

Task Force 00-04
April 4-5, 2000
OCC, Riverside

Present:

G. Ewan, USFS
Tony Marrone, LAC
G. Glotfelty, OES
R. Parks, OES Support Staff
M. Colgan, ORC
G. West, LFD

N. Honeycutt, OES
C. Wurzell, CDF
J. Olney, KRN
K. Larkin, CDF
L. Caldwell

Absent:

M. LaPlant, VNC
A. Rosenberger, SBC

Agenda (G. Ewan)

- MACS Exercise & Review
- Equipment Supply List FEMT (review 2 kits)
- S 339 Course
- S-260
- Sheriff Swiftwater S&R
- 430 Job Aide
- K-9 OSD
- Typing Rescue and Crash Rescue
- FOG Update
- FEMT Concerns (LAC only, Higuchi Update)

FEMT Concerns

Some of the agency representatives at the Operations Teams level have concerns over the FEMT document. D. Higuchi will brief the Task Force on LAC concerns on 4/6/00. The Task Force feels the FEMT document is a good document and the concerns that may exist should be taken to the BOD. The major concern is the document implies that the position has to be staffed or there will be legal implications later. SBC and CDF have concerns also. The Task Force feels the document formalizes an informal process that was floating around in the fire services (10 years); which we were tasked to provide by the BOD. This document is not a new policy statement. Another concern is having the Div/Grp Sup responsible for the FEMT puts another responsibility on the Div/Grp Sup which is already carrying a full load. The document was not designed to protect any legal or religious risks.

The FEMT is an added available resource, if you need it order it, if you don't need it don't order it. Whether you order it or not it would still be a liability.

The Task Force will take these concerns to the BOD on April 12, 2000.

G. Ewan passed out a memo from M. Dougherty, dated March 10, 2000, regarding Paramedic Mutual Aid.

FEMT is only a wildland position.

This subject was tabled until the presentation from D. Higuchi.

K-9 OSD (G. Glotfelty)

M. Dougherty would like the Task Force to provide a liaison to this group. The major question is: does K-9 really need an OSD or a Position Checklist. This is a single resource.

Action: J. Olney volunteered for this task since he is already working with the Swiftwater/Flood S&R.

Action: The US&R Specialist Group needs to re-activated to address all the special issues that come under US&R (trench, high angle, etc.).

S-430 Job Aid (G. Glotfelty)

The document needs to be revised. G. Glotfelty will gather changes to forward to K. Larken.

Certs and Quals (K. Larken)

State Board of Fire Services California Incident Command Certification System (Draft F) was passed out. K. Larken to bring comments from 5/00 meeting of this group. This is latest document, FIRESCOPE has reviewed this draft, STEAC is now reviewing.

Swiftwater/Flood S&R (J. Olney)

Passed out draft CSSA recommendation for this discipline. The Task Force feels the law group that reviewed this document have made it a weak document to match their system. The document does not meet FIRESCOPE needs but is a good step for law to develop their own document. Law and fire each have a different mission in the US&R discipline but must unify into one document.

Jurisdiction cannot be fixed by a document. It is based county to county by the sheriff of each county as to whether s/he embraces ICS.

Action: G. Ewan to send issue paper to Operations Teams stating that we cannot accept the recommendations of the CSSA review of the Swiftwater/Flood SAR OSD. The overall concern of the Task Force is to create a document that meets the need of the fire services. After reviewing both documents the Task Force feels the two documents (CSSA and FIREScope) cannot be reconciled, and the US&R Specialist Group needs to be reactivated to review the US&R OSD, and the Swiftwater SAR.

Typing of Rescue and Crash Rescue (N. Honeycutt)

In the past there has been a request for this type of equipment. OES is updating the STRESS database to reflect CFR. OES is requesting typing of this resource based upon capability and the type of airport. FAA has a listing AARF. G. West and J. Olney to give contact number to N. Honeycutt.

Action: N. Honeycutt to research this request for AARF and bring recommendations back to the Task Force.

FOG (N. Honeycutt)

Need criteria for US&R vehicles in the US&R section. This was left out of the FOG because each agency has different specifications they use. The typing was based on the equipment, the personnel, and the ability to perform certain jobs, not the vehicle.

FOG Update (G. Glotfelty)

NFA would like to print FOG to give to students. Florida State Forestry will be using part of the FOG in the building of their own document. Will be printing another 10,000 FOGS for California.

MACS Exercise North (N. Honeycutt)

April 20 will be the final planning meeting to review and go through the scenario. 209's were modified a little to make sure information worked for the exercise. Added 2 faster moving fires to the scenario to order resources. Date of exercise is May 10, 1000. May 9 will be the setup of the room. If there is enough interest it will be live taped to Riverside.

MACS Orientation South (G. Glotfelty)

May 3 Orientation will be videotaped. The exercise should be 3 hours, starting time is 1000. If there is enough interest it will be live taped to Redding. This will only be a review.

S-260

Trying to get interagency flavor to this course so the Feds can be aware of information when they are dealing with State, county, local. This has always been an agency specific course. The scope of this change would be to teach the federal personnel some of the different fire management principles so they would have understanding of the many strategies in use today, this would stop any

surprises. The objective of this course is Fire Business Management which teaches unit leader level personnel.

Action: The Task Force do not feel they need to get behind this issue but refer some names to the group that is rewriting the S-260. The Task Force would like a copy of the new document after the rewriting.

339 Division/Group Supervisor All Risk (K. Larken)

This training has been through several classes, it still requires a few changes. It is an all risk course, 24 hours. Prerequisites required are I300, STL, multi management experience working in a fire environment. Instructor guide, student manual, cd, test, slides, tests, scenarios, position task book (not required), job aide, program text on map reading, pre-course assignments.

K. Larken remarked the group that worked on this document were dedicated to the project and made sure it was quality project.

Action: K. Larken to furnish a copy of the document to the Task Force members for further review before submitting to the Operations Teams. Comments from the Task Force need to be forwarded to K. Larken as soon as possible. All comments will be reviewed at the June Task Force meeting.

FEMT Issue Paper (T. Marrone)

The concerns in this paper should not be in the FEMT document but in the Unit Leader Training, S339, Safety Officer, Medical Unit Leader.

Training should not be in the FEMT document. Page 8 of the document will be reworded.

Action: T. Marrone to make agreed upon changes and get document to Task Force.

FEMT Supply Kit

Several kits were displayed. Weight and bulk are major concerns.

Action: T. Marrone to make changes to document.

Next Meeting

5/3/00: FIREScope Review, OCC

5/10/00: FIREScope Exercise, Redding