

JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM
MINUTES OF MARCH 22-23, 1988

FIRESCOPE

JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING

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PRESENT:

R.G. Barrows	OES Fire and Rescue Division, (Exec. Coord.)
Claude Creasey	Los Angeles City Fire Department
Jim Radley	Orange County Fire Department
John Bryant	United States Forest Service
Merrill McMurray	Rancho Cordova Fire Department
Andy Anderson	Quincy Fire Department
Will Brock	OES Fire and Rescue Division
Mike Scherr	OES Fire and Rescue Division
Stan Lake	California Department of Forestry
Greg Wayne	California Department of Forestry
Don Perry	Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Dick Wilson	Ventura County Fire Department
Bill Zeason	Los Angeles County Fire Department
Sid Noble	United States Forest Service
Paul Beckstrom	State Fire Marshal
Peter O'Brien	Redwood City Fire Department
Dale Geldert	Merced County Fire Department
Dick Franklin	Bureau of Land Management - Calif. Desert District
Ray Russel	State Fire Marshal

Guests:

Jim Jeffery	OES Fire and Rescue Division
Rick Hafenfeld	Bureau of Land Management-Bakersfield District

- I. Mike Scherr opened the meeting. Self introductions followed.
- II. Scherr reviewed the Agenda and the contents of the packet, and asked for additional Agenda items.
- III. Dick Barrows and Mike Scherr reviewed the OES Fire and Rescue Service Advisory Committee/ FIRESCOPE Board of Directors Meeting of March 3, 1988.

- A. After some discussion regarding the Board's approval of the Five Year FIRESCOPE Expansion and Implementation Plan, Jim Radley moved, Don Perry seconded, unanimously approved that a letter go from the Operations Teams to the Chairman of the Committee/Board recommending that we go forward with the Five Year Plan as written, and that the Operations Teams will coordinate sub-group(s) from all levels of the Decision Process to address concerns and provide background on specific areas of the plan and to elicit support from fire service related organizations and cooperators.

This letter will be hand delivered by Scherr and/or Stan Lake. The concept will be discussed with John Englund, Chairman of the Committee/Board during the second day of this meeting.

Both Operations Teams plus the Task Force Chairman will do the eliciting of support. The Communications Specialist Group will provide the background on communications matters.

During the discussion, Don Perry drafted a resolution supporting the plan for introduction at organization conventions. California Fire Chiefs' Association/Fire Districts Association of California Convention is May 4-8; deadline for resolutions is April 4. Cal Rural Convention is April 27-29.

- B. The new FIRESCOPE California logo on the front of the Five Year Plan was approved by the Committee/Board. The Operations Teams approved letterhead with the new logos on both sides of the address block.
- C. Scherr discussed his letter to John Englund and Englund's letter to the State Fire Marshal regarding participation in the Decision Process and the State Fire Marshal's report that they will be participating.
- D. Scherr reported on the Committee/Board's action establishing a sub-group to be known as the California Wildfire Coordinating Group.
- E. Scherr discussed several bills in the OES Legislative Update from the Committee/Board meeting.
- F. The Task Force's initial proposal for a video proposal was presented at the Committee/Board meeting. Time constraints made this proposal quite brief. Dick Barrows needs more in order to secure \$22-23,000 from the U.S. Fire Administration. Bill Zeason will write a three page grant proposal. Los Angeles County Fire Department, Ventura Fire Department, and California Department of Forestry will each provide a person with video expertise to a "Specialist Group". The Task Force will provide one or two persons to provide Liaison and expertise on the

FIRESCOPE Program. This group will write a storyboard and work with a contractor. Claude Creasey will be the lead.

The objective of the video is: to sell the FIRESCOPE Program and its products (primarily ICS and MACS) to the California fire service. It should be based on Don Perry's "Progress Report", that is, basically what the program was, is, and can be.

Perry will contact Brooks Institute and Scherr will contact UCLA to see if this might be provided by students.

- IV. Bill Zason reported that little has been done with the revision of MACS 410-4, the "FIRESCOPE Decision Process".
- V. Jim Jeffery discussed the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) Program being developed for the OCC. This will provide communication back-up and augmentation for the present systems in the OCC. Many counties have established RACES Programs, however few fire service agencies are part of these programs. If this is to be helpful for the OCC, others must establish programs.
- VI. Mike Scherr discussed the letter about the FIRESCOPE provided computer terminals and the fact that it is not cost effective to repair them and there are no replacements.
- VII. Mike Scherr discussed the letter on Document Control. OES will not supply bulk quantities of most documents but will supply a good reproducible copy.
- VIII. Information Items - The following were discussed.
 - A. Emergency Preparedness News, 2/22/88, page 27, last paragraph is item about FEMA's budget for training and fire programs.
 - B. Emergency Preparedness News, 3/7/88, page 33, first item discusses the nation's next catastrophic earthquake.
 - C. NCEM Bulletin, March 1988, front page, article discusses FEMA Director's top four priorities, one of which is fire programs.
 - D. Article from Popular Science, January 1988, about unmanned high altitude communications platforms.
 - E. State Computer Emergency Data Exchange Program.
 - F. OES/USFS Operating Plan for the OCC - This is a breakdown of the USFS funding.

