JOINT CALFIRMS-OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING November 18, 1987, Quality Suites, San Luis Obispo

Attendees:

CALFIRMS:

Stan Lake
Ken Blonski
Jim Pennington
Merill Mc Murray
Julian (Jay) Hastings
Jerry Cullen
Andy Anderson
Will Brock

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USFS Region 5 Office
Rocklin Fire Dept.
Rancho Cordova Fire Dept.
BLM State Office
San Francisco Fire Dept.
Quincy Fire Dept.
OES Fire & Rescue Div.

Operations Team:

Mike Scherr
Bill Zeason
Jim Radley
Greg Wayne
John Bryant
Claude Creasey
Donald Perry
Dick Wilson

OES Fire & Rescue Div.
Los Angeles Co. Fire Dept.
Orange Co. Fire Dept.
CDF Region 3 Office
USFS South Zone
Los Angeles City Fire Dept.
Santa Barbara Co. Fire Dept.
Ventura Co. Fire Dept.

Executive Coordinator:

Richard G. Barrows

Chief, OES Fire & Rescue Div.

Guests:

Marty Barrows Sid Nobles Richard Adams Jim Jeffery USFS South Zone USFS North Zone USFS OES Fire & Rescue Div.

Meeting was called to order at 0850 hours by Executive Coordinator Richard G. Barrows. Self-introductions followed.

Chief Barrows stated that the primary purpose of this meeting was to review the "Needs Assessment and Study of the FIRESCOPE Program" (Ryland Report) by Ryland Research, Inc., and to begin development of an implementation plan per direction from the October 21, 1987, meeting of the Fire and Rescue Service Advisory Board/FIRESCOPE Board of Directors. Chief Barrows also reported that at the same meeting the Committee officially recognized State sponsorship of the FIRESCOPE Program and retension of the FIRESCOPE name.

Section IV of the Ryland Report was then reveiwed for inclusion in the implementation plan. Comments and changes were as follows:

4.1 This subsection has too much emphasis on national application as FIRESCOPE has no formal tie to the national ICS effort.

4.2 Need to Complete Accomplishment of Original Objectives

Page 38, Objective: Need to Complete Implementation of FIRESCOPE Components. Comment: these components as they now appear need modification is some cases.

Page 40, Objective: Need promotion of FIRESCOPE Components. Comment: should read: Need promotion of completed FIRESCOPE components.

Page 40, Objective: Need for Quality Control. Second sentence, second paragraph reads: The responsibility for this process should rest with the FIRESCOPE Program Office. Comment: delete word "Office" so that sentence reads the responsibility for this process should rest with the FIRESCOPE Program.

Page 40, Objective: Need for Additional Training. Reads: Extensive training is currently provided... Comment: delete word "extensive" so that sentence reads: Training is currently provided...

Page 41, Objective: Need to Expand to an All Risk System. Comment: need to define "all risk".

4.3 Recommended Future FIRESCOPE Program Goal.

Comment: in statement of the program goal, after word resources (line 3) add: (includes personnel and equipment).

4.5 Multiagency Coordination System.

Page 45, Objective: Provide improved interagency coordination at top management levels. Comment: add word "system" after coordination so that sentence reads: Provide improved interagency coordination system at top management levels.

Page 47, Objective: Expand the existing OCC to serve Southern California on an all risk basis, and establish a similar full service OCC in Northern California. Comment: add at end: to better coordinate Fire Service resources.

4.6 Communications.

Page 48, Objective: Provide improved communications... Comment: change to read: Participate in development of improved communications...

Page 48, Objective: Provide an interagency communications system... Comment: change to read: Participate in development of an interagency communications system... Page 48, Objective: Provide a communications system... Comment: change to read: Participate in development of a communications system...

4.7 Mapping

Page 49, Objective: Provide the automated capability to integrate... Comment: change to read: Assist in the development and maintenance of the automated capability to integrate...

