

OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAMP 2
MAY 15, 1984

In Attendance: R. Barrows, OES R. Praytor, OES, Secretary
 F. Borden, LFD R. Hebrard, CDF
 D. Montague, USFS M. Barrows, USFS, Task Force Chairman
 K. Hammond, VNC M. Scherr, OES, Chairman
 R. King, LAC

Absent: D. Perry, SBC

Guests: M. Edrington, USFS/ANF
 J. McMasters, ORC
 G. Rowley, USFS/ANF
 N. Guevara, NWS

The meeting was called to order by M. Scherr at 1000 hours.

I. Approved minutes from previous meeting.

R. Hebrard noted that the concerns in reference the covers with "Logos" and the letter from Ken Clark regarding Lesson Plan Review was not in the minutes.

Minutes amended to cover the above.

Minutes accepted as amended.

II. Report from State Fire Marshals Office

B. Vandevort reported on the letter written to M. Scherr and the Instructor Registration Form. He explained the criteria for certification of instructors for the ICS Lesson Plans.

He explained that after the initial group of instructors were certified, the process would follow the normal criteria for certification.

The existing Flow Chart of Instructor Qualification for FIREScope Partner Agencies was amended to cover USFS/South Zone and CDF Region 6. An additional category/block will be added to include all other agencies. The initial instructors will be from FIREScope Partner Agencies and certified according to Flow Chart Process. (See attached Revision, Handout #1)

D. Montague moved to have each agency submit a list of names with resumes to the SSM. The SSM is to provide a list of personnel to the SFMO. For CDF outside of the FIREScope Region an additional list to be submitted to Ione and then forwarded to the SFMO.

2nd by R. King. Passed.

R. Hebrard raised the question about the fee for certifying instructors. He would like clarification as to whether or not a fee would be charged for each class an instructor became certified to teach. B. Vandevort is going to check with the Sacramento office for clarification.

III. Red Flag

As requested by F. Borden at the March 26 Operations Team Meeting, representatives from ANF, ORC, and the NWS were invited to attend the meeting for input regarding Red Flag Procedures.

F. Borden requested a definition of Red Flag. N. Guevara from the NWS gave a description of Red Flag Watch and Warning. (See Handout #2) Why, when, and how the NWS calls this condition. After lengthy discussion it was felt that some sort of procedure/conference call should be established for better coordination of Red Flag Warnings by all agencies involved. It was decided to have the Task Force, Weather Specialist Group and the Information Specialist Groups meet to develop a draft proposal of procedures and return to the Operations Team for approval.

IV. National Weather Service, Mobile Unit

N. Guevara explained the letter on the proposed use of the mobile Weather Stations and the recommended alternatives. The NWS feels that they can better serve more incidents and a larger area by operating from the OCC during the periods of high activity. They could communicate with Fire Behavior Specialist at the incident and provide forecast to them.

V. OCC Status for Olympic Period

R. Praytor reported on the plans being made for providing the Olympics Security Coordination Center with a terminal and program by June 8, 1984.

Suggestion was made to have the OCC in a Mode 3 operation for the Olympic period. General opinion was to activate to Mode 3/4 sooner if incidents begin to occur so as to better anticipate and provide services.

VI. Task Force Update

M. Barrows reported that the Task Force is currently working on the METEOR Evaluation package and a rough draft should be available by the next meeting.

VII. USGS MOU

M. Scherr covered the addendum to the USGS/FIRESCOPE Mapping MOU which was sent to D. Swinnerton identifying the person from each agency for the contact point.

VIII. TELENET Usage

R. Praytor covered the letter sent to all terminal locations giving an update on the current charges and how effectively the users are helping to reduce cost.

D. Montague expressed his appreciation of the action taken to effectively manage the usage and cost reduction without jeopardizing the users ability to function on the system.

IX. Hazardous Materials

M. Scherr reported that a meeting has been scheduled for the Hazardous Materials Specialsit Group on June 19, 1984 at LAC Camp 2. The material to be covered will be Charter prepartation and the Plan of Work.

