

FIREScope Joint Operations Teams Meeting
September 21, 1990
Goleta, CA

Members Present:

Mike Scherr - OES
Dick Wilson - VNC
Don Perry - SBC
Mike Harris - CDF
Frank Borden - LFD
Jim Radley - ORC

Stan Lake - CDF
Bob Crim - VNC
Will Brock - OES
John Bryant - USFS
Merril McMurray - SAC

Others Present:

Rich Aronson - OES - Executive Coordinator
Jim Jeffery - OES - Task Force Chairman
Chief Rich Peterson - SBC
Frank Curry - Chief Consultant, Assembly Committee on
Earthquake Preparedness and Natural Disaster

1. Introductions - Mike Harris is the new CDF representative on the South Team. Bob Crim will be replacing Dick Wilson as the VNC representative.
2. Chief Rich Peterson, SBC, welcomed the group to Santa Barbara.
3. The Chairs passed around Thank You cards from Greg Wayne.
4. Mike Scherr reviewed the agenda and asked for additional items.
5. Mike Harris made two announcements - Rex Griggs is returning from retirement to fill the Assistant Chief position in CDF Region III; a retirement picnic for Greg Wayne will be November 4 in Highgrove; fliers were distributed.
6. The mailing list for the South Team was updated to reflect the new members and new Fax numbers.
7. The minutes of the Joint Meeting of July 19-20 were reviewed.
 - A. There was one correction to the Task Force Report.
 - B. Lake and Aronson will draft a letter RE: concerns about changes in the National Weather Service for the Advisory Committee meeting 10/10/90.
 - C. Five Year Plan - Rich Aronson reported that due to a 3% budget cut, all Budget Change Proposals for this year were cut. A position paper RE: a program manager is needed before a new OES Director is on board.

- D. Bryant and Aronson to develop and distribute information on how local departments may purchase wildland Personal Protective Equipment through forests and ranger units.
8. ICS/Fireground Command - Rich Peterson lead discussion
- A. There will be meeting 9/22-23/90 at the National Fire Academy of their Curriculum Committee. They will be looking at lesson plans too ensure that they are compatible with the systems and to discuss a large seminar to present the compatible system. Rich Peterson and Larry Whelan (T.F. representative) will attend.
 - B. Bill Vandevort will also be attending. Bill has left the SFM and is now training officer for Monterey FD. There was some discussion as to whether he should represent FIREScope.
 - C. Discussion ensued regarding: Who owns ICS? Who should own ICS? NWCG? NFPA? IAFC? NFA? FIREScope? NFA/FEMA may be the appropriate caretaker/focal point. Rich Peterson stated that Bill Lewis, NFA, said that they like the idea. It will be further discussed at the meeting.
 - D. The results of the meeting should be evaluated prior to the Advisory Committee meeting. The Teams will meet 10/9/90 at 0930 at OES Headquarters. The Task Force will review the material prior to that meeting.
9. Frank Curry of Assemblyman Rusty Areias office was introduced. He stated that since Bill Campbell has left the legislature and Blair Springer has left the Emergency Services Committee, Assemblyman Areias wants to spearhead emergency services legislation in the future.
- (As a sidenote, Frank mentioned the airing of a segment on the "Omar" fire on "Unsolved Mysteries" on 9/19/90. As a result, the house that burned has been identified, it is in Woodside, the military patch has been identified, and they have a suspect.)
10. John Bryant reported on budget cuts in federal fire agencies. They will be depending heavily on cooperators for large incidents.
11. August Fires - more legislators need to get to fires so that they will appreciate the fire service and fund us. Further discussion centered around costs and the Cooperative Agreement (signed copies were distributed). Rich Aronson stated that a new exhibit was being developed to cover "overhead" at the same rate, i.e., \$519/day.

12. USAR - Mike Scherr lead the discussion
 - A. Budget (handout) \$30,000 for a contractor; The FIREScope Decision Process will be part of the selection process. \$40,000 for travel/per diem. Item on facilities is to look at alternatives for a new State Coordinating Center.
 - B. Draft Charter (handout) Scherr discussed part VI about the Coordinator. Jim Hone of Santa Monica FD was selected.
 - C. Draft Minutes of 9/9-10/90 were distributed.
 - D. Dick Andrews, OES Chief Deputy Director wants four USAR teams in California by 6/30/91.
 - E. Frank Borden reported on FEMA activity. They have \$2 million - mostly for travel and for 50/50 matching funds for equipment and training. Their goal is 20 teams within one year. DOD is responsible for transportation and logistics. There was much discussion on the notification/activation process. The group agreed that in California the process should stay within the Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System.
- ✓ 13. Scherr discussed the 3% state budget cut; this amounts to \$2300 in the FIREScope budget. This may be made up in the communications budget.
14. Scherr discussed the state of ICS adoption in state agencies and distributed a handout.
15. Task Force Report - distributed and discussed by Jim Jeffery
 - A. Personnel - new CDF representative: Ralph Alworth; comments by Mike Harris. New ORC representative: Mike Colgan; comments by Jim Radley. Radley also mentioned retirement picnic for Jim Farrel on October 13.
 - B. Hazardous Materials Operational System Description was distributed. Motion Radley/second Lake/passed to approve and send to the Advisory Committee with the addition of Fire Service to State Matrix on page 16.
 - C. Jeffery requested names for Northern Hazmat Specialist Group. Lesson plans and position manuals will be their next big project.
 - D. A proposal to eliminate the FIREScope Intercom was distributed. Motion Harris/second Perry/passed to approve and send to Advisory Committee. Work will not be completed until all agencies are ready.
 - E. The Statewide Radio Frequency Use Agreement Proposal was discussed. Motion Perry/second Borden/passed to send to Advisory Committee so that Communications Specialist Group can begin work on agreements.
 - F. Multi-Casualty - George Hatt, VNC, is going to write the last self-paced course. May be ready for Advisory Committee in January.
 - G. Operations Teams appreciate the hard work of the Task Force and the Specialist Groups.

16. An updated draft (8/27/90) of the Decision Process, MACS 410-4, was distributed.

Motion Bryant/second Lake/passed too forward to Advisory Committee.

Copies of old and new with changes highlighted to be provided to Advisory Committee. Thanks to Bill Zeason for his hard work on this project.

17. Next Meeting 10/9/90, 0930, OES Headquarters, Sacramento. Bryant will distribute draft minutes by 10/1/90.