

**FIRESCOPE JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING
MINUTES
Buck's Lake
July 14-15, 2005
Minutes**

ATTENDEES:

Dave Phillips	ORC	Jim Lambrechts	SFR
Dan Drake	ORC	Mike LaPlant	VNC
Jack Hickey	DVS	Jim Little	LVF
Ralph Alworth	CDF	Jim Middleton	MPA
Andy Anderson	QUI	Pat O'Bannon	OES
Brad Dabro	CNT	Bob Praytor	OES
Ralph Domanski	USFS	Darrell Ralston	VNC
Mike Dougherty	USFA	Mark Schmitt	SBC
Michael Dyer	LAC	Blaine Shultz	MPA
Tom Hatcher	USFS	Del Walters	CDF
Brian Kelly	MEO	Greg West	LFD

Thursday – July 14, 2005

WELCOME: Darrell Ralston.

LOGISTICS:

- Andy Anderson went over the Logistics for the meeting and events.

REVIEW OF BOD MEETING:

- Darrell Ralston outlined the plan for the agenda discussion. The Friday meeting starts at 0800. Bob Praytor provided the Operations Team voting and mailing list to check for accuracy. Darrell recapped the BoD discussion for the meeting on July 13, 2005.

NWCG Update:

- Ralph Alworth passed out copies of the NWCG "Glossary of Terms". He advised that future changes could be initiated on line.
➡ **Action Item:** Task Force to review glossary at August meeting and provide input to Ralph.
- Ralph passed out an e-mail from Del Walters concerning the terms "Agency Administrator", "Agency Executive", and "Line Officer" for discussion. The group recommended to retire the term "Agency Executive" and have Ralph take that back to NWCG for updating the glossary. There was discussion regarding the use of "Mayday" in the glossary. The group recommended removing "Mayday" from the glossary and replacing it with "Emergency Traffic"

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- Ralph passed out draft copies of PMS-310-1 (Wildland Fire Qualifications System Guide), and he discussed some of the changes included in the new document. He pointed out that the document is NIMS compliant. Ralph recommended that future versions of documents such as the FOG have a statement assuring NIMS compliance.
 - ➡ Task Force to ensure new FOG contains NIMS compliance statement.
- The group had discussion regarding the placement of the “Intelligence Officer” into the ICS hierarchy.
- Ralph passed out and discussed the changes to “Wildland Fire Safety Training” annual refresher. The summary of changes to 310-1 can be found on pages 5-6. The list of positions in PMS-310-1 can be found on pages 14-16.
- Ralph discussed the IMT-3. Mike Dougherty pointed out that there was to be discussion on that subject at the NFA the week of July 18, 2005. Ralph passed out the document from NIFC on the IMT size. Ralph suggested that the Task Force look at this during their August 2005 meeting.
- Ralph passed out a draft task book for “Structure Protection Specialist” (STPS). Ralph pointed out that NFPA 1501 has a standard for STPS. This should be looked at during the August 2005 Task Force meeting.
 - ➡ Task Force to provide feedback on draft Task Book for Structure Protection Specialist (STPS)
- Ralph passed out a draft task book for “Fireline EMT” (FEMT) written by NWCG Safety and Health Working Team (SHWT). Ralph would like opinions on this document emailed to him prior to the Sept. 1, 2005.
 - ➡ Ops team to review draft task book for Fireline EMT (FEMT) and email Ralph Alworth.
Placed on agenda for August 2005 Task Force meeting.
- Ralph brought up the use of “U” designator for the CDF Contract County Agencies. He advised that this was put in place to more easily identify resources ordered for the “state mission” and therefore assure payment to the agencies providing the requested resources.
- Ralph is expecting to retire at end of 2006.
 - ➡ Need replacement for Ralph as NWCG representation for FIRESCOPE.

TASK FORCE REPORT:

- Mike LaPlant went over the Task Force report that was given to the BoD. Pat O’Bannon passed out copies of 410-1 (MACS Procedure Guide) for review. Pat pointed out that the new 429 form (Incident Priority Rating Matrix) is in the guide.
 - ➡ Ops Team to review draft 410-1 and email comments to Pat before September 15, 2005.

