

Task Force Meeting  
April 23, 2002  
0900

In Attendance:

Mike LaPlant - VNC  
Bill Plough - CDF  
Marv Moneymaker - Santa Barbara County  
Steve Hutchinson - CDF/State Fire Marshal  
Tim Fike - Nevada City - NCC

(THREE LETTER)  
Alton McMillon - Sac City  
Greg West - LA City  
Hal Chase - Santa Clara County CNT  
Jean Colyer - OES

Meeting called to order 9:15 am

Chaired by: Mike LaPlant

PLAN OF WORK

Agenda items

- ☐ ~~Works Plan~~ - Review Changes & Updates
- ☐ Report from the HAZ Mat Working Group - Hal Chase
- ☐ MACS Exercise - Review Agenda
- ☐ Ralph Alworth - Homeland Protection Steering Committee
- ☐ MCI - Review Wire Diagram
- ☐ 209 Program Updates/Revisions on Test Site - Bill Plough
- ☐ Fire EMT
- ☐ CSTI

MAC EXERCISE

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of May 21 and May 22. The MAC's Exercise will be May 23, 2002 in Riverside. The MAC's Orientation is scheduled to be in Redding, June 13, 2002, with the Task Force meeting June 11 & 12, 2002. There will also be a barbeque at South Ops on the 23 of May, for a cost of \$7.00 per person.

This exercise will help the personnel who are new to your agencies to become acquainted with the MAC's process. In light of all the recent retirements, it is important to get the replacement personnel trained.

What is the MACS Exercise?

We bring representatives that would come to the MACS room during a Mode 4 fire siege. The bulk of the representatives would come from all the fire agencies (State, Federal, County & City). The thought is during a Mode 4, these people show up with OES, CDF and the OCC staff coordinating the distribution of resources based on the

type of need. The fires they are working are listed, and distribution of resources is made based on information received from each participating area. The incidents are prioritized for the OCC to fill resources. The Task Force members are facilitators of the training for the people who would respond in case of a MACS 4 Mode situation.

QUESTION

**Addition:**

It is important that the role of the CWCG is explained completely during the training. Make the tour of the OCC facility a part of the process.

OK

The following forms used in the MACS Exercise were reviewed:  
MACS 400-3 Resource Designation System Forms Packet, MACS 410-1 MACS Procedures Guide and MACS 404 Agency Assessment Briefing Form.

Agency Assessment Briefing Forms MACS 404 - MACS Mode 3-4, is a general intelligence gathering form. Form 425 – gives some feel of what each agency has committed. Form 429 – The Incident Priority Matrix is one of the most important forms because it a way to set priorities, a process of scoring incidents. The process is carried out twice a day.

Neil was looking for some new footage for the exercise. Please contact Neil with any additional fire footage.

**WORK PLAN**

**Action Item:**

**Add MACS Document Control System /MACS 400-1**

The Task Force cannot get a grant through the Fire Act, because the Task Force is not a fire agency. OES could apply for grants and funnel them back through the Task Force.

Neil is working on the FIREScope Orientation package. Neil wanted the group to review the area command document.

**Action:**

**Remove the Calabasas Report – Archive**

Damage Inspection Group – Steve would like to have a look at what they have completed. They can work on the formatting in his office. Next meeting is April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> in Ventura. Bill will have copy to submit to Steve after that meeting.  
**Change date of completion to 8/02.**

**ICS Forms Manual ICS 230-2: Will need to be put back on the agenda after fire season due to the amount of work involved. Please review documents, look in minutes to see who has been assigned document previously - Change date of to 06/03**

ICS Position Curriculum Review: S-330

Meeting again this month, should have it to bring to June's meeting and ready to present it to the Ops Team in July.

**ICS Position Curriculum Review: S-330  
Change completion date to 7/02, move 430 and 339 to archive.**

**Remove (Validate ICS Forms) off work plan, repeat of previous category.**

ICS HIGH RISE: Dave Wilson was assisting in writing the lesson plan and has now been committed to a higher priority project, will have to check on his status.

SEMS – Chief Neamy wanted some clarification on staging areas. Wants to put staging over discipline. When resources are staged, they are assigned to that incident. Neil will be looking at those issues. ? →

Communications Issues- has not meet yet.

Safety Working Group - Ops Team Working Group has not met, still looking for membership. Will need to ask OP's Team for update on membership recommendations. The group will need to look closely on the 430.

US&R – The group will meet soon for the US&R OSD, maybe within the next month.