- G. FIRESAFE Program at Cal Poly-Pomona, 3/24-25, and in Chico in April. these programs are to explain the problems of wildland-urban interface areas to fire service cooperators such as planning, public works, and flood control personnel.
 - H. Two articles from Government Computer News, March 18, 1988, about National Weather Service - John Bryant discussed NWS cutbacks and alternatives. Riverside Fire Weather may be cut out next year; CDF and USFS may fund and relocate them to the OCC.
 - J. Mike Scherr discussed the Vegetation Management Program (VMP) in the FIRESCOPE Computer. This program is helping to coordinate Prescribed Burns with air quality authorities, Department of Defense, F.A.A., and others. In 3-5 years we will be competing for air space in which to put pollutants.
 - K. Scherr discussed the CAMEO Computer Program for Hazardous Materials. It is only in a test mode at this time as it needs some reprogramming. Merrill McMurray is testing it and coordinating testing in Central and Northern California.
 - L. Scherr discussed the Fire Activity Pointer System (FAPS) Computer Program for identifying arson suspects. FAPS compliments a Department of Justice Program; FAPS helps tie a suspect to a fire, then the DOJ Program can assist in locating suspect. CDF is attempting to locate some money to help enhance FAPS. Scherr stated that FAPS and VMP are the most beneficial programs in use at this time.
 - M. The annual MACS Orientation will take place at the OCC on May 9-13 for MACS Representatives and their counterparts. May 23-26 will be for Dispatch Supervisors, etc. Each orientation will last about 3 hours. Letters will be mailed by April 1.
 - N. John Bryant handed out an item about Toxic Fire Shelters still being available. This raised the question: "How does information get disseminated though the fire service?" Some discussion ensued and it was decided that this would be a good agenda item for the second day of the meeting.
- IX. The MACS Procedures Guide (MACS 410-1) is being revised for this year. Page 5 has a requirement for final fire perimeter maps to be submitted. This is no longer necessary. After brief discussion it was agreed by all to eliminate this from the document.

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JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING - DAY 2

MARCH 23, 1988

- I. Reviewed work of 3/22 and established day's agenda.
- II. Claude Creasey presented the Task Force Plan of Work and reported on the status of several projects. The Multi-Casualty Incident Organization document should be ready for distribution in April. It is usable as is but will later be formatted to coincide with standard ICS documents. The next discipline will be Hazardous Materials. The Procurement Unit Leader Lesson Plan received final approval on March 21. The I-120 Self-Paced Introduction to ICS course should be ready for review in May.
- III. The Task Force Plan of Work stimulated the need to prioritize the FIRESCOPE orientation video for the Task Force. It was agreed that the timetable should consist of the following target dates: May 1 - first draft storyboard, May 15-final draft storyboard, August 1-script; contractor permitting, tape-October 1. This is a very high priority for the Task Force.
- IV. The item tabled from the previous day regarding information flow was discussed. John Bryant suggested a bulletin board system in the FIRESCOPE Computer might help. Mike Scherr stated that it would be a relatively simple program, but he was concerned that the information might not get out of dispatch where the computer is accessed. **Bill Zeason moved, John Bryant seconded, unanimously approved that OES establish a bulletin board in the computer system.**
- V. Mike Scherr reviewed the OES/OCC Work Plan and the ADP section workload documents. He will return with the ADP list prioritized.
- VI. John Englund entered to discuss the Five Year Plan. First was a discussion of the previous days motion to move ahead and to establish sub-group(s) as well as the Teams' concerns over deferring budget items for fear they will never get budgeted. The draft resolution was discussed. Englund said he could carry it to most associations. He also said that he would contact the OES Director regarding the resolutions.
- VII. Next Meetings

North - May 18, 0930, OES Sacramento
South - May 25, 0930, LA County Camp 2
Combined - July 14-15, in Quincy, Andy Anderson needs reservations early. Board of Directors and Task Force will be invited.

- VIII. Sid Nobles moved, Greg Wayne seconded, unanimously carried to send a letter to Ed Phipps expressing appreciation for his work with the Operations Team North.
- IX. There was some discussion regarding who is the keeper of the ICS. Is it NWCG? FIRESCOPE? It was agreed that better coordination is needed; to that end it was decided to invite CWCG to the meeting in Quincy.