

Safety Specialist Group
October 24-25 2006 Meeting
Shasta/Trinity NF Headquarters
Redding California

October 24, 2006

Members Present:

Larry LaVouge – San Bernardino County Fire
Brain Bulger – Chair, Ventura County Fire
Curt Warner – Santa Barbara County Fire
Jim Bauer – Sequoia NF
Ken Kehmna – Santa Clara County Fire
Dave Redel – SLO Fire
Thom Heller – Mammoth Lakes Fire

Visitors:

Dan Snow – San Bernardino NF
Peter Tolosano – FS, Region 5

Meeting was brought to order at 0906 hours.

Review of Meeting Notes of June 6 - Brain

Made a couple of typo change corrections

Update from Task Force - Brain

Update on three strips and you're out policy at task force level.
To be included in updated version of FOG manual and being looked at by NWCG and NFPA for inclusion in their respective documents/training.

Update on Santa Clara County Incident – Ken

- *Discussed incident on outcome.
- *Claim filed by family against some local jurisdictions and PG&E.
- *DA has decided not to go after family for wrongful death, but family has filed a claim against the owners of the family.
- *OSHA has reviewed the case and has issued a couple of violations against the fire department. DA has dropped any wrongful death responsibility against the department.
- *Task Force Outcome:
Three stripes (fence configuration) is felt to be a good signifier. Emergency Traffic is to be used in California. Have this policy in the next version of the FOG. Identify locations on IAP maps to include three horizontal lines with a description of the hazard noted below.
- *Most departments that have been very receptive to the policy.
- *Discussion about how does this message get out. The talk was to get the word to training sessions for:

Add to classes
Add to Refreshers
Safety Officer's workshop
Fire Team meetings
FS Chief Officer's meeting
Hotshot Superintendent's meetings
OES
Cal Chiefs
Forestry/Fire Wardens
Close Call website
215 Class update
Training Officer's Workshop (Fresno)
CDF
NWCG Safety Officer's rewrite
BLM yearly refresher (Paul Banister)
Fire EXPO and similar conventions.

*Discussion about a poster promoting the policy. Larry offered to have one of their computer graphics person to put together some ideas. Members with ideas send them to Larry. Peter mentioned that the Boise NF produces the LCES posters and they may be an avenue for this. Discussed a stop sign outline with three strips and word or initials for three strips and you're out.

*What's next – how do we get the word “draft” off of the policy. The fact that it is being included in the next FOG, assumption is that the policy is felt to be accepted.

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area Incident – Thom

Discussion of incident and outcome.

OSHA investigation and fine outcome has been provided to both ski area and fire department. Basis of investigation and fines were discussed and relationship with OSHA. There was some discussion about how our group could facilitate a gathering of OSHA and the fire service profession.

Website Safety TOOLBOX Review – Brian

There is now process that we can use to place things on a website. Can provide links to other sites. This can be a site for items that are going to be used as part of the 404 class training.

Risk Assessment Map Matrix – Brian

Sitting at the Task Force level.

FOG Manual Revisions – Brian

Some changes in wording, but has been submitted for the next version.

Review of this Fire Season – Peter

*Some serious injuries, but no fatalities.

*Looking at possibly making some changes in the 215. Needs to be a one page version and not the numerous versions that are being used by some teams/incidents. Use of the

standard version of the 215A works well for the planning process, but the horizontal version works much better for the field going individuals and crews. OSHA appears to be the cause of some IAPs containing all of the different versions of the 215.

*Health and Safety Module – Track all visits to the medical unit and identify trends.

*Some difficulty in filling Safety Officer positions at times during the season.

*Discussed some of the aircraft incidents of this summer (two sky crane crashes and one fixed wing crash).

*Discussed poison oak smoke issues

Wildlife/Danger Tree Assessor's Workbook – Brain

While the version that was handed out was produced in Canada, the discussion was about incorporating something of this nature into the “C” fallers training class.

S-404 Curriculum Development (All Risk Safety Officer) – Larry

*The process – sent out requests for information on safety officer's class. The selected group sent back powerpoint and hardcopies of the class structure that they are using.

*Copies of the information was handed out.

*We decided not to get caught in the specifics of the class back in December 05

The breakdown decided at that time was:

Wildland – 10

Haz Mat – 2

USAR – 2

Structure/High Rise – 10

Med/MCI – 2

Training Activities – 2

ICS/SOFR Job Description – 2

Accident Investigation – 4

Health and Safety/Rehab – 2

Total – 36 hours

*What do we want to do with Assistant Safety Officer? Do we wish to call these positions Safety Officer Specialist? The line safety positions in the S-310 does not require that the safety specialist have attended S-404 training.

*The updated FOG has provided for an Assistant Safety Officer.

*A discussion about what the subject matter changes needs to be for each of the specialty areas.

Update of curriculum was performed on Dan Snow's computer version of the S-404. The group reviewed the first 74 pages. The meeting was called at 1704.

October 25, 2006

The meeting was brought to order at 0824.

Continued and finished the review of the S-404.

A tour was conducted of the North Zone facilities including the Dispatch, Smokejumper Base, Warehouse, and Air Tanker Base.

Agenda Items

Task Force Update – Life Hazard Policy Update, Risk Assessment Map Matrix
Update on the S-404
Web Site Development
NWCG Task Book Review

Future Meeting Dates

Riverside OES/CDF South Zone, December 5-6
SLO, February 6-7
San Diego, April 16
Safety Officers Workshop (San Diego), April 17-19
Sacramento, June 5-6