops Team members need to review Field Operations Guide (FOG) for accurate agency identifiers. Check to see if there needs to be additions or deletions of agencies from FOG.
- FOG will be reprinted and available for mailing by end of 1996.

Cooperative Agreement for Local Government Suppression Assistance

Discussion and handout of Cooperative Agreement for Local Government Suppression Assistance. This is also referenced as the "5 Party Agreement" and the name change is an effort to reduce any confusion with the Master Agreement. The new agreement is effective as of 7/1/96, with "Official" copy being circulated for signature, but will be signed and effective as it is written.

Noteworthy Changes:

- Return to original first 12 hours are free.
- Prior to sending an Assistant Strike Team Leader, approval from Requesting Agency is required.
- Provides defined expectations of training requirements (ie: 310-1).
- Defines Reimbursement Rate Structure for participating agencies/departments.
- Addresses Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment.
- Adds an Appendix for Wildland Engine Standards.

Rockwell International Presentation

Rockwell International was invited to make presentation of new or improved technologies and provide an update on programs that may be applicable to FIRESCOPE Programs.

- MIRPS (Multi-Agency Incident Resource Processing System) is a joint effort between Forest Service, CDF, and Rockwell International. OES has looked at MIRPS and is determining feasibility to use for tracking Mutual Aid resources.

Task Force Report

Ralph Alworth presented an update of Task Force work in progress.

- Provided an in-depth review of work completed on 410-4. Highlighted changes, additions and deletions. Also, noted that Decision Process has now been added and BOD has approved.
- Task Force should provide a Work Plan to the Ops Teams. This plan could consolidate Task Force and Ops Teams projects and be presented to BOD (as previously noted: BOD wants a Work Plan from Ops Teams).
- Projects for Ops Teams and Task Force
 1. Personnel Accountability
 2. Technology Issues
 3. Training Program (review and update)

4. Resource Designators
 - a) Agency 3 Letter Identifiers (Add, delete?)
 - b) Incident Task Force Identifiers (Need change?)
 5. Helicopter Typing Study (Add, include type for Helitankers)
 6. Personnel Accountability (Strength in High Rise)
 7. A request for FIRESCOPE Task Force to be recognized and be active on NWCG Operations Standards Working Team.
- Train the Trainer. Task Force members were involved in the Generic "I" course hand-off.
 - Issue: Some of the students probably should not have been in training due to lack of qualifications.
 - Letter has been issued that retired the I-120 and I-220 courses. Any requests for training materials are being referred to North Ops, NIFC Training (NWCG), or are being reproduced from Document Control at the OCC.
 - CSTI may not be providing adequate training or personnel.
 - Resurface a past issues of needing funds to contract for update position skills training, ie: I-401 needs conversion to meet ICS standards. Also, review all training packages to update course content and remove redundant materials between courses. Funds needed \$30,000. FS (A. Forbes and M. Dougherty will assist with funds and State Fire Marshal will write contract). Goal is to award contract and have funds obligated by 9/1/96.

SEMS Update and Status

- Issue: ICS materials are being used by agencies for training. Many of these agencies do not know or understand ICS. This could cause serious problems in the future.
- Issue: ICS teaches organization, not skills. Many agencies not familiar of this concept might assume that upon completion of training that the individual is qualified. This is not necessarily true.

California Fire Plan

Wayne Mitchell (CDF - Fire Planning) was present to discuss the California Fire Plan. Wayne presented the general concept of the planning effort. The goal is to reduce total government costs and citizen losses from wildland fire. Strategic objectives, plan framework, and applications of the framework was also presented and discussed. General consensus of Ops Teams is that it appears to be a well defined plan with all major cooperators being involved.