

MINUTES

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA "CALFIRMS" OPS TEAM COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 20, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Will Brock, Assistant Chief, OES Fire Division
Stan Lake, State Forest Ranger III, CDF, Sacramento
Dale Geldert, Chief, Merced County Fire Department, Chairman
Merrill McMurray, Deputy Chief, OES Reg. IV
Ken Blonski, U.S. Forest Service
Pete O'Brien, Chief, Redwood City Fire Department
Andy Anderson, Chief, Quincy Fire Department
Jim Pennington, Chief, Rocklin Fire Department
Ed Phipps, Chief, San Francisco Fire Department
Kenton Clark, Assistant Regional Forester, San Francisco, USFS

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Franklin, Asst. State Fire and Aviation Management Officer
Jack Haslem, Dist. Fire Manager, Aviation and Fire Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Gerber, OES Fire Mapping
Rich Aronson, Assistant Chief, OES Fire & Rescue
Gerald Cullen, Deputy Chief, San Francisco Fire Department
Paul Beckstrom, Training Div., State Fire Marshal
Jim Radley, Assistant Chief, Orange Co. Fire Department
Cathy Scofield, Cleveland NF, San Diego
Steve Gallegos, Fire Mgr. Officer, Cleveland NF, San Diego
Dave Nelson, Fire Mgr. Officer, Tahoe NF
Bill Fairfield, Retired Chief, Dixon Fire Department
Steve Cavallero, Captain, Redwood City Fire Department

Meeting was called to order at 0945 by Chairman Dale Geldert.

OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Geldert welcomed all committee members and other representatives. He also pointed out the future meeting dates. Kenton Clark introduced Ken Blonski as the person who will be replacing him on the committee. Chief Will Brock introduced Chief Ed Phipps, San Francisco Fire Department, who will fill the vacancy created by Chief Neville.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Chief Brock, seconded by Chief Pennington, to accept the minutes of the January 15, 1987 meeting.

I.C.S. COMPLEXITY

Ken Blonski introduced the guest speakers for I.C.S., Steve Gallegos and Cathy Taulie' Scofield. He also gave a brief summary on I.C.S. and how it effects everyone. Steve and Cathy shared some of their experiences in the use of I.C.S. with wildland fires, earthquakes, and flooding. I.C.S. is a sub system of NIMS which is an on scene management system. Steve explained the other sub systems which works with I.C.S.

Cathy spoke on the umbrella of I.C.S. She spoke on the need for I.C.S. after the large fires in Southern California. I.C.S. was developed with a common organizational structure. Cathy discussed the different organizational positions used with the Incident Command System.

Steve talked on the situation he saw in Mexico after the earthquake and how they used I.C.S.. Steve also discussed the training involved with I.C.S.. He mentioned the most difficult component he has found with I.C.S. is unified command. He talked about the two golden rules that will make I.C.S. work, (1) No agency authority will be compromised, (2) One incident action plan will be developed or one set of objectives will be developed for the entire incident. He also discussed certain fires in the past where I.C.S. worked real well. Chief Radley expressed his experiences with I.C.S. in Southern California. I.C.S. training will be available through the State Fire Marshals Office, CDF, and Forest Service.

INCIDENT COMPLEXITY--TYPES

Dave Nelson talked on the Incident Complexity, which is just for wildland fires. He explained the different types of plans that should be used with different types of fires. He discussed the qualification systems. Dave passed out a copy of the Incident Complexity-proposal and asked the committee to review the proposal and let him know their recommendations on the plan. A lengthy discussion followed on the smaller fire departments knowing how the incident command system works, and on the departments accepting I.C.S. complexity.

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE/FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kenton Clark reported on the Advisory Committee meeting held on March 4th. Mr. Clark advised the committee that Mr. Medigovich, Director of OES, agreed to support and further develop the Incident Command System for application throughout California in all-risk emergency management. He reported on the proposed revision of the Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan. He also mentioned that OES, CDF, USFS, agreed to revise their Memorandum Of Understanding.

FIRESCOPE OPS TEAM MEETING

Chief Radley discussed the FIRESCOPE Operations Team meeting. FIRESCOPE was presented with the Exemplary Practices award from FEMA. He mentioned that Harvey Ryland is doing FIRESCOPE Needs Assessment Study. They talked about the National Wildfire Coordinating Council Handbook Revision Questionnaire. Which is a guideline for Incident Operation.