Archive:  
Vendor/Contractor Form / ICS –230. Date completed 4/02

FIREScope WEBSITE: Will have to wait until the IT personnel have been put under the Fire and Rescue Branch and/or the appointment of the new Deputy Chief.

NWCG ICS MODULES –

CSTI – They are not in compliance with the State of California training procedures. FIREScope needs to look at their role and how the curriculum is presented.

Goal D – Does not have any goals, look and see if any task can fit under goal D.

## REPORT TO FROM THE HAZ MATERIAL GROUP - HAL CHASE

Met on March 26, 2002 in Los Angeles City. Two new members from CDF, one from Riverside and one from Butte County. They elected a new chair and vice chair. Delivered letter from Kim Zagaris that was sent to the Board of Directors asking about the current HAZ Mat OSD and the current typing and equipment. Chief Zagaris wanted them see if these areas needed to be revisited. They took it question by question. ~~Zagaris wanted to find the origin of a document. Found the document and had it sent to Chief Zagaris with the recommendation that it not be put into the system until it has been completely reviewed.~~

Redo all the positions in the OSD. 2

REVIEW

## HOMELAND PROTECTION - BILL PLOUGH

John Kimble has been tasked to set up response to terrorism, disaster, etc., program nationally. Need to ensure that we are not left out of this process. LA City has somebody already detailed to Washington for their input. We need someone from at least the OP's Team level to be in touch with what is going on with the process as it progresses. P. Michael Freeman's name was given to John Kimble, but we are not sure if he has been contacted. Crime scene when there is a bombing.

Jim Wright asked Bill Plough to be a representative for CDF at the IMS Consortium. This adds another Task Force voice to the process. The next meeting is in November 2002.

### **Action:**

**Need to get a letter to Chief Zagaris asking him to bring this to the attention of P. Michael Freeman regarding the Federal Terrorism Preparedness Programs/National Defense being headed by John Kimble.**

MCI - WIRE CHARTS

OUT

FIRE LINE EMT- Steve

Back online, should have a rough draft ready within the next few months. Are we going to call it FIREScope EMT, since we do not have the ICS designation?

Fire Line EMT- It may need to be a full course instead of just a job aid. Some of the personnel who are coming through the ranks have never had Fire Line EMT training. Most metropolitan firefighters are working independently and are not thinking wildland; they need to have skills to adjust to wildland environments. Their roles have never been clearly defined.

The Fire Line EMT must be able to build a rapport with the contract crews who are afraid of reporting injuries, especially when working with the federal Type II crews. Some of these crews have culture differences and hide their injuries. This is

prevalent with national crews like the Pacific Island crews, the Alaskan Crews and the BIA Crews. These groups traditionally hide their injuries. The Fire Line EMT's job is to build a rapport so that these groups come to them with their problems to prevent serious injuries.

Course should be all inclusive of what's needed for all the situations they may face, whether it is an 8 or a 16 -18 hour course, a legal component may need to be added.

**209 PROGRAM UPDATES – BILL PLOUGH**

Bill showed the 209 revisions that are set to go on line May 1, 2002.

Prepared letter to Executive Coordinator/Chief Zagaris asking him to bring this to the attention of P. Michael Freeman regarding the Federal Terrorism Preparedness Programs/National Defense headed by John Kimble.

## Task Force Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2002

8:30 am

" REHAB "

### Agenda

GRP/BRANCH

- IMS Consortium Addressing - Medical Unit vs Responder Rehab  
How should this topic be addressed based on the NWCG.
- Area Command and EOC

Bill will meet with Mike Colgan and see what the true issues are. There is already an environmental rehab and we must be careful not to cross over into that area.

(WATERSHED) MULTIPLE USES

Using the term Environmental Rehab is going to get bigger. Using the term environmental rehab, may make it more acceptable, within a big fire camp. How can you direct the people to rehab?

### AREA COMMAND AND EOC

Is this an agency-specific issue? Can they really say that an area command can never be co-located with an EOC? In the Area Command Book- Module 15, it states that the area command may be co-located with the EOC. In small jurisdictions, the fire chief may be the EOC director/manager. In small communities, this may be the norm. Chief Neamy thinks they should be located in separate locations. Alteration of this component would affect the smaller communities negatively. It has to be all-risk and all type of model.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AGENCY

We need to recommend someone from FIREScope for this review committee who know ICS Mutual Aid experience and who can speak EMS. Neil has been assigned to this committee currently, he seems to be well versed on the issue. We do not have an additional name to submit.

