

MINUTES
OPERATIONS TEAM SOUTH
NOVEMBER 28, 1989
LAC CAMP 2

PRESENT:

Mike Scherr, OES
Dick Wilson, VNC
John Bryant, USFS
Frank Borden, LFD
Ray Russell, SFM
Don Perry, SBC

Guests:

Jim Farrel, ORC
Gordon Black, KRN
Charlie Anderson, OES
Rich Aronson, OES

- Approve Minutes from October 16, 1989
- 5 Year Plan - review
- USAR
- Joint Operations Team Meeting
- January 1990
- Board of Directors Meeting - December 14, 1989
- Decision Process

The group opened the meeting by warmly welcoming Rich Aronson and wishing him well in his newly appointed position as Chief of OES Fire and Rescue Division.

I. Minutes Review

The group spent considerable time discussing the editing that took place on the October 16, 1989 minutes. Specifically the paragraph on SB 27 and comments made by Blair Springer. Group consensus was that future minutes will not be published in a "draft" edition and the secretary's recorded minutes will be official. Changes to the official minutes will be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The group also approved a new process for publishing and distributing official minutes. The secretary will record the minutes and send them to Red Bryant, USFS. Red will have them put on word processor and distributed. Future minutes will be distributed to meeting attendees, partner agencies, Executive Coordinator, and the North Operations Team. Rich Aronson will be responsible to give a copy to John Passerello, OES.

The group also felt that the Operations Team South should have a Vice Chairperson. Red Bryant nominated Don Perry, SBC, seconded by Frank Borden, LFD. Group approved.

Don Perry, SBC, asked how a single agency (OES) was able to cancel the scheduled November 1-2, 1989, Operations Team work session when 80% of the remaining agencies could have held the working meeting. He felt the group should not be directed by a single agency if the majority could continue in a meeting or work session.

After some discussion group consensus was that the chairperson (Scherr) would poll participants prior to a meeting or work session. He would be responsible to make a "Go-No-Go" based on those who can attend.

1150 hours motion by Dick Wilson, VNC, seconded by Frank Borden, LFD, to approve corrected minutes. Group approved.

II. Joint Operations Team Meeting, January 1990

Scherr led discussion on general location, timeframes, and issues. Perry will handle logistics.

Possible locations

Spyglass Inn - Shell Beach (\$39.00 rate)

Quality Suites - San Luis Obispo (\$45.00 rate)

Possible dates

January 29-30 (2nd priority)

February 1-2 (1st priority) 12 noon start
(Rate 31 - 3rd)

Rooms

20

Agenda (proposed)

Major issue will be 5 Year Plan.

III. 5 Year Plan Discussion - Scherr

Mike asked everyone to carefully review the 5 Year Plan and the priorities listed. The 5 Year Plan will be the primary topic of discussion for the Joint Operations Team Meeting.

IV. Decision Process - Scherr

Mike Scherr and Bill Zeason, LAC, will bring Executive Coordinator Aronson on board as to how the FIREScope Decision Process works.

V. Certified Group of Search and Rescue Instructors - Scherr

Mike reviewed a list of instructors provided by Paul Beckstrom of SFM.

It is hoped that the department fire chiefs would allow instructors (a select group) from this list to work on an Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (USAR). Mike hoped to coordinate this listing of South Instructors with North Operations Team Instructor List. Mike emphasized the need to move on this issue and get the Task Force going.

See Handout #1.

Agencies are asked to closely review this list and verify names and experience. Advise Mike Scherr of accuracy of information by December 10, 1989. Mike will talk to Gary Nelson of Task Force for a liaison to work with this new committee.

Chairman Scherr will identify the South Team USAR members once the list is "verified". Mike will contact Stan Lake to do the same in the North.

Frank Borden, LFD, will carry this product of the new USAR Committee nationally through the International Fire Chief's Association.

VI. Board of Directors Meeting December 14, 1989

Group asked Rich Aronson to bring up.

- USAR effort (IAFC/USAR, Inc.)
- Upcoming Joint Meeting
- Status of Senator Campbell's 1988 Heavy Rescue Bill
- 5 Year Plan Executive Summary

Mike Scherr will provide Rich Aronson copies of full 5 Year Plan for Board of Directors Meeting.

VII. NFPA 1561

A brief group discussion on this issue and updates. The group understood Al Brunacini, Phoenix, would appear at the Board of Directors meeting December 14, 1989. Chief Borden, LFD, passed out and reviewed Handout #2.

VIII. Earthquake 1989 - Borden

Chief Borden gave an overview of the earthquake and gave the group two recent reports.

See Handout #3

See Handout #4

Chief Perry added he attended Fall 1989 NFPA Conference in Seattle, November 13-16, and he felt Chief McMullen, SFM, gave an excellent earthquake slide program and overview of the situation (along with San Francisco Fire Deputy Chief Ferrell).

IX. Task Force Report - Farrel

Jim gave an overview and update on the following projects. Jim also gave a brief review of recent meetings including a discussion of NFPA 1561. Jim stated that Gary Tokle of SFM gave an overview of the SFM Training Program.

Upcoming Meetings:

December 6-7, 1989, Santa Barbara

January 18-19, 1990, High Desert

- Multi-Casualty Package
- HazMat ICS Organization
- Agency Representative - draft out now
- Specialist Group Assignments
- NWCG 310-1 Cert's and Qual's standard
- Interagency Fire Teams

Mike Scherr spoke for the group in commending the continued excellent work being done by the Task Force and the quality products it's completing. Jim Farrell commended the Task Force personnel who while carrying many department projects and heavy workloads are working hard to stay on top of the assignments.

X ADP Program/Projects

Chief Perry asked if Mike could provide an update on Mapping Coordinator/MACS. Dave Kehrlein is now on board.

He is currently reviewing VNC Map Books and the San Bernardino Mapping System.

Rich Aronson will have Dave Kehrlein attend an upcoming Operations Team Meeting to hear the Operations Teams concerns.

Red Bryant felt it was important the Mapping Specialist Group meet soon and re-focus on our priorities and meet with Dave Kehrlein so he can hear our priorities.

The group also felt the ADP Specialist Group should get back together. Jim Farrel and Task Force will bring them together if necessary.

Minutes taken by Don Perry, SBC.