X. Mapping

M. Scherr displayed and explained some of the current Orthophoto Mapping Products available from USGS.

R. Barrows expressed a desire to obtain maps for all venue sites of the Olympics to test the system as to cost, time frame requirements and availability.

M. Scherr also explained the digitizing process and explained that Software packages are available to provide these products.

XI. Lesson Plan Distribution

M. Scherr advised that three Lesson Plans have completed the Review Process, been approved, and forwarded for distribution.

R. Barrows expressed a concern that a more explicit letter be written to the State Fire Marshals Office better explaining that the documents have been finalized and are ready for processing.

M. Barrows covered the enclosed letter from the Task Force Chairman to M. Scherr explaining how the Task Force has recommended to handle the direction of use of Unit Logs (Form ICS 214) in each position. They recommended to leave it in each lesson plan and allow each agency to use at their option.

A motion was made by R. Barrows and 2nd by R. Hebrard to accept the above recommendation. Passed.

XII. USGS Request

M. Scherr covered the letter sent to D. Swinnerton, Chief of Western Mapping Division USFS, requesting assistance from his organization to present the FIREScope Mapping Program to Regions 2, 3, and 4 Coordinators May 18, 1984 at Rancho Cordova.

M. Barrows suggested that a program be developed consisting of a directory for agencies to refer to for obtaining the Mapping Products. (i.e. agencies, contact points, etc.)

XIII. Executive Summary

M. Scherr covered the Executive Summary covering the Task Force Program Report, dated December, 1983. He requested to have the group review the draft and return comments by 5/31 for final preparation before the next meeting.

R. Hebrard expressed a concern that it was not a summary and didn't provide the needed information. The group decided to have an Add Hoc Committee to review and develop and Executive Summary for the Board.

XIV. Meeting adjourned at 1610 hours.

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I. Old Business

Lesson Plan Development

J. McFadden from the CDF Fire Academy at Ione presented an update of the current status of Lesson Plan development.

J. McFadden advised that funds are available to fund personnel travel and per diem for work on Lesson Plan development. Participation has reduced to basically just CDF and USFS working on courses. Ken Clark has picked up the role of the Program Office. However, numerous agencies throughout the country are requesting the information. No matter who they are told to call, the fact is, the only place up to date on Lesson Plans is Ione CDF where they are being developed.

J. McFadden advised in regards to the Lesson Plan covers with logos that there was no intent to be agitating. They were just following direction of the contract and trying to produce a neutral/acceptable cover.

J. McFadden has asked for from the agencies to help put packages together and ensure they are in proper sequence, etc. They desire a person with some writing, instruction, and technical evaluation capabilities.

NWCG has developed some Certs. and Quals. and reviews from the groups have few comments. Most feel there should only be one Strike Team Leader Course. The academy feels there should be three, i.e. Engines, Dozers, and Crews.

J. McFadden said there is going to be three separate courses. K. Clark is working with them on it and they have determined a little more work is needed.

The academy's first concern is to meet Californias needs, then provide a viable product for nationwide use. Review packages, STL, are currently complete enough for agencies to use internally. (Lesson Plan Update, see Handout # 3) D. Montague advised that priorities need to be established on the courses listed to commit the completion.

J. McFadden states that personnel other than those of the Partner Agencies would be welcomed and of value to help complete the course development.

M. Scherr covered the information presented 5/15 with B. Vandevort from the State Fire Marshals Office.

II. New Business

A. Lesson Plan Dissemination via SFMO

R. Barrows suggested that a letter be sent to the SFMO advising them of the courses coming out in the near future, with a list of qualified instructors. Let them know those should be the ones the SFMO should be preparing to process and teach within the next six to nine months, i.e. Strike Team Leader.

III. Meeting adjourned at 1200 hours.

IV. Next Operations Team Meeting July 11 and 12, 1984

1000 hours

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