

FIRESCOPE OPERATIONS TEAM NORTH
MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 1988
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA

ATTENDEES

Peter O'Brien, Chief, Redwood City Fire Department
Sid Nobles, U.S. Forest Service North Zone
R.G. Anderson, Chief, Quincy Fire Department
Jack Hickey, San Francisco Fire Department
Jim Pennington, Chief, Rocklin Fire Department
Merrill MacMurray, Rancho Cordova FPD
Stan Lake, Calif. Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Jerry Haleva, Senator William Campbell's Office
Blair Springer, Senator William Campbell's Office
R.G. Barrows, Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division
Mike Scherr, Deputy Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division
Will Brock, Asst. Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division
Rich Aronson, Asst. Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division
Kim Zagaris, Asst. Chief, OES Fire and Rescue Division

1. Meeting was called to order at 0950 by Chairman Stan Lake. Chief Mike Dacy welcomed members and guests, and gave a brief update on the possible merge of Rancho Cordova FPD with Citrus Heights FPD.
2. Self-introduction - members and guests.
3. Update from Chief Barrows regarding background on FIRESCOPE 5-Year Plan and the work done by both Operations Teams and the OES Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE Board of Directors.

Directors of OES, CDF, and SFM met on August 4, 1988. Blair Springer explained how Senator Campbell would like to see the legislation presented to the Governor's Office. Both Blair Springer and Jerry Haleva stated an Issue Paper needs to be prepared for submission to the Governor's Office, Legislature and the Department of Finance.

General discussion ensued regarding whether the 5-Year Plan is on schedule. It was agreed it is behind schedule, but can easily be caught up with a little hard work.

Discussion on the fact that both Operations Teams feel strongly about keeping the 5-Year Plan in tact and moving ahead in a united effort with the fire service and state and local fire agencies. Mike Scherr interjected the 5-Year Plan is only the framework of a total package designed to extend FIRESCOPE technology throughout the state.

4. Mike Scherr gave an update on the September 8 Operations Team South meeting, stressing the most important issue is to remain united in efforts to implement the 5-Year Plan and FIRESCOPE.

Discussion on the Committee hearing, required speakers, and letters of support. Each member of the Operations Teams will be responsible for at least five (5) letters of support sent to each member of the Joint Committee on Emergency Services. Members are also being asked to invite fire service representatives to attend and show support.

Discussion on the presentation which needs to be completed, time constraints, and content. Jerry Haleva stated we need to continue to move forward in efforts to get the 5-Year Plan approved and implemented. He thanked both Operations Team for their outstanding work.

5. Stan Lake reviewed the minutes of the July 14-15, 1988 meeting. *IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF ANDERSON, SECONDED BY WILL BROCK AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14-15, 1988 MEETING.*
6. Chief Barrows briefly reviewed the proceedings of the September 7, 1988 Advisory Committee meeting.

He explained some of the problems encountered with implementing AB-1284. The process of writing regulations is going well, and the sub-committee has done an excellent job. Stan Lake interjected that CDF administers a federal excess property program to local agencies.

Chief Barrows also discussed NFPA Standard 1500 relating to ICS, and what the Advisory Committee is doing to question the need for another ICS.

7. Review and discussion of Operations Team South meeting regarding radio communications. *THERE IS A NEED FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST GROUP TO REVIEW THE CURRENT SITUATION AND SUGGEST APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS. AS A PRODUCT OF THIS REVIEW, A STATEWIDE FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM SHOULD BE PRODUCED. PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.*

THE OPERATIONS TEAM SOUTH RECOMMENDED THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS REQUEST THE OES FIRE AND RESCUE DIVISION COMMUNICATE WITH USERS OF THE WHITE FREQUENCIES (154.280, 154.265 AND 154.295 MHZ) TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH FCC REGULATIONS AND OES BULLETIN NO. 28.

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the problem and what can be done to resolve it. Mike Scherr and Stan Lake discussed their respective Operations Team's intentions on how to resolve the issue.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF PENNINGTON, SECONDED BY CHIEF O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT OPERATIONS TEAM NORTH ACCEPT AND ADOPT THE MOTION BY OPERATIONS TEAM SOUTH REGARDING THE COMMUNICATION PROBLEM.

THE OPERATIONS TEAM NORTH WOULD ALSO LIKE CLARIFICATION OF WHO IS ON THE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST GROUP, AND REQUESTS THEY DEVELOP A FREQUENCY USE AGREEMENT FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS TO SIGN.

The motion went to vote and was approved and adopted.

8. Stan Lake discussed a letter from the Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association requesting some changes to ICS. Chief O'Brien will respond to the letter.

Discussion regarding ICS engine types and OES inventories, as well as the Tri-party Agreement (number of personnel on a Type 1 engine -- 3 or 4).

Forest Agencies are starting to request more Type III and IV engine strike teams and task forces.

9. Mike Scherr discussed an ICS Multi-Casualty Branch document which is available for review.
10. Stan Lake reviewed letters of support for the FIRESCOPE Program which have been received to date.
11. Operations Team South will meet next week in Riverside (October 11-12). All members are encouraged to attend.
12. Bill language task force - Stan Lake requested volunteers to assist in developing and writing the legislation for the FIRESCOPE 5-Year Plan implementation. Chief O'Brien, Chief Anderson and Jack Hickey volunteered. Merrill MacMurray will be available for special assignment, along with Chief Pennington. Discussion that the bill be flexible to have funding included or removed as needed to ensure passage.

Chief Pennington stated he will do everything possible to solicit fire service support.

13. Extensive discussion of what must be done during the course of the next few meetings. The Joint Committee hearing is scheduled for NOVEMBER 17, 1988, 0900-1300.
14. The meeting adjourned at 1530 hours.