

FIRESCOPE
OPERATIONS TEAMS, NORTH AND SOUTH
JOINT MEETING

JULY 19-20, 1990

OPENING REMARKS

Andy Anderson welcomed the members of Firescope Operations Team North and South to the meeting at the Quincy Fire Department. Stan Lake opened the meeting at 1:20 on July 19. The following were in attendance:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Rich Aronson	OES
Mike Scherr	OES
Jim Radley	Orange County Fire
Bill Zeason	L. A. County Fire
Jack Hickey	San Francisco Fire
Andy Anderson	Quincy Fire
Merrill McMurray	Sacramento County Fire
Dick Wilson	Ventura County Fire
Peter O'Brien	Redwood City Fire
Bob Browning	CDF - Riverside
Jim Jeffrey	OES - FIRESCOPE Task Force Chairman
Will Brock	OES
Donald Perry	Santa Barbara County Fire
John Bryant	U. S. Forest Service
Jim Pennington	Rocklin Fire
Stan Lake	CDF
Carol Lesly	CDF
Bud Armstrong	Fresno City Fire
Greg Wayne	CDF - Retired
Dick Barrows	OES - Retired Guest
Larry Whelan	Ventura County Fire - Task Force Guest
Orphie Pierson, Jr.	Quincy Fire - Guest

REPORT ON JULY 11, 1990 BOARD MEETING

Rich Aronson reported the Fire and Rescue Service Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE Board of Directors met on July 11. Copies of the agenda, attachments and minutes from the Board meeting are attached.

Discussions at that meeting included earthquake related bills and the budget outlook.

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The cooperative agreement will be signed by all parties soon. The Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service have been added to the cooperative agreement. There is very little language change in the agreement. Also discussed were OES Region 1 fires and the need for better communication (FAX and cellular phones). NFPA Standard 1561 was adopted.

TASK FORCE REPORT

Jim Jeffrey gave the Task Force Report. The Task Force was asked to make a glossary of common terminology. Radio use guidelines are being updated. Jim read a letter written by the Task Force voicing their concerns about the National Weather Service cutting down on their services (letter attached).

IT WAS MOVED BY BILL ZEASON AND SECONDED BY DON PERRY THAT THE OPERATIONS TEAM DRAFT A LETTER FOR BOARD SIGNATURE TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE VOICING THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE WEATHER SERVICE'S CUTTING DOWN ON SERVICE. THE MOTION PASSED WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

USAR SPECIALIST GROUP(S)

Mike Scherr talked about the USAR Specialist Group. Although it is hard to bring together, both groups have met. The Task Force liaison is Mike Dougherty. The north group was attended by 16 of the 19 members, and the south group by 14 of the 16 members. These groups elected a chair and vice chair. They are setting up deadlines, and will be developing a charter. The next south meeting will be July 24.

Don Perry gave an excellent presentation on the Santa Barbara (Paint) fire, and showing slides and videos.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 for the day.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

Stan recalled the meeting to order on July 20 at 9:30, and introduced Les Johnson who is representing the State Fire Marshall's office on both teams.

FIRESCOPE DECISION PROCESS

Bill Zeason went over the redraft of MACs 410-4. The differences between board members and operation team members were discussed. It is suggested that the Board annually review the Ops Teams members to ensure representation statewide. Jim Jeffrey went over some minor changes that needed to be made to the document. Bill Zeason will clean up the draft and send it to members.

FIREGROUND COMMAND/ICS

The next topic of discussion was Fire Ground Command/ICS. Bill Zeason reported on the Phoenix meeting. FEMA and NFBA were there. FEMA still has a problem with ICS. Brunicini was cooperative and willing to make changes in his book to fit ICS. Sectors will remain in the book, but should be equivalent to ICS divisions/groups. The organization chart will look like an ICS organizational chart. FEMA is paying close attention to what is going on. Brunicini will make foot note additions to clarify differences in terminology (e.g. tanker to water tender), and will add a chapter on unified command.

The group discussed recommendations. We need to come up with recommendations for the October meeting. The teams need to meet to discuss.

FIRESCOPE FIVE-YEAR PLAN

The five-year plan is still a valid document. The requirement of a written report on FIRESCOPE was discussed in light of the departure of Senator Campbell. There is no legislator to chair the joint committee on fire. Bud Armstrong talked about possible candidates for the committee, and a possible role for CalChiefs. Bud will coordinate with John Bryant.

A position paper needs to be written and submitted to the advisory committee to recommend to the director to the start BCP process. Mike Scherr will write the position paper and have it ready for the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rich Aronson said OES is encouraging people to get their own wildland protective equipment and clothing. The USFS will provide coordination. After the Forest Service is prepared for distribution, OES will do a mass mailing.

NEXT MEETINGS

Joint Meeting - September 21, 0830, Santa Barbara
Operations Team South - July 27, 0900, Camp 2
Operations Team North - July 30, 0930, OES Headquarters

There being no further business, Stan adjourned the meeting at
11:30.