4.8 Meteorology

Page 50, Objective: Implement a RAWS network... Comment: change to read: Assist in development and coordination of a RAWS network...

Page 50, Objective: Integrate appropriate meteorological data with the fire behavior models... Comment: change to read: Participate in the integration of appropriate meteorological data with the incident behavior models...

4.9 Infrared Monitoring

Page 51, Objective: Provide real time access to infrared... Comment: change to read: Continue efforts to develop real time access to infrared...

4.10 Fire Behavior Modeling

Comment: delete this subsection.

Table 6-1, Summary of Recommended Activities in Implementation Plan, of the Ryland Report was then reviewed for inclusion in the implementation plan. Comments and changes are as follows:

Page Ryland reads

Official Adoption and Sponsorship

61 Establish through executive order or legislation, official State of California sponsorship for the Program

Formally adopt the recommended program goal and objectives

Officially change the name of the FIRESCOPE Program

Establish a Program Decision Process

Appoint Members to Decision Making Groups

Change to

Establish, through State Administration or legislative process, official State of California sponsorship for the Program

Develop and formally adopt program goal and objectives through the Decision Process

Delete

Create a new charter and continue the Program Decision Process, including other agencies as appropriate

Delete

Establish a Long-range Program Budget Prepare and adopt a five year Program Budget for submission to the Director of OES prior to June 30, 1988

Multiagency Coordination System

62 Review MACS to identify revisions based on experience and expansion to all risk

Continue development of MACS based on experience and expansion to all risk

Revise MACS design (including FIMS) in accordance with results of review

Revise existing MACS design (including FIMS) in accordance with results of review

Implement revised MACS

Delete

Review MACS training courses determine what changes and additional courses are needed for the completed all risk system Develop MACS training courses to include changes and additional courses needed for the completed all risk system

Revise MACS training courses and develop additional courses to meet requirements Delete

Communications

Design a survivable statewide all risk interagency communications system

Participate in designing a statewide all risk interagency communications system

Other

(nothing)

Continue monitoring following programs and other as appropriate on a nationwide basis for possible inclusion and implementation in the Program: Incident Modeling, RAWS Weather Network, Infrared Imagery (continue with fire/expand to all risk)

Meeting recessed at 1630 hours.

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Meeting reconvened at 0800 hours, November 19, 1987, with the same attendees except John Bryant and Dick Adams who were absent.

The focus of this session was to identify areas where monies are needed for the Program. This was primarily an unstructured brainstorming session. Ideas presented follow.

The number one need identified was for staff support, primarily for technical writers/editors for assisting in preparation of new materials such as lesson plans, risk specific ICS, etc. This staff support might take the form of a "Program Office", including personnel such as a Program Manager, Assistant Program Manager, and a Technical Assistant. Such an office might also research funding, e.g., grants. They might also represent the Program in various meetings, e.g., HAZMAT, earthquake, in order to coordinate the "all risk" aspects of the Program.

Promotion of all current and future FIRESCOPE products is another great need. Brochures and a newsletter would be examples of methods of promotion. As an interim measure, Don Perry will work with Mike Scherr to develop and publish a newsletter.

ICS needs to be reviewed and expanded to be truly "all risk". Training for ICS needs courses developed for the Command Staff, i.e., Information Officer, Liaison Officer, Safety Officer, and Agency Representative, as well as for Command Team.

Assistance is also needed in the area of travel costs for representatives attending meetings and/or planning sessions.

Monies are needed to complete the Mapping program, and for its promotion.

Needed too, is revision of the existing MACS design, and new MACS training courses.

The OCC needs promotion and expansion.

The Program is in need of computer support, particularly in the area of software.

In the area of communications, hardware is needed as is a frequency plan.

Following the "brainstorming" session, meetings were set as follows;

CALFIRMS - December 11, OES Sacramento Office

Operations Team - January 5, LAC Camp 2 or OCC

Joint Meeting - January 20, 21, Fresno

Fire and Rescue Service Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE Board of Directors - Late February.