



# FIRESCOPE

**TASK FORCE  
San Simeon  
April 3, 4, 2012**

## **Attendees**

Chuck Butler - LFD  
Orbrad Darbro-CNT  
Robert Bell – USFS  
Dave Brinsfield - BLM

Steve Winter - VNC  
Ralph Domanski - OES  
Marc Hafner - CDF

Woody Enos - SBC  
Steve Watkins - BLM  
Kirk Wells - ORC

Agenda Review and Additions.

Review of the March Minutes- approved with corrections.

### **Cal Ema Report- Domanski**

Nothing new to report

### **State Fire Training Update**

No update from State Fire Training

### **NWCG OWDC Report- Hafner**

Chief Hafner discussed the reorganization of the NIMS project.  
Chief Hafner continues to build relationships and paths for FIRESCOPE engagement in the OWDC.

### **Operations Team Conference Call**

March 30<sup>th</sup>. The Task Force reviewed the revised FOG. Protective Action Guidelines with concerns about Survival areas. The group agreed to proceed to the BOD without consensus. Firefighter safety and accountability guidelines concern about the word uncommitted from the Freelancing definition. Haz Mat staging area wire diagram change to be completed by Butler. WUI placard will be ready by the 2013 fire season. Minor Changes to the US&R org chart, Butler to complete.

Area Command Staging is the preferred term to describe the new Area Command Staging area. Members agreed that this should also be moved forward to the board without consensus. Members would like to add sentence that the staging area should be used as a last resort.



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Position Title Review document drafted by La Plant needs to go to the Website as a reference document.

Update of the NFPA 1500 where Mayday was adopted as a firefighter emergency hailing term. Changes will continue to the 1561 document.

Discussion of an organization of Command staff and Regional command and the use of assistants and deputies.

**FOG 2012 Revision- Butler**

Most of the work has been completed but the document still needs final review and approval. Chief Domanski spoke about the printing process and the tasks that need to be accomplished.

Members discussed and reviewed the revised glossary and Appendix A.

Finalization and Board approval scheduled for the April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Area Command Staging – Butler**

The concept will be forwarded to the BOD without consensus.

Members discussed potential impacts of an Area Command Staging area. MACS, The GACCS ect.

Break for Lunch 1200

Area command continued

Items of concern;

- Who pays for area command team
- Who pays for units assigned to area command
- Potential conflict with the MACS process and incident prioritization
- Potential hoarding of personnel
- Political concerns may not be recognized at the Area Command
- Potential loss of local control
- Redefinition of staging areas and Mob centers
- Need to influence NIMS related to Mob Centers



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The biggest complication seems to be that there is no Mob Center concept at the national level. Our current definitions of Staging areas are inconsistent with the national system.

**Helicopter Night Operations-Bell**

Chief Bell would like to task the Aviation Specialist Group to update night flying guidelines go no go check list to develop a short document to brief ground personnel about dos and don'ts about night flying aircraft. Task Force members approved the request.

**Regional Command-Butler**

Discussion of gathering documents like the Deep Water Horizon oil spill after action report to review. Once members review these documents to identify issues involved, the Task Force can proceed in possibly developing a Regional concept.

Meeting adjourned at 1700

April 4<sup>th</sup> 0830

**Emergency Response to Law Enforcement Incidents**

Members reviewed a document prepared by the Safety Specialist Group. Members suggested changes and sent the document back to the Group for revisions.

**Technology Discussion**

Members discussed the possible social media opportunities. Chief Butler will pose a question to the Board of Directors related to expectations. Members discussed not only the possibility of using face book, twitter ect. But the question remains on how are the sites to be kept maintained.

All members are to review the document that Chief Wells wrote to prepare for discussions in Redding.

**Specialist and Working Group reports**

Aviation- Bell  
Communications – Winter  
Safety – Enos  
EMS – Enos



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Predictive Service – Brinsfield  
Haz Mat – Darbro  
US&R – Winter  
Highrise- Wells

**Round Table**

**Review of upcoming meetings**

May 16, 17– Redding  
June 19, 20 – San Francisco  
June 21, 22 – San Francisco  
July- Riverside

Meeting adjourned at 1200

***Action Items left to complete***

Action Item;

Chief Butler will create Information flow document to memorialize the desired procedures discussed.

Action Item;

Chief Butler to review the plan of work to recommend changes of the format and content.