

Operations Team Notes
Riverside Forest Fire Laboratory
November 27, 1979

Attendance:

CDF

M. Schori
J. Springer

L.A. County

R. King

O.E.S.

R. Barrows
R. Land
M. Scherr

U.S.F.S.

R. Irwin
A. Masoner
K. Clark
J. Cook
C. Philpot

Ventura

M. Sellers
G. Lund

S.B. County

Absent

L.A. City

F. Borden

Budget

FY 80 proposed budget discussed. Concern expressed about the OCC A. & E. prospectus. Agreed to wait on this contract. Other items were approved with minor modifications--synthesizer radios and training are priority items.

Training

R. Land presented an update and handout on training. Need to invite a representative of State Fire Training to Instructor Training on December 11 and 12, 1979. Barrows and Schori will make this invitation. Still concerns about time available for training committee members. The following was agreed to for time committed for training:

USFS - 95 days
CDF - 95 days
LFD - Unknown at this time
LAC - 12 days minimum

SBC - 12 days minimum
VNC - 52 days
OES - 94 days

Extension - ICS

Irwin, Chief Springer, and Chief Bragdon plan to meet with the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) in January to discuss ICS use on national level.

Elk Grove test of ICS. Chief Derr and Ed Bent agreed to meet with FIRESCOPE people prior to starting implementation. Recommended the following people be at this meeting: M. Schori, R. Barrows, R. Irwin, M. Harris, Ed Bent, and M. Scherr.

Orange County. Irwin, Land, and Springer to meet with Orange County on their version of the ICS.

Training "Contract" with Partner Agencies

1. "OK" for CDF to be coordinator.
2. Use T. Haney as technical advisor.
3. Agencies and Arnie to determine how to "cover" fiscal problems.
4. R. Land and training working group will be steering committee for this effort.

Replies due by December 10, 1979 to Arnie Masoner on how funds can be transferred to agencies to cover training costs.

September Incidents Analysis

The information provided will be summarized for assignments to those responsible to do something. Information will be sent to the individuals who responded to the questionnaire. Mike Scherr, R. Land, and Forest Service South Zone people will do the summary and copy work. Try to get this job done by December 15, 1979.

Program Office Update

1. Telephone system. Install the two units (one in Com 6; one in 3). Plan to take the one installed in Comm 3 out and install it in one of the new FIRESCOPE units when purchased.

Need to set up guidelines for use of resources such as commun. vehicles. Comm. Group to do this.

Comm. work group need to look at system design--may want to include two (or more) levels of communications capacity (i.e., radio unit and telephone unit).

2. Intercom status. Hardware is in place. Some technical problems with equipment--State Comm. Division is working on the problems.
3. New position - system analyst. May have problems filling this position, only one applicant.
4. FY 80 grants. Need to get this process started as soon as possible. When firm funding advice is received and when a decision is made on what the grants will cover, we will get this project going.
5. Contracts - FY 80. Many contracts to do this year. Will require a lot of Program Office time. This may hamper our ability to attend some meetings.
6. Information contract. Concerns about end product being directed to the audience it is needed for. Task Force needs to be very involved in Strike Team and General Familiarization programs.
7. PIO involvement. Agency PIO-FIO personnel want to be involved in support of the Program. Recommended by Chief King, seconded by Barrows, we recommend to BOD that working group of PIO-FIO be a part of the decision process.

Task Force Report

Some problems with attendance at meetings. Working on training packages for "transfer training."

Incident Action Planning Process Guide completed.

Working on Strike Team Leader training package. Written document will be available in January. Hopefully, a slide/tape program, using this document, will also be available in January.

Revisions of Field Ops Guide is about completed. Will be available for agencies prior to fire season. "Camera ready" copies will be provided to all partner agencies.

Discussed Resources Status Model for 1980 fire season. Guidelines for Task Force to work with are:

1. Primary resources as listed in ICS publications will be the resources to track.

2. Resources will be tracked by area and agency.
3. Resources identified by type.
4. Need definition for available, committed, or ??
5. Other items: When sent, what incident, when released and where to.

Future plans for Resource Status:

- FY 80 - Commitment and status.
- FY 81 - Shift times - unit identification.
- FY 82 - Overhead status - cost accounting.

Communications Recommendations

C. Columbro presented the recommendations from the Comm. Group. Copies of these were handed out to each member. A decision was made to get BOD approval as quickly as possible, and not wait until next meeting. Written information will be sent to each Operation Team member so they can talk to their BOD and get a reply back to the Program Office. We are after approval of the following concepts:

1. Policy to purchase synthesizer radios.
2. Assign these radios to S.T. leaders on a first priority.
3. Augment purchase cost of radios with Program funds, if legal.
4. Purchase synthesizer before cache radios.

Comm. Team commended on an excellent job. Recommended that Program Office send a letter of commendation to Comm. Group.

MACS - Functions Design

Received the BOD goals from July 31 and August 1, 1979 meeting and Ops Team meeting of August 9 through August 10. The experience obtained during the September fires has changed some concepts and knowledge about what can be done with a MACS.

Report to BOD will be that some minor word changes were made in their direction and the Task Force will start developing ways to meet these goals.

The Ops Team reviewed the hardware design for MACS and recommended this document, with necessary revisions, and the September fire analysis be used by the Task Force in their work.

Next Meeting

MACS facility discussion will be a number one priority.

Decision process at next meeting.

Location: Griswold's, Claremont or Riverside area.

Dates: January 17 and 18, 1980.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Irwin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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Operations Team Chairman