

**Minutes - Joint Operations Team Meeting
North - South
Timberlake Lodge, Bucks Lake; July 14/15, 1994**

The meeting was opened by Mike Scherr and Andy Anderson, Chairs of South and North Operations Team respectively.

Presentation by Rockwell International

Warren Douglas, with the assistance of two others made a hi-tech presentation on how one can track and monitor resources. Basically a "souped up" Computer aided Dispatch system.

Statewide MACS Concept - Ray Quintanar

Ray presented a proposal to the two teams that the North Operations Team become the "MAC" group for the North similar to the role of the South Operations Team. He discussed the CALMAC operations in Sacramento. There is a concern about how priorities are set throughout the state. He raised the issue of drawdown in October, 1993 and how Northern folks were sending resources to Southern California and the potential for problems if priorities are not set appropriately. His proposal was that Mike Scherr come to a meeting of the North Operations Team and make a presentation on MACS and how it functions in Southern California. Ray also suggested that maybe the make up of the North MAC would be different than the Ops Team.

Sid Nobles input was that the North is different from the South in that all the members of the South MACS are FIREScope partners and have contiguous boundaries. There is a common bond and lots of resources to be shared.

Sid proposed that we devise a group to use a telecon and encourage all fire departments to participate.

The North Operations team agreed to try it.

Mike Scherr raised the issue of who the group represents...what criteria will be used? Will it be open only to N Ops team members? Mac can provide a decision making process but it needs to be well thought out in advance as to who represents what within the system.

A meeting was set for August 2, 1994 at the State Fire Marshal's Office in Sacramento for the North Operations Team to meet with Mike Scherr and Mike Dougherty to discuss the implementation of a MAC operations in Northern California.

It was determined that CALMAC was a whole other issue and not within the purview of this group.

Agency Round Table Discussion:

John Buchanan: Re-thinking their organizational structure.

Ray Russell/Jim Wait: I220 course given to all employees. Maintaining stability and command structure since Dave Walizer retired. Jim is doing Admin/Training; Joan Jennings - Tech Services. Held their own in budget rounds, but took the 5% budget cut that all of them did

- They have been working for a year to try and maintain the facility at Treasure Island. There is a 2.2 acre firefighter training facility with 4 tower simulators. They are in the process of forming a Joint Powers

Agreement with Oakland FD, San Francisco FD, State Fire Marshal's Office, California Maritime Academy, Military Sea Lift Command, et al. The phase out for the Navy starts on October 1, 1995 ending in September, 1997.

- Regional Training Centers: The concept was developed last August. if it is viable they will float a \$500 million bond to build 10 regional training centers. These centers would be for fire as well as law enforcement and other training.
- working with the National Joint Apprenticeship Program to train volunteers using F Step funds.

Maribeth Gustafson: Looking to have the normal resources for 94. Extreme fire behavior we are experiencing so folks need to be extra cautious.

- Type I helicopters are resources we ought to look into having around. It appears that this year CWN aircraft are going to be more expensive and may take longer to acquire.
- CI 215/415 don't function well in California.
- Two new folks on the S Ops staff: Gary Glottely, Training Officer and Mary Beth

Gene Starks: Reorganization for CDF is progressing. They are closing the Santa Rosa and Fresno Command Centers and all fire operations will be done out of Redding and Riverside.

- working on an electronic resource tracking system
- Santa Rosa was the OES Region II Command Center and this is now handled out of Sonoma RU.

(Mike: Please review below. I know there is some confusion as to who did what to whom! I am not sure how it should go so I just typed my notes and you can adjust as necessary - or have Rachel do it!!!! Thanks-A)

Carl Durtche: Santa Barbara is much the same resource wise. Jim Thomas is running for office unopposed. Herb McElwee is Regional OES Coordinator.

- Looking to purchase 3 Type III with 4 x 4 capability
- Curtis Fenson retired.
- safety cabs on dozers - the filters are not working properly.
- hired eight firefighters - there will be a real "brain drain" over the next year or so
- Dave Bianchi will be getting off the Task Force and be replaced by Marshall Goddard.

