

## OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING

### LAC COUNTY CAMP #2

MARCH 2, 1989

#### In Attendance:

M. Scherr (OES)  
J. Radley (ORC)  
B. Browning (CDF)  
R. Hafenfeld, (BLM)  
B. Neamy, (LFD)

D. Wilson (VNC)  
F. Borden (LFD)  
R. Russell (SFM)  
D. Stauber(USFS)  
J. Jeffery, (OES), T/F Chairman

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Zeason and Scherr will finalize.

III. Multi Casualty Branch ICS.

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VII. MACS 404, Agency Assessment Briefing Form

Briefly discussed. Written comments collected. Ultimately this will be a program on FIMS.

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IX. Task Force Report - Jim Jeffery

A. Hazardous Materials ICS

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#### C. Field Operations Guide

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#### D. Lesson Plan for Agency Representatives

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