

OPERATIONS TEAM NOTES
C.D.F. R.O. VI
June 25-26, 1979

Attendance

C.D.F.

M. Schori
M. Harris

L.A. County

R. King
G. Vickery

L.A. City

F. Borden

O.E.S.

R. Barrows
M. Scherr

U.S.F.S.

R. Irwin
C. Mills
J. Cook
A. Masoner

U.S.F.S. Research

E. Anderson
C. Philpot

Ventura County

G. Lund

S.D.C.

T. Haney

1. Program Office Update

- A. Grants - We have finally received authority to process grants direct from U.S.F.S. to the partner agencies. The amount for each agency is \$12,850.00. Forms were given to each agency represented and a due date of September 1, 1979 was established for returning to the Program for processing.
- B. Memorandum of Understanding for Radio Frequency Use - This document was reviewed and with minor changes approved. The Program Office will revise it and proceed to obtain the signature of each agency.
- C. Computers - Approval has been received to purchase the FIRE-SCOPE minicomputer. The Program Office is working with R.O. Administrative Services to purchase the hardware. Jerry Cook is heading up this complicated task.
- D. Computer Services--Software - The Program Office is finalizing a contract to provide three "computer specialists" to work on the software components of FIRESCOPE ADP System. This contract will be for approximately 1 year and will cost \$75,000.

2. Task Force Report--Chairman Vickery

- A. I.C.S. Implementation Document - The Task Force has developed two documents for this task. One document is very general and applicable to all audiences. The other document is detailed and will be very useful for internal use of fire services.
- B. Forms and Supplies for I.C.S. - There is not a clearly defined system for partner agencies to obtain special forms for I.C.S. needs. This is the same problem we faced last year. This problem needs to be solved, it is hurting the implementation of I.C.S.

Dick Barrows agreed to talk with his fiscal people to attempt to set up some type of a "revolving fund" to "sell" needed special forms and materials.

- C. MACS Functions - The Task Force is working on MACS functions. It is clear that the Task Force needs decisions and direction in this area before they proceed any further. This area will be discussed later in this meeting.
 - D. Mapping Group - Making good progress, Renslow is working on a joint agreement with U.S. Geological Survey to complete ortho-photo mapping of entire FIRESCOPE area. They are also working on a common grid system.
 - E. Communications Group - Working on a frequency search and making some good progress in this area. Radios that were identified in FY 79 budget are being ordered. This group is working through the volumes of information and identifying areas needing decision and direction.
 - F. Training Group - Excellent interagency work in this group. This group is on its way to providing a badly needed service.
3. Chief King--L.A. County - Announced that Chief Vickery will be assigned to Operations Division at a field battalion effective July 1. Chief Vickery will continue to fulfill his duties for FIRESCOPE.
4. Executive Summary of Economic Analysis - Second draft handed out for comments. Comments are due by July 6, 1979. This final package will be presented to the B.O.D. on July 31, 1979.

5. An Integrated Approach to Fire Management in Southern California - A final draft was handed out for review. Comments to be provided to Program Office by July 6, 1979.
6. Planning Charts - Current format on the decisions the B.O.D. need to make was reviewed. The charts are acceptable, but the group feels that more explanatory material is still required. The Program Office (via Terry Haney) will prepare a short paragraph and example questions for each decision required.
7. Decision Process - Another discussion on the decision process took place. It was finally agreed that the Task Force and Operations Team would review future budgets and contingency plans more thoroughly. Also, the Task Force was invited to have a member present at Program Office staff meetings (most Mondays).
8. I.C.S. Guidelines - As noted above, these were presented, reviewed, and generally accepted.

Emphasis was placed on the elimination of what have been "Test Incidents." Since the I.C.S. is now adopted, no more "tests" are necessary. However, the evaluation of incidents, using multiagency teams, is encouraged.

Strike Team designators need to be integrated with OES north-state system, or else the OES system needs modification to match the I.C.S. The latter possibility is remote at this time.

9. MACS - The Task Force is currently blocked from making progress on the MACS design. There are a number of important "sideboards" or guidelines that the B.O.D. must provide before effective work can continue.

The Task Force and Operations Team agreed on three fundamental issues that must be resolved by the Board:

- A. Coordination level/degree.
- B. Reciprocity needs.
- C. Qualifications level.

The Task Force will basically define each issue with an explanatory paragraph and specific questions for Board answers. Irwin will carry these to Board members, and the Board meeting agenda will emphasize obtaining answers.

The Operations Team and Task Force members present felt that they should be in close availability to their Board member during the B.O.D. meeting. Irwin will recommend this arrangement to the Board.

10. Next Meeting - The next Operations Team meeting will be held at Systems Development Corporation in Santa Monica. Meeting will be on August 9 and 10.