Al Wilsey: Looking for a new Fire Chief...5th within 8 years!

- A Citizen's Advisory group has been established which will develop a strategic plan as well as ways in which to implement it.
- Paramedic program is on a 2 year hold. Doing an RFP - bids due 7/1/95 should be financially lucrative.

Stan Lake: Gene reported in most of the interesting items with the reorganization. They are getting a new phone system and moving offices around trying to become more operational. Also working on a computer connect for the DG/PC.

- They are working on a plan which will help them gear up for expanding the dispatch operation more efficiently and effectively.

Ken Miller: With Candace Gregory assuming a new position, he now has a vacancy in his shop.

Jim Cavellini: Nothing to add.

Mike Colgan: Orange County added two - San Clemente and Buena Park.

- Added a Type II helicopter contract.

Paul Beckstrom: RO II Coordinator Neal Honeycutt, retired Oakland Fire Dept started on Mon as Acting Chief, Fire/Rescue.

- working on new engine types, similar to the CDF 18 engines with Class A Foam and USAR equipment.
- conversion of OES low band/high band. State telecomm says its done so no more two radios in fire engines et al.
- exploring the concept of local government folks to augment the OES folks in the field (RO IV is proposing this).

Andy Anderson: Have a local Strike team in the County and trying to form one more.

Task Force Report/IMS Consortium:

Mike Dougherty handed out his report.

'93 After Action Report:

Paul Beckstrom reported that this should be out in the next two to three weeks. The Executive Summary was handed out. Ray Quintanar has some specific tasks as they relate to the After Action Report. His group will then make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

FIRESCOPE Board of Directors Meeting

Paul Beckstrom reported on the Board meeting.

USAR Update: All 8 USAR task forces were activated for the Northridge earthquake. San Francisco and Kern County have made requests to have teams. Three teams have been added and now there are 28 USAR teams available nationally.

- CTSI - moving ahead with reconstruction on 22 acres of land at Cal Poly.
- NFPA 1600 - Disaster Preparedness: disciplines beyond the fire services - it has not been voted on as yet and remains a proposed standard. It does identify ICS within the document for disaster response.
- Coop Agreement is in final draft. The two hour free period remained. Changes to costs: \$602 to \$611 per person and \$769 to \$779 for Strike Team Ldr. Draft was handed out. Other changes which should be looked at:
- FEMA: Whether FEMA will pay 24 hours for an engine was held over for a decision until next year.
- Reimbursement of water tenders will be as we have done in the past engine plus two personnel
- 4 person vs 3 on a Type III engine: Only reimbursement will be for three unless an incident agrees to pay for the fourth person.

ICS Forms:

Mike handed these out and if anyone has questions or concerns should send them to Mike.

Urban Forestry Conference:

John Bryant gave a report on this conference and the fact that they are seeking CDF as well as FS

sponsorship. Aimed at County Planners, Administrators, Building Depts. et al

NWCG/FIRESCOPE Modifications to the FOG:

Mike Scherr reviewed the NWCG/FIRESCOPE modifications to the Field Operations Guide (FOG). LA County has taken the lead on establishment of the Responder Rehabilitation Manager position under the Medical Unit. Appropriate title is "Field Operations Guide - Fire Service". The latest publication date is January, 1995 for reprint of the FOG.

SEMS Regulation Training Group

Mike Colgan gave out the handouts for this group he is serving on representing us. The membership as well as the objectives seem to keep changing.

