

**FIRESCOPE  
JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM  
CONFERENCE CALL  
10/1/96**

Present On Call:

Mike Dougherty, USFS  
Jim Jeffery, OES  
Dave Festerling, VNC  
Bob Neamy, LFD  
Dan Francis, CDF/SFM  
Andy Anderson, Quincy FD  
Ralph Alworth, CDF

Darrell Higuchi, LAC  
Bob Martines, CDF  
Steve Vittum, SBC  
Jim Radley, ORC  
Cary Eckard, KRN  
Alice Forbes, USFS  
George Ewan, USFS

Mike Dougherty opened by taking role call and thanking all participants. Asked if all members had received the fax of the proposed "97 Work Plan for the Joint Ops Team". All had received.

TOPICS:

1. FIRESCOPE Representative to the NWCG Incident Operations Standards Working Team.
  - NWCG has accepted a FIRESCOPE recommendation to have a member, from FIRESCOPE, to be on NWCG IOS Working Team.
  - Ops Teams feel that member should be from Task Force, be well grounded in ICS background and training.
  - Task Force to do staff work and bring Ops Teams a recommendation.
  
2. Field Ops Guide
  - Maintenance review is completed, has minimum changes.
  - Some areas of revisions include the 3 Letter Identifiers, LCES Guidelines, Personnel Accountability.
  - 15,000 copies will be made for this reprint.
  - Question raised about wishes of Ops Teams wanting to provide an amendment package, approximately 30 pages, for purchase by the Fire Services. Ops Teams recommended: A document that will list changes as "pen & ink changes" that will allow user to make corrections and not need to purchase entire guide.

3. NWCG Fireline Handbook
  - Task Force has received a final draft copy of NWCG Fireline Handbook (410-1) for review.
  - Task Force will be reviewing for next three months, recommendations due to NWCG by 1/10/97.
  - Highlights of some changes:
    - Reference to Helitankers (opportunity for ICS to assist in Helicopter Typing changes)
    - Engine Typing (Opportunity to revert to 1985 Typing Standards)
4. TASK FORCE ACTIVITY REPORT, OCTOBER 9, 1996

#### **FIRESCOPE WORK PLAN:**

Working with Operations Teams, Task Force completed a plan of work for the period covering July, 1996 through June, 1997. One of the work tasks identified requires FIRESCOPE to annually address long-range planning needs through the work plan process.

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION SPECIALIST GROUP:**

The Information Specialist Group has voted to change its name to the "Public Information & Education Specialist Group" to be more reflective of their mission. The specialist group's charter has been updated with one significant change being to allow the chair to be elected rather than selected through a set rotation. A north and south sub-group will be established to better address regional and statewide public information and education issues.

#### **TASK FORCE RESOURCE DESIGNATION:**

A Working Group has been established to prepare an issue paper on resource designation needs for task forces. Task Force member George Ewan (USFS) is chairing this working group with representation provided from LAC, STL, and OES. Options being considered for addressing this issue are (1) reinforcing use of existing standards, (2) expanding standards to support task force designation needs, and (3) re-assessing standards for single resources commonly used in task force configuration (ie: crews).

#### **NWCG FIRELINE HANDBOOK:**

The NWCG Incident Operations Standards Working Team has provided FIRESCOPE with a final draft copy of the NWCG Fireline Handbook for review and comment. Through a cursory review, changes requested by FIRESCOPE to standardize Type IV engine typing between FIRESCOPE and NWCG and include sections which address Multi-Casualty, US&R, and Hazardous Materials were not considered. Formal recognition of "helitanker" has been made in the Glossary of Terms without addressing typing standards.

## **FIELD OPERATIONS GUIDE (FOG):**

Maintenance review of the FOG has been completed, awaiting contract to be awarded for printing 15,000 FOGs. Emphasis was placed on updating three-letter agency identifiers and adding an identifier listing for Mutual Aid Operational Areas. Several changes were made to the modular development scenarios for Hazardous Materials, US&R, and Multi-Casualty to standardize presentation and terminology. In support of the LCES (Lookouts, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones) guidelines, a LCES and general safety reminder is being added to the FOG's back cover.

## **ICS CURRICULUM:**

FIRESCOPE's request to NWCG for the ICS modules and companion documents to be provided on diskette was approved. Working on determining the electronic medium to be used in making these documents available to the fire service user. All documents will be made available with exception of tests and test answers which will be provided to only qualified instructors.

USFS has agreed to provide \$30,000 for supporting a review of existing ICS position curriculum to update and re-format content to allow for curriculum interface with ICS modules. SFM will serve as broker for this funding. Task Force will be developing a work plan for the individual(s) selected to perform this review to set priorities on which position curriculum need to be reviewed first, second, etc...

## **TRUST FUND:**

In anticipation of FIRESCOPE establishing a Trust Fund, Task Force has identified issues which will need to be addressed to support trust fund implementation:

- Procedures for requesting funds.
- Process for reviewing and approving fund requests.
- Responsible party(s) for monitoring expenditures and work completed.
- Fund custodian and process for distributing funds.

## **NWCG INCIDENT OPERATIONS STANDARDS WORKING TEAM:**

Request for FIRESCOPE representation on the newly formed Incident Operations Standards Working Team (IOSWT) has been approved by NWCG. Task Force and Operations Teams working on identifying an individual for Board approval to fill this position.

Several issues have been submitted to NWCG for consideration which the IOSWT will be responsible for addressing. Issues awaiting response are as follows:

- Adoption of the ICS 208 (Site Safety Plan) and ICS 212 (Vehicle Safety Inspection Form).
- Changes to the communications portion of the ICS 204 Assignment List, ICS 205 (Communications Plan) and ICS 216 Radio Requirements Worksheet).
- Modification of the ICS 209 (Incident Status Summary) to add data field for latitude and longitude information.
- Establishment of a Working Group with the Air Tanker Board and Helicopter Operations Specialist Group to address helicopter typing standards, specifically helitanker.

#### **TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP:**

Joe Graham has replaced John Tucker as LAC Task Force representative with Dan Francis being appointed as the Task Force's SFM representative.

5. NFPA is contracting with METEC to provide instructional resources. Steve Foley (NFPA), Mike Dougherty (USFS), Gary Morris (Phoenix, AZ FD), and Mike Colgan (ORC), are curriculum reviewers for NFPA courses with ICS components.
6. Work Plan
  - Reviewed and no issues raised.
  - Accepted as a working document.
  - A comment/request was made to designate and list a person responsible for each task. This would allow access to responsible individuals should questions/concerns arise.

**NEXT JOINT OPS TEAM MEETING: JANUARY 30 & 31, 1997.**