

FIRESCOPE
OPERATIONS TEAM NORTH

MARCH 22, 1990
SACRAMENTO COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Stan Lake, CDF
Sid Nobles, USFS
Bill Vandevort, OSFM
Will Brock, OES
Andy Anderson, Quincy FD (OES Region 3)
Merrill McMurray, Sacramento County FPD (OES Region 4)

Guests:

Rich Aronson, OES
Paul Beckstrom, OES
Mike Scherr, OES (Ops Team South)
Alice Forbes, USFS
Dan Francis, CDF

The minutes of the meeting of January 5, 1990, were approved.

Rich Aronson reported on the January 10, 1990, meeting of the Fire and Rescue Service Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE Board of Directors. Of particular interest was the attendance of Alan Brunacini, Chief of the Phoenix FD. Brunacini addressed concerns expressed by many over differences in ICS and his Fire Command series. He stated that he would like to see a common system and is will to work with us to that end. A task group will be formed to study how the Fireground Command System can be incorporated with ICS. No further action is contemplated with NFPA 1561. The National Fire Academy will be sending a representative to FIRESCOPE at the Board level. The latest printing of the Field Operations Guide is virtually gone - all 15,000 copies. This issue led to a discussion of differences between California ICS and the ICS of NIIMS. Senate Bill 27 (Campbell) has passed and been chaptered. Rich also reported on a meeting between the directors of OES, CDF and the Fire Marshal. All three pledged to continue their support of the program. However, it will not be easy in light of budgetary constraints.

Mike Scherr gave the Task Force report. Attached as part of these minutes are copies of the handouts that accompanied this report.

There was a discussion of the upcoming FIRESCOPE workshop at the CalChiefs meeting in May. All seems to be set.

The next major topic was the Five-Year Plan. The group feels strongly that we must continue to work towards the ultimate implementation of this plan. The means to accomplish this goal are elusive. At some point, the state agency(s) must move forward through the budget change proposal (BCP) process. It is unknown whether each of the three agencies would submit a separate proposal or just OES with the support of the other two. It was decided that a mini-group would be formed with representatives from both North and South to revisit the Plan and develop some strategies for implementation. The representatives from North Ops will be Sid Nobles, Merrill McMurray and Andy Anderson. It is planned to meet sometime during the week of May 7, 1990, in Quincy. The Executive Coordinator, Rich Aronson, will also attend and chair the meeting. The exact dates will be set as soon as the South Ops representatives are selected. The products of that meeting should include a solid first year plan, a plan for the second year that would have some built in flexibility, an accounting for differences with the original plan (i.e., accomplishments), and an implementation strategy plan.

The documentation for the Decision Process was briefly discussed. There appear to be problems in the way the fire service is actually represented in the FIRESCOPE program and the way it is stated in the document. It is necessary to do further work on this issue. However, because of the early departure of two members, no quorum was present to take any action.

Dan Francis, Administrator of the CDF Academy, made a presentation to the group on his involvement with the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, Training Working Team. A copy of his briefing paper is attached as part of these minutes.

There being no quorum and no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1445 hours.