- Requires us to coordinate/communicate with EOCs at whatever level we are working.
- Current regulations do not include MACS as we know it in the Fire Service. -Article 7 is basically what we do now. If you are using ICS that will meet the law.
- Fire Services and Law Enforcement are in pretty good shape insofar as the law is concerned.
- A sub-committee has been established on Compliance, Regulations and Guidance. Terry Haney has been hired to help write the guidance.
- There will be five levels of response: Field Response; Local Government EOC; Operations Area EOC (County); Regional EOC (6 OES Regions); and State EOC (Sacramento).
- Added two modules to the National ICS: Mutual Aid and EOC-ICS interface.
- Maintenance System: Board composition has been agreed to for 18 months. Our process has been accepted pretty well. Director of OES appoints the Board.
- Didn't like Planning Section Chief
- Minimal impact on the fire services in general.
- SEMS Advisory/Policing Board: Still up and down and no one knows how they are going to enforce the regulations.

FEMA Meetings

Mike Scherr handed out notes from various meetings.

Need to interface with FEMA, Rockwell, et al.

Swarskop (sp?) was going to visit in SZ.

- GAO audit: Daniel Jacobson, Seattle was preparing a brief for the California delegation on aircraft issues.
- Discussion ensued of whose in charge at OCC? no one person unless there are specific jurisdictional responsibilities.
- Acting Inspector General of FEMA Mike ?? and Ray O'dell and Swarskop - no one knew the other was coming.
- It is critical that folks communicate and speak with one voice.

Training

Mike Colgan and Mike Scherr presented. There was some question about the field response level and who developed this? Trying to avoid getting the Fire Services locked into "sole source" role for training. Folks will continue to come to the Fire Services for training.

Kern County - MACS membership request

Board has already approved the request from Kern County to become a member of the Southern California MACS group. Ops Teams concur.

This lead to a discussion of how everyone ties together.

Research and Applied Technology

Hand out

There are some many contractors out there trying to develop a product for us that rather than have each agency respond to a contractor, the Board set-up this interagency group to look at proposals.

The format shown is what is normally used to set up a specialist group in the FIREScope process.

Discussion ensued of II-D specifically. Mike Scherr and the rest of the group will need to "fluff out" the rest of the document. It is a good start but the focus needs to be narrowed. There is a lot of interest from the Aerospace and military contractors to do technology transfer where possible.

Ray Quintanar is to head a separate group to look at all the After Action reports - Oakland Hills, '93 Fires and the FIREScope five year plan and develop criteria and proposals. Membership will include" Orange, Ventura, LA counties; CDF as well as Mike Scherr and Mike Dougherty.

Mike Scherr commented that some agencies are moving in and grabbing only a piece of the technology which will meet their mission and not the mission of the whole. Need to look at all this as the "Big Picture". Need to look at the broader applications (SEMS)

Warren Douglas made the following observations:

Why haven't we automated" Why didn't it work? Because we didn't know what was available? or what to ask for? Fire Management is going to be taken over by emergency management and this issue needs to be addressed.

Focus on the issues which are not resolved (Re; 5 yr plan). Applications have been around the last 20 years but there has been no funding to implement. Warren stated that under the FAR (Federal Acquisition Regulations) 1550A you can interact with "concept proposers".

Comments need to be back to Mike Scherr by August 15,1994 on the proposed RATT draft.

Coast Guard Training Document

Mike Scherr and Mike Colgan presented the information below.

US Coast Guard Training Course: Two sessions held: New Mexico and New Jersey. Cmd Spitzer dealt with Boise and was referred to Mike Scherr. The training was successful but there is no specific direction to use it. The 11th Coast Guard will use ICS by letter of direction. In September there will be another course in So. Carolina.

Information Item:

We have been notified that 17 modules are ready to be handed off in Oct and Nov. Hand offs will be on East and West coasts but probably not California. Five Master Instructors will be identified by the Board of Directors for the training. A representative of the SEMS program will also go.

A discussion of course levels ensued. These are modules and we must learn how to best utilize them in training. I-220 became I-100 in NWCG process. I-200 (modules 2-6) replaces I-220. We can use our own courses if we desire it. We may not want to throw out our I-120/220 modules specific to fire service responses.

NWCG revamped the entire training curriculum. They will be re-working some I courses into S courses but the total process won't occur for several years...the packages are projected to be completed in the year 2000. In September there will be another course in So. Carolina.

**NEXT JOINT MEETING
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