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MINUTES OPERATIONS TEAM SOUTH OCTOBER 16, 1989 OES - ONTARIO

PRESENT:

Don Perry, SBC
Ray Russell, SFM
Dick Wilson, VNC
John Bryant, USFS
Frank Borden, LFD
Greg Wayne, CDF
Mike Scherr, OES
Jim Radley, ORC
Stan Lake, CDF, Operations Team North

Guests:

Blair Springer, Senator Campbell's Office
Jim Jeffery, OES, Task Force Chairman
John Linder, OES
Gordon Black, KRN
Mark Ghilarducci, Asst to OES Deputy Director Andrews

I. SB 27 - Blair Springer stated that SB 27 was signed by the Governor on October 2, 1989. This was the last day he could sign it, indicating he was hesitant. Blair said all of the support from the fire service, SFM, CDF, and OES was important, and Bill Medigovich was key in convincing the Governor to sign it. Blair stated that it is now necessary to look at future funding possibilities/options. Based on Blair's recommendation, the group agree to the following:

1. Joint Operations Teams Meeting specifically to discuss future funding possibilities (e.g., Budget Change Proposal or legislation) for the FIREScope Program. The meeting should include Blair Springer, John Passerello, and Chief of OES Fire Division. Meeting to be in Sacramento, November 1, 1989 - begin at 1300 hours and November 2, 1989 - end at 1300 hours. Mike Scherr will recontact members to confirm meeting and attendance. **This meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.**

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2. Objectives

- A. Review "5 Year Plan"
- B. Confirm priorities
- C. Determine where OES, CDF, and SFM are presently and where they are going with FIREScope
- D. Determine funding mechanisms and time frames (OES, CDF, and SFM should meet prior to November 1 to discuss objectives C and D.)

3. Product: Implementation Plans for FY 89/90 and FY 90/91, and to reconfirm the FIREScope Decision Process

II. Approval of minutes of July 20-21, 1989 Joint Operations Team Meeting in Quincy

Borden/Radley/passed.

III. Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee/FIREScope Board of Directors Meeting

- A. NFPA 1561 - Mike Scherr lead discussion of items in packet; Topic on agenda of Cal-Chiefs' Southern Division October 6, 1989 meeting; American Fire Journal Article by Dave Cowardin; IAFC position paper by Chief Coggan, VNC; Position Paper from ORC; Position Paper from Orange County Fire Chiefs' Association. 1561 Sub-Committee meets October 26, in Seattle; Don Perry will attend, maybe Chief Coggan also. The final vote will be at the NFPA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, in May, 1990.
- B. Mapping Coordinator - Biographical sketch in packet on Dave Kehrlein. Scherr mentioned that he is working to develop a geographical information system (G.I.S.) and will chair the Mapping Specialist Group, and that he visited and saw Ventura and San Bernardino Counties' systems.
- C. Equipment - OES Fire Division proposed buying 10 chassis; the Committee felt buying complete engines might be better. It was referred to their Equipment Sub-Committee. Stan Lake reported on the Sub-Committee's meeting. After much discussion and with reservations, 10 chassis were approved. Stan reported that next year will probably be the last year that Ford will make that

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chassis. The Sub-Committee is sending a survey to the fire service to find out what is thought about OES apparatus and equipment and the direction OES should be going with apparatus and equipment.

- D. Special Advisor from NFA - The committee decided to request a person from the National Fire Academy to serve as an advisor to the committee. Chairman Maxfield has since sent a request to the Acting Director of FEMA. This advisor may also attend some Operations Teams Meetings. Chief Coggan is now an ICS advisor at the NFA. These amount to some very positive cooperative efforts.
- E. Universal Fire Apparatus Numbering System - The Committee considered a letter from the Chief of Tracy Fire Department regarding a statewide fire apparatus numbering system. Mike Scherr explained that in the early years of FIREScope a similar proposal was rejected because of the large numbers of apparatus and the difficulty of getting cooperation by all departments. Chairman Maxfield is handling reply.
- IV. Escondido Plan - Mike Scherr referred to the City of Escondido's Emergency Plan in the meeting packet. It is built around ICS and is an update of an earlier plan given to the Operations Team.
- V. Chief - OES Fire Division - Mike Scherr reported that five candidates from ranks 1-3 were to have been interviewed last week. Rich Aronson was appointed Chief effective November 1, 1989 (see enclosed memo).
- VI. California Wildland Coordinating Group - Don Perry distributed notes from the August 21, 1989, CWCG meeting and reviewed them. CWCG will be selecting candidates for I-520 Training for 1991. They will also be interviewing for a Class I Fire Team Incident Commander. CWCG is also developing a policy for prescribed fire planning.
- VII. Urban Search and Rescue Specialist Group - Mike Scherr discussed the formation of this group and its importance from bringing together the many things being done in this area by many organizations. Mike then listed some of these and explained them.

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Mike explained that the Specialist Group would work closely with the IAFC committee, USAR, Inc., and SB359 to try to pull things together. He then reviewed the general objectives of the Specialist Group from his August 12, 1989, letter and the USAR, Inc. committee objectives and the mission statement of the IAFC Urban Rescue and Structural Collapse Committee.

Mark Ghilarducci explained SB 359 and the Urban Search and Heavy Rescue Advisory Committee established by the bill. The committee will have representatives of law enforcement, fire service, and other public entities as well as organizations, such as CSFA, USAR, Inc. The committee will work closely with the Fire and Rescue Service Advisory Committee/FIRESCOPE Board of Directors.

Scherr then discussed a list of instructors provided by SFM to determine if these should be the Specialist Group. Some member agencies not on list. Members will review the list and provide additional names (one/agency and alternate if desired) by November 1, 1989.

Scherr said this group would need much coordination, possibly full-time. This could be a contractor.

Scherr discussed the survey being done by OES under a FEMA grant. It will identify fire service heavy rescue resources (personnel and equipment). From this the resources can be categorized; USAR, Inc. will assist with this.

Mark reported on activities of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA). OFDA now uses Dade Co., FL; and Fairfax Co., VA, for international rescue responses. Next they will work with New York City Police Department. In the past they wanted to work with departments in California directly; they were told that we have mutual aid system for all resources and they should work with OES and the Mutual Aid System. They were not happy with that but have now relented and will now work within our system.

Frank Borden distributed a paper he had done for a National Fire Academy class he was taking on ICS for Urban Rescue and Structural Collapse.

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VIII. Mike Scherr referred the group to the ADP update in the packet. he encouraged all to read it as it tells the current status of the FIREScope Computer Systems.

IX. Task Force Report - Task Force Chairman Jim Jeffery distributed the Task Force Report and discussed the status of Multi-Casualty Lesson Plan development, HazMat ICS development, and Agency Representative Lesson Plan development. Jim also reported on personnel changes on the Task Force (Larry Whelan - VNC, Russ Johnson - USFS, temporary), Specialist Group activity, and the very good interfacing with NWCG.

Frank Borden asked for current rosters of Task Force and Specialist Groups. Mike Scherr will provide those to both groups.

X. John Bryant announced a Retirement Party/Picnic November 18 at Lake Perris for Marty Barrows.

XI. Ray Russell reported the Office of the State Fire Marshal is now teaching the National Fire Academy's ICS course.

XII. John Bryant distributed a proposal for a management workshop. The group felt the proposal needed some refinement. Scherr will work with Bryant. They will explore sponsorship, i.e. Cal Chiefs, State Board of Fire Services, community colleges. Group felt time frame was to soon (February 1, 1990).

XIII. Don Perry is making arrangements for the Joint Meeting in January in San Luis Obispo.