

OPERATIONS TEAM NOTES
BLM Riverside
May 26 & 27, 1981

Attendance:

Monesmith	King
McElwee	Uribarri
Borden	Sellers
Creasey	Biddison
R. Barrows	Land
Irwin	Phil Favro (1st day)
Cook (2nd day)	Griggs
Renslow (2nd day)	

1st Day

I. BLM, California Desert District:

Barry Freed gave a general BLM orientation. The California BLM desert District extends basically from the Mexican border to Bishop. The area involves approximately 12.5 million acres. Freed reported the BLM is in the process of requesting additional manpower and one helicopter for this fire season. In addition the BLM has some contracts with the CDF for fire protection services. There are 5 area offices and exclusive of fire protection, the work force consist of about 200 people.

The fire activity has increased from about 12 fires in 1977 to 50 fires last year. The majority are lightening caused. All dispatching is done from the Riverside District Office.

II. Previous Meeting Notes:

McElwee moved to approve the notes as written. Second by Land. Unanimous vote. (CDF absent)

III. State Fire Marshal FIREScope Training Representative:

There is a major concern that adequate and proper training be coordinated and provided to fire services other than FIREScope partner agencies. Many organizations are adopting and applying various versions of the ICS. In addition, some of the interested organizations are other than fire services. Requests for training and supporting documents have been extensive.

Phil Favro pointed out they are now heavily involved in the 1st module of hazardous materials training. The 2nd & 3rd modules include organization and therefore should include ICS.

All agreed ICS Orientation training is desperately needed. Training materials such as ICS orientation and General Familiarization slide tapes, Field Operations Guides and various

forms are available. It was agreed the instructor cadre should have some type of basic background knowledge to supplement the training materials. In addition a resident expert is needed to guide the instructor cadre, plan statewide involvement, coordinate document control, etc. The group also agreed the instructors should be certified and the curriculum controlled.

Favro stressed that a specific plan is needed. In addition he committed to provide the following for ICS orientation purposes:

1. One full time resident expert. (budget permitting)
2. Four part time persons to receive accelerated training.
3. Reproduction of slide/tape packages necessary for these people.
4. Reproduction of necessary ICS printed manuals.
5. Including ICS training at Asilomar and other State training facilities as necessary.

It was agreed the 4 SFM representatives, Roger Land (SSM), the FIREScope Task Force, and Terry Haney would collectively provide the resources to develop the statewide training program plan. The plan is to be developed in conjunction with the accelerated training of the 4 SFM Representatives. Following development, the plan is to be submitted to the Decision Process to gain concurrence by the SFM and the partner agencies. The Program Office, SSM and Task Force will serve as key sources for providing the accelerated training to the initial SFM representatives. Irwin will coordinate necessary scheduling with Favro.

The duties of the individuals are not to conduct individual training but provide coordination, assure adequate and proper materials are utilized and taught, etc.

King moved to approve the SFM commitments and the development of the overall plan. Second by R. Barrows. Unanimous vote.

Favro indicated it would help a great deal if items needing funding were identified as soon as possible and prior to July.

IV. 1980 Operations Analysis Recommendations:

The Team reviewed the summary recommendations from the 1980 Operations Analysis and established the following direction:

The Multiagency Coordination System:

Recommendation #1. Increase agency administration awareness of the MACS system -- its purposes, goals, and plans for incremental development.

Action on this recommendation was deferred until later. Agencies

were encouraged to followup on the approved 1981 MACS Procedures by providing a copy of it to their individual units with a cover memo indicating them as agency policy. In addition the Program Office will be sending a copy to agency heads as a reminder.

Recommendation #2. Training should be extended to out-of-region personnel.

The work being planned and coordinated with the State Fire Marshal should help a great deal. In addition the CDF and FS are planning expansion of the ICS into the remainder of the state. The efforts by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group will help on a National basis.

Recommendation #3. Allocate ICS trained personnel more equitably.

This recommendation was disapproved.

Recommendation #4. Agreement needed on a Strike Team Designation system.

Mike Scherr, John Uribarri, and Bob Irwin are to present the present used systems, effects on Restat programs and other ramifications at the June Operations Team Meeting.

Recommendation #5. Effectively link OES R-1 and R-6 Fire and Rescue Coordinators together.

The Team believed they had insufficient input concerning the specific problems that generated this recommendation.

The Task Force is to more clearly define the underlining problems and present their findings at the next meeting.

Recommendation #6. Establish, as necessary, a MACS Radio Communications Coordinator position at the OCC during Modes 3 and 4.

This recommendation is to be implemented for the 1981 season. The Communications Group is to develop recommended procedures and duties for the position and present their findings at the July Operations Team Meeting. The SSM will incorporate procedures and duties into the OCC staffing and control plan.

The above was moved by Biddison -- Second by Sellers. Unanimous vote.

Recommendation #7. Describe the concept of Mobilization Centers.

The Task Force is to provide a definition for Mobilization Centers at the June meeting.

Operations Coordination Center

Recommendation #1. Prepare a document which puts forth some basic agreements on operations between the tenants within the OCC.

Roger Land (SSM) is to present a staffing and control plan for information at the June meeting.

Recommendation #2. Involve FIREScope Task Force more in OCC procedures development.