The issue addresses the issue that an ambulance is not an ambulance, they need to be typed for a medical skills, not just for transportation ability.

Ambulance Strike Teams crossing into different counties may not be able to treat from one county to another. The county health doctor will dictate what type of treatment will be permitted. These are some of the issues that must be addressed immediately. How are they going to be used? What are they going to be allowed to do, who will restock them?



## Round Table

**Marv Moneymaker**— We have 14 new recruits from the academy but we are still short paramedic positions. If you know any one interested, please have them contact our human resource person Carol Patrick - [carolpatrick@sbcfire.com](mailto:carolpatrick@sbcfire.com) for recommendations for paramedic position. Received our new E1 and it is in service, hundred-foot truck/tiller. Andy Rosenberger will have hip replacement surgery in June.

**Greg West** — Mayors budget was released and fire was better off than law enforcement, an increase of 5%. LA City will be adding a Hazmat squad to the harbor area, ten ambulances, and will be adding a Battalion Chief to the terrorism early warning group that LA County runs. ~~In addition, we will be adding an Assistant Chief position in Risk Management.~~ We have replenished our paramedic personnel. San Fernando Valley succession will make LA the third largest <sup>city</sup> behind Chicago, and make San Fernando sixth largest city. Has potential to make a great impact on how LA is structured. *IF IT IS SUCCESSFUL,*

**Bill Plough** — Southern Region fire season is in gear, CDF have brought on to <sup>Air</sup> attacks. Most of the Southern Region will be open fire season in the next few. The tanker base at Ramona has shut down for runway repairs, and has been relocated to Gillespie Field in San Diego. Budget is a big issue with a 20 million dollars budget reduction. The cuts will have to come from the heart of operation like engines and crews. The contract counties may have to pick up the heat. The Department of Finance has to will have to have direction directly out of the Governors' office. CDF no longer controls the E-Fund, we have to go directly to the Department of Finance.

**Tim Fike** — Moving slowly towards more consolidation, currently four to date over a five-year period. We have set up training for fire through Sierra College at the fire stations (420). We are incorporating the fire stations as a satellite location with the college for training.

**Steve Hutchinson** — Budgets are also an issue for State Fire Marshal. Many departments are having money issue and not are able to send personnel to class. The instructor 1A and 1B training has been taken off the shelf, making the course a 10-day class. The instructor II series is changing, and the instructor III series will be for new training officers to help reduce the class requirements. The Command 1C course has already mapped, and will be piloted by December 2002. A state committee has accepted large animal rescue course. Many states are waiting for California to adopt this course then they will adopt is also. Not out yet due to some copyright issues. Driver Operator 1A and 1B, hope to be complete and out by June 2002.

**Hal Chase** — Santa Clara County is finalizing their hunt for new fire chief. First round of interviews is complete. Only one person from within Santa Clara County has applied. Those in the final group will be invited for an all day session on Monday. We have 16 people in our fire academy currently. Our 3% at 50 will start

next month, and we expect many new retirees in the next couple of years. Santa Clara County took delivery of a new type III, 75 ft aerial. No money problems as of yet, overtime is high due to personnel shortage. *1 ENG III, 3 TYPE ONES*

**Alton McMillon** – Sacramento City just had the dedication of the Fire Fighter Memorial. Sacramento will be experience budget problems also, expecting the state to shift their shortage of funds in there direction. We have received the first three new engines of 11 that are coming in for training. New station will be built in old location. Two academies under way, our first lateral engine academy is underway with 10 total. FDIC west will start next week. There will be hands on instruction and hands on drills, with burns and extrication, excellent training.

**Mike LaPlant** - Ventura has an academy starting in September. We will start dispatching for Santa Paula City fire in July. The community college district just got a 325-Million dollar bound passed. Make Camarillo center as a training location to make it a joint county fire and law enforcement. Our training is expanding; this will mean more medics they are still hard to find. Will start a lot of MCI training to include this will include battalion chief and ambulance supervisors chiefs. Our goal is to get them talking ICS.

Tentative Meeting Scheduled:

<b>May 21-23</b>	<b>Riverside</b>
<b>June 11-13</b>	<b>Redding</b>
<b>July - Joint Ops</b>	<b>Quincy</b>
<b>August 28-29</b>	<b>LA City</b>
<b>September 24-25</b>	<b>Sacramento</b>
<b>October 22-23</b>	<b>Orange County</b>
<b>November 12-13</b>	<b>San Jose</b>
<b>December 17-18</b>	<b>Ventura</b>

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.