



FIRESCOPE

TASK FORCE
Ventura County, CA
April 22,23 2009

Attendees

Dave Stone – LAC
Tom Drayer – OES
Jerry Kruas-SBC
Jeffrey Carle- SND

Jack Froggatt-KRN
Andy Parr-LKS
Orbrad Darbro- CNT
Steve Maiero-CON

Romero Rodriguez-SFM
Mike La Plant-VNC
Dan Drake-ORC

Agenda Items

Agenda Review and Additions

Review and Approval of Minutes

Deputy Chief Kevin Nestor welcomed Task Force to Ventura County

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Britt Rosso is now the DOI representative
Discussion on possibility of a Military rep on the Task Force

CAL EMA :

Staffing issues discussed, with Deputy Chief position still open.
Charley Hurley has returned, now the Deputy Chief in charge of HazMat
Type 1 Engines still going out according to plan
Another uniform change is under way, going to LAPD blue with a new patch, new badge
ROSS is becoming a full time job, working on a BCP to get a position (budget change proposal)

BOD report:

Discussion on reimbursements/budgets and fiscal impacts
Fire Assistance Agreement held up by USFS Attorneys, with sidebars on structure protection-perimeter control, hours

IAFC-WILDLAND:

New program coming out of LEOSAD, called Ready, Set, Go! Was well received, lots of support. May move to a national product.



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CICCS:

Scott Vail is back (Retired annuitant), getting the group back up and running. A new roster and minutes are due out soon. Fireline Paramedic approved as presented, with baseline sign-offs in progress. May 4 is the next meeting at McClellan to discuss historical recognition.

H+S 14825 and 14833/Jeffries has to do with volunteers and certification, and volunteer assignments. There are differences between the old and new registration, Chief Zagaris has decided CAL-EMA will be the clearing house (check with Tom on this?).

Blue Ribbon Task Force:

Nothing to report

Quadrennial Fire Review:

Letters sent out for USFS report. FIRESCOPE will be sending a letter.

CAL-FIRE/SFM- Ramiro Rodriguez:

SBFS on 2/25 decided to accept on-line hybrid CFSTES courses, with testing of process and procedure to begin at Alan Hancock Community College. Chief Officer and Fire Officer courses still have to establish instructor criteria.

San Pasqual Reservation Academy was approved.

I-400 NIMS- FEMA equivalency concerns study was conducted, with the conclusion they are equivalent from SBFS.

Chief Officer/NFPA 1021 compliance – group to reconvene over the need for an EMS component.

Accelerant Detecting K-9 Standards – rebuilding of the Arson-Bomb program to begin, now a priority in the organization.

Fitness Standards- PAC Test to CICCS Task Force, now the same as the PACE 5 committee.

Regional workshops – coming back around the State, well attended and received.

FOG Guide reprint : Drayer

Will have a proof quickly, will need a quick review before going back to the printer. Due in mid to late May, with lots of back-orders. Approval of next guide by January of 2010, and we will advertise both the 07 and the 10 guides as available (exam purposes).

MACS Orientation:

Discussion on using the North's procedures and how the 429 form will be used. Priority setting procedures and getting guidance for the use of the numbers will be shown. The operating plans will be attached as appendices, and are two weeks out.



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GIS Specialist Group :

Make up of the group was discussed, with no assumption that previous members will continue. All applicants will have to provide a resume, a letter of support from their Fire Chief supporting per diem and travel, and a letter of interest. A selection committee will decide who is accepted.

RIC/Fire Fighter Survival:

Mayday has resurfaced in some presentations to the SBFS and the training curriculum committee. The group has decided on a letter to the Board, and then one from the Board to the SBFS on this recurring problem. Also, Mike LaPlant will make an effort to attend a number of the Training Officers meetings around the state and regions to try and get this back in check. The direct conflict with “Emergency Traffic” was discussed. The Task Force decided to treat this as an opportunity to get engaged with various groups and address the issue. Curriculum that is in conflict is the root of the issue.

NIMS Update: West

There are still some forms concerns on the 204 and 208’s. Bob Neamy has said that we will be able to make public comments when the forms come out. Since every comment becomes a line item, we will get a second chance to address the issues. More public comment will be allowed/encouraged when the National Field Ops guide comes out from Eastern Kentucky University.

Command and General Staff not going out yet. It needs position descriptions, job titles, recommended and required training information first. There will be a meeting in July in Portland and in Las Vegas in August.

High Rise OSD’s were approved and passed on to the FIRESCOPE Ops team.

Gel Teams (added by Andy Parr)

Meeting in San Diego last month, and Chief Zagaris had attached the policy and guidelines for private resource utilization that came out from the BOD. Senator Hollingsworth had called the meeting, asking for information and input from the fire service. The issue is concern that there is a need for regulation of these private fire resources and how the legislature could be involved. Andy reported that it was a productive meeting, and that insurance representatives were interested in the efficiency and use of these companies. The FIRESCOPE documents were represented as the best guidance and possibly a guide for future legislation. CalFire reps were concerned about carding and check in, but it wasn’t the salient point. The relationship should be the same as with any other contractor. The Senator was very happy to get the information and appreciated the input. There was additional discussion on what an IC would really have time for during a working incident.

MACS Orientation:

Discussion centered on who will be able to attend, and the schedule. The new 429 will be used, demonstrating the process.



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Discussion also went on regarding the MACS Agency Representative position, including grand-fathering, task books, etc.

The powerpoint presentation was reviewed, and preparedness levels versus modes for MACS were discussed.

- Greg West will do the Orientation
- Mike La Plant will do the History, Past Present and Future
- Dave Stone will do the forms

Structure Protection: Jack Froggat

Concern has been raised over the use of tactical terminology, and whether or not the Task Force should be endorsing any one of the different processes being taught. Discussion on the IRPG Yellow Book and its use of terminology seems to be using one model that some feel isn't current. The CWCG Ops Group is probably where this should rest.

Discussion on replacing John Tripp at CWCG was expressed

Action Item Dave Stone to communicate with Dave Pierce and the Ops team regarding someone to replace Tripp at CWCG

Action Item- Dave Stone to write letter to Hosting Agencies to thank them.

Jerry Kuras reported that there are concerns over the cost of the equipped bag. Some Teams are talking about renting the equipment when needed. Nick Devali is working on the Task Book, building on the one for EMT, and based on the standard of care. The Safety Specialist group is working to help this along, including the development of the Task Book.

Group reports

Jack Froggatt reported that the Aviation group will be working on an air resource inventory that will be done yearly. A Sub=group will be working on the air tanker contamination issue. Also on agreements between the op areas on Red Flag warning criteria

Dan Drake reported that the Communication Group is meeting in Orange County in two weeks.

Jeff Carle reported that the Hi Rise group is looking for a one day meeting to get ready for the next FOG update.

Meeting Dates

May 27-28 Riverside
 June 4-5 Mammoth
 July 22-23 Contra Costa County
 August 18-19 San Diego
 September 16-17 Buellton



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