Task Force review and participation in the development of the OCC "staffing and control plan" should help this situation. Several members believed there may be other concerns at the Task Force level. McElwee agreed to ask the Task Force if there were any and be prepared to present a list with recommended solutions at the next meeting.

Recommendation #3. Raise understanding level of all OCC personnel on the OCC role in MACS.

This recommendation was combined with number 4 below.

Recommendation #4. Exercise OCC Operation.

The SSM will be responsible for coordinating a test exercise of the OCC operations in 1981 following development of the OCC Operational plan.

The Program Office is responsible to assure a seven (7) partner agency full exercise of the OCC is conducted by March 1982.

Recommendation #5. Perform periodic Operations Analysis of the OCC.

Biddison, Barrows, and King all provided viable alternatives. Additional staff work is needed to further develop these alternatives. The issue will be placed on the work list for future action.

Recommendation #6 & #7. Improve internal operating configuration and upgrade the image of the OCC.

Griggs reported work is in progress on this recommendation.

Incident Command System

Recommendation: Increase emphasis on multi-agency simulation exercises.

This is improving on the ground each year. Future training plans are explained in section XI of the notes.

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V. Previous Meeting Action Items:

The current status of the Action Items are shown in the attachment.

VI. Recap May 13, Board of Directors Meeting:

Irwin recapped the events of the Board meeting.

VII. Computer Software Training:

The Computer personnel gave an update on the new Restat and INC 209 programs. They explained how OES equipment will be tracked.

Several indicated their agency resource inventories were incorrect. John Uribarri agreed to contact each team member to verify their inventories.

The new electronic mail system was not available so therefore was not presented.

VIII. Final OCC Facility

Irwin explained Security Corporation of America (SCA) has made a proposal to FEMA to provide FIREScope with a final OCC facility.

In addition San Bernardino County Disaster Services has offered a facility.

Since a number of uncertainties are involved, it was agreed a one hour presentation from each group should be given at the next meeting.

IX. Preseason Letter:

Borden suggested the latest date be added to the Form numbers. A phone number contact point for acquiring LAC's Silent 700 was added.

The section on "terminals for incidents" was rewritten. A revised copy is attached.

X. Mapping Program Status:

Mike Renslow gave an up-date on the mapping program. He briefly discussed the contents and purposes of the mapping product booklet.

Griggs asked about the need to expand the mapping program boundaries to the east. Renslow explained he had received the same request from the San Bernardino Chiefs. He plans to bring the issue up to the Mapping Specialist Group and present their recommendation to the Decision Process.

In additon, Mike provided a progress report on mapping products to each person.

XI. 1981 Training Schedule and 1982 Proposed Training Plan

Land distributed the latest 1981 training schedule for information.

In addition the Task Force recommended training plan for 1982 with a cover memo explaining responsibilities was presented and reviewed.

King moved to accept the recommendations from the Task Force. Second by Biddison, unanimous vote.

The Training Specialist Group was directed to develop a seven (7) partner agency field exercise(s) for the spring of 1982 which would also be used to test or exercise the OCC operations. The exercise is to include a written scenario to follow.

The Training Specialist Group should check with the agencies to determine which annual field exercises can be planned to coincide.

XII. Material Distribution

The distribution of Operations Team Meeting packages and notes were discussed. It was agreed pre-meeting packages would be brought by the members to be used during the meetings. Notes will be sent out as final with addendums made if necessary. Only those items in which changes have been recommended will be redistributed with the notes.

Operations Team members will be responsible for passing on any meeting note information to the Board. The Program Office will provide notes to the Task Force.

XIII. BLM LOGIN ID

The BLM has contacted the Program Office to request a computer LOGIN ID. A great deal of discussion evolved concerning the involvement of the BLM in FIREScope. Several members questioned what the BLM or the FIREScope participates would gain from their participation and the use of a LOGIN ID.

After a lengthy discussion Biddison moved to provide an ID to the BLM for a one (1) year trial basis. In addition the Decison Process is to re-examine the policy criteria to determine if it is adequate to respond to similiar agencies such as CCC, BIA, NPS, etc. Second by Sellers.

Vote approved by a 4-3 margin. CDF, LFD, and LAC apposed. Land abstained.

XIV. Redding Redevelopment

Biddison discussed the preliminary rebuilding program for the Redding cache, dispatch center, paraloft, etc.

Irwin suggested the FIREScope second (backup) module be located within this facility. This would provide additional capabilities in Northern California plus provide a safe location for the backup module away from the primary module. Conceptionally the group agreed to support the indication of this need in the FS facility space planning. Time constraints prevented this subject from coming before the Task Force prior to the Operations Team.

XV. Next Operations Team Meeting

Dates: June 29-30, 1981

Place: LA City Supply & Maintenance Division

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Agenda:

1. Task Force position paper on MACS Goal #2.
2. Document control policy for mapping products.
3. OCC staffing and control plan.
4. Definition for mobilization centers.
5. Presentations by SCA & San Bernardino County on OCC facility proposals.
6. Redraft of computer access policy.
7. Additional information concerning effective coordination between OES Regions 1 and 6.
8. Possible 1981 evaluation of LA City CH47 Helicopter for multipurpose capabilities.
9. Task Force concerns and recommendations.
10. Strike Team Designation system.

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