MACS REP:

- Mike LaPlant discussed the South exercise and the North orientation. Task Force feels this is a good training program

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OPERATIONS TEAM WORK PLAN

- Darrell Ralston discussed the mission of the Operations Team as defined in 410-4. The suggestion was made to have the Task Force be the custodian of the “work plan” and have input directed to them from the BoD and Operations Team.

REVIEW OF FIRESCOPE STRATEGIC PLAN

- Darrell Ralston recommended having the Operations Team review Strategic Plan and ensure we are meeting the intent. In order to provide more continuity, efficiency and meet the intent of 410-4, Ops Team will meet following each BoD meeting. This would begin in October of 2005. That would mean there would be a one-day meeting in October 2005, April 2006 and October 2006. Two-day meetings are January and July. See meeting schedule on last page.

OES/CICCS UPDATE

- Bob Praytor discussed the ICS qualifications “grandfathering”. He also discussed the procurement of 150 fire engines as outlined in the Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC). Currently there are 15 type 3’s and 4 type 1’s ordered. Bob also discussed the California Fire Resource Inventory System (CFRIS). E-mails, and letters went to each organization on how to access the system. Questions can be directed to Bob Praytor. Bob also advised that there is a Region 4 Asst. Chief opening.

OES ENGINE DEPLOYMENT

- Brian Kelly reported on the unwillingness of certain fire departments to participate in Mutual Aid/OES resource request. He advised that in some cases Local Government Resources are being ordered prior to all OES resources being deployed.

DOUBLE SHIFTING ENGINES

- Darrell Ralston opened discussion on “double shifting” Engine Companies. He passed out a position paper written by Bill Dean of ORC on the issue.
➡ Darrell and Bill will draft an opinion to forward to the BoD.

NIMS IS700 COMPLIANCY

- Mark Schmitt felt that the BoD addressed the NIMS question satisfactorily. Essentially, this course is required by NIMS and everyone should complete it. It is available at NIMSONline.com

CAL-CHIEFS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

- Jack Hickey advised that the by-laws of the Cal-Chiefs Operations section are out for review. The question was asked as to having a member of FIRESCOPE be a representative on this group. Jack will take it back to Cal-Chiefs to find out.

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STRUCTURE PROTECTION DEFINITION

- Brian Kelly read from Chief Ropers letter to the BoD regarding the Structure Protection issue. Significant dialog was held on the mutual aid issue and how it relates to structure protection. The BoD has retained this issue and will be working on the Structure Protection issue definition.
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Friday – July 15, 2005

3 LETTER DESIGNATOR

- Pat O'Bannon discussed the criteria for an applicant to receive a 3 letter designator. Pat proposed that the applicant provide a signed letter from the Operational Area Coordinator or the County Fire Chief Association in the future in order to receive an identifier. There was no opposition to this recommendation.

DEMOB GUIDELINES

- Discussion was held on the speed of the demob process in the 2003 Fire Siege, and some of the reasons for delays. A suggestion was made to have the Task Force finalize their recommendation to the Ops Team who will send a letter to the BoD finalizing this issue. The Task Force will agendize for discussion at its August 2005 meeting.
 - ▶ Task Force to finalize their recommendation to Ops Team. Ops Team to write letter to BoD.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Brian Kelly asked if FIRESCOPE should address the findings of the Cedar Fire Investigation Report? The Ops Team feels no further action is required.

WILDLAND TASK FORCE

- Tom Hatcher discussed the Wildland Task Force configuration. He passed out a document with 4 configurations that the Feds will be trying this year. Mike LaPlant reminded the group that FIRESCOPE allows for the "free formation" of Task Forces in any configuration for any purpose at the discretion of the IC.

FOG UPDATES

- Logo – recommended to remove references to California since FOG is used nationwide.
 - ▶ Task Force to submit a recommendation to Ops Team. Ops Team to advise BoD.
 - ▶ Task Force to review typing for Air Units and Lighting Units for next edition.

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Future Meeting Schedule:

October 12, 2005	BoD	OES HQ
October 13, 2005	Ops Team	McClelland (USFS)
January 11, 2005	BoD	
January 26-27, 2006	Ops Team	Pismo
April 12, 2006	BoD	
April 13, 2006	Ops Team	
July 12, 2006	BoD	OES HQ
July 13-14, 2006	Ops Team	