It was suggested that Calfires have Harvey Ryland come and speak at the next meeting.

Chief Radley talked on the Fire and Arson Pointer System program that FIREScope is trying to get established. He hopes that it will be ready this upcoming fire season on the computer.

Chief Radley discussed the problem they were having in the use of the I.C.S. 209 form in the Vegetation Management Burns as to what happens with air quality control in different air basins.

He spoke on the new computer program called CAMEO (Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations). This program is a Hazmat data base and is available and can be put on the Prime computer, which can be accessed for other departments to use.

The Task Force report had three items (1) FIREScope Exemplary Award from exemplary practices is going to have a major news release at the start of fire season to bring the agencies together and get some support, (2) the all-risk NIMS sub-system, I.C.S. (3) Task Force membership made up of the FIREScope partner agencies are committing time and money to the people who are attending meetings, such as I am attending this CALFIRMS meeting.

JOINT MEETING

Chief Geldert has set the next CALFIRMS meeting with the FIREScope Ops Team on May 14-15 in Fresno. It was suggested to hold it at the Holiday Inn Airport. The meeting will start at 1300 hours on the 14th and close at 1400 hours on the 15th.

Chief Radley suggested that Chief John Englund be invited to the next joint meeting. He also suggested that the committee look at the All-Risk as a joint effort on what the two committees were going to do with I.C.S..

Ken Blonski talked about Los Alamitos Island using a version of I.C.S. which is call Response "87". They are working on the inner actions operating with command. He felt that Dr. Andrews, Assistant Director, OES Southern California should come and talk to the committee about the exercise they are doing. (Response 87)

MAPPING AND LOGO

Bob Gerber showed the colored CALFIRMS logo and the black and white letterhead logo. He asked the committee to decide on the logo. He stated that it would be very expensive with the colors in printing. Ken Blonski said he could possibly get the printing done with no problem. Chairman Geldert appointed Chief Ed Phipps to help in the printing with Ken Blonski.

Bob Gerber discussed the Orthophoto mapping program. He talked on the meeting he and Chief O'Brien had with USGS in Menlo Park, concerning the mapping specialist group position paper. He has also been preparing two year report on the Orthophoto Mapping Program. This report will be available to the Chairman of the committee and any other interested parties.

NEWSLETTER

Paul Beckstrom confirmed that CALFIRMS could have space in the State Fire Marshals paper. This paper is printed 2 to 4 times a year. It was also suggested that FIREScope also join with CALFIRMS in this article.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Geldert read two letters he received on the CALFIRMS annual report. One letter from Chief Lowden, Chico Fire Department, had a question on the mediation statement. The other letter from Mr. James MacFadden, Training Coordinator, CDF Academy Ione, had some questions concerning which agencies were going to be responsible for I.C.S. training.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Geldert tabled all committee reports until the joint meeting with the FIREScope Operations Team in May.

MOTOROLA/800 RADIO

Chairman Geldert will try to get a guest speaker to talk about the 800 radio system in the near future.

I.C.S. 209 FORM

Ken Chancellor, Staff Programmer Analyst, of the Office of Emergency Services, prepared a handout on the use of the I.C.S. form 209 and access to the Prime computer. If the committee members have any questions concerning the handout they should contact Ken.

MEETING CANCELED

The meeting of May 21, 1987 is canceled due to the joint meeting with FIREScope in Fresno on May 14 - 15.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for May 14 - 15, 1987 at the OES Region V Headquarters, 2550 Mariposa Street, Room 181, Fresno. Meeting starting time 1200 hours - 1700 hours May 14, with dinner at Yturri 1930 hour. May 15 meeting starting at 0800 hours - 1200 hours.

Suggested places to stay are: Fresno Hilton at 1055 Van Ness Avenue, phone number (209) 485-9000. (Directions: Take Fresno Street off of 99, go to O Street, circle around building to entrance.) The Hilton is two blocks from the meeting place, and is \$41.99 plus tax a night. Another place is the Sixpence Inn of Fresno, at 445 N. Parkway Drive, phone number is (209) 485-5011. The Sixpence Inn is \$22.00 plus tax a night

PLEASE R.S.V.P. CHIEF GELDERT AT (209) 385-7451 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 15:00 hours.

ENCLOSURES