



**TASK FORCE
San Simeon, CA
April 23-24, 2013**

Minutes

Chuck Butler (LFD)
Dave Stone (LAC)
Steve Winter (VNC)
Gary Lane (NCF)
Dave Brinsfield (BLM)

Cole Stratton (DAL)
Marc Hafner (CalFire)
Ron Rusten (USFS)
Brad Darbro (CNT)

Sean Fraley (KRN)
Mike Lococo (OES)
Woody Enos (SBC)
Kirk Wells (ORC)

April 23, 2013

■ **Call to order: 0900 by Chief Butler**

The Task Force Greeted by Dave Brinsfield on behalf of BLM and the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse Staff.

Agenda Review:

The March Task Force meeting minutes were approved with minor format changes and corrections.

OES Report (Lococo)

The State Printing Office is reprinting 40,000 copies of the 2012 Field Operations Guide (ICS 420-1) due to formatting errors in the initial printing. A two week projection for completion of reprint process (Week of May 7, 2013) is anticipated.

The State Printing Office will be transferring the entire FOG document into publishing software to provide a better working format for future editions. The specific program was not identified.

A Haz Mat Deputy Chief has been hired to start May 8, 2013.

Two applications have been received for the Region II Asst. Chief opening and the selection process is continuing.

Chief Jan Dunbar has been assigned as CalEMA representative to the Haz Mat Specialist Group by Chief Zagaris.

OES is planning to purchase 25 new engines by 2015. The purchase is intended to expand the OES fleet, not replace current inventory. Three quarters of the engines purchased are planned to be Type III.

Reorganization of CalEMA to OES will include the transfer of 53 Department of Governmental Services (DGS) employees. The personnel primarily fill radio and technical services positions and many of them are currently on management teams. The move will allow OES more control over dispatch and deployment of the resources.

Operations Team Conference Call Report (Butler)

The revised ICS 410-4 document received Ops Team approval with minor edits.

The Ops Team is retaining the 910 document to make amendments before submitting to Board of Directors (BoD).

0945-1000 Break

Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Report (Butler)

The BoD received an engineering report on fires following earthquakes from a Cal Berkeley Engineer.

The Great California Shakeout drill is in its 5th year with participation expanding. The BoD asked departments to register for the event this year.

The BoD discussed 1797.201 rights (exclusive rights to service delivery.) The State feels that it no longer applies. A movement toward “Para-Medicine” concepts is part of the discussion. Among those concepts is the transport of patients to the “most appropriate facility”, not necessarily hospital emergency room.

Revisions to the CFAA for 2012 were reviewed.

NMAC functions will be affected by Federal Sequestration cuts.

The BoD received Ops Team and Task Force updates. The “Tactical Response Guidelines” document was approved as presented by the Task Force.

The 2012 Fire Season AAR is awaiting input from various agencies.

The revised FIREScope Articles of Organization and Procedures (MACS 410-4) & FIREScope Radio Communications Guidelines (MACS 441-1) documents were presented to the BoD. MACS 441.1 was approved as presented; MACS 410-4 was recommended for further review with approval anticipated at the July meeting.

The “White” Fire radio frequencies are being replaced with VFire channels.

Copies of 2012 Field Operations Guide (ICS 420-1) were distributed to the BoD members. The copies were part of the initial printing that is being replaced due to problems with the layout and format.

The service life for OES engines is being extended to 15 yrs.

CICCS issues were discussed. Increasing difficulty in achieving and retaining qualifications is becoming a challenge to the system. In-jurisdiction incidents were approved for sign-off. Entries should be made in IQCS.

DHS funding changes for NICS are coming. No guaranteed funding currently exists.

New BoD Members were approved and introduced; CNT Fire Chief Ken Kehmna and ORC Dep. Chief Craig Kinoshita.

Break 1030-1040

Night Flying Guidelines (Rusten)

Chief Rusten presented draft copy of Night Flying Guidelines as developed by the Aviation Spec. Group. The group discussed the intent and background of the document. All TF members were tasked to review the document with home agencies and prepare for discussion at the May TF meeting. Approval by June 01, 2013 is targeted to accommodate the USFS night flying helicopter coming on-line.

2012 Fire Season After Action Review(AAR) (Butler)

The TF discussed the need for better clarity of the intent of the AAR request. Chief Enos asked for clarification from the Ops Team on what we are trying to accomplish with the report. Chief Stone suggested developing a common template that could be used now and into the future.

The TF is still waiting for input documentation from various agencies. Chief Butler requested that all input be forwarded to the Chair. He will follow-up with the Ops Team for better direction.

High Rise Specialist Group Nominations (Wells)

A meeting is scheduled for May 9th at ORC Headquarters to reactivate the High Rise Spec. Group. The roster has been established by Chief Wells and a further outreach to San Diego and San Francisco FD’s for membership representation will be conducted.

TF and Ops Team members were invited to attend.

IT Spec. Group Nominations (Hafner)

Applications have been received and a prospective roster established for the Information Technology Specialist Group. Resumes, Letters of nomination and support will be submitted to the TF for final approval. The approval of a roster was tabled to the following day to allow finalization of the letters.

Lunch 1215-1345

Special Events Planning (Butler)

A draft document will be developed through Chief Butler and LFD to be reviewed at the May TF meeting.

Website / Social Media

Don Weiss has made another (2nd) request for clearer guidelines concerning the FIRESCOPE web site intent, content and posting. He would like something such as a mission statement to guide the website.

The Facebook page needs to have regular monitoring and maintenance. As a general rule, "Friend" requests should be accepted. Restrictions to the chat and comment functions will remain in place. Message and e-mail inquiries on the Facebook page will be monitored and handled by Chief Lococo.

The MACS Document Control System (MACS 400-1) addresses FIRESCOPE documentation but is very outdated and is in need of revision. Chief Wells suggested that web and social media guidelines could be integrated into the revision of the 400-1. Some of the concerns are the contemporary content of the document including references to type face and font for FIRESCOPE documents. Chief Fraley volunteered to review the document and work on revisions.

The Task Force discussed the FIRESCOPE vs. NIMS ICS forms for appropriateness and consistency. The possibility of linking the NIMS forms on the web site was suggested. More research to assure consistency and interoperability was suggested.

Twitter account issues tabled to May meeting for further research.

Tactical Law Enforcement Wire Charts

At the time that the Emergency Response to Tactical Incidents document was posted to the web site, the wire charts were not included. It has been discovered that the charts are built in a different software program that is not compatible with Microsoft Word. Chief Lococo will have his staff correct the problem and repost the complete document.

CalMAC and MACS

Orientation and/or exercise session dates are being coordinated between Chief Butler and Chief Zagaris. Chiefs Wells and Darbro volunteered to be involved in the training plan development.

ICS for Structure Fire Operations

The document was last revised in 1994. The Ops team has directed a rewrite of the document to include Mayday and “Emergency Traffic” response changes. Chief Stone, Chief Enos and Chief Fraley will coordinate the required research and revise the document.

Chief Lococo will send an editable version of the All Hazard (All Risk) Strike Team Leader curriculum to Chief Stratton who will lead the research and rewrite of the document.

IRPG Revisions (Stone)

Chief Stone is in contact with NWCG for coordination of their rewrite of the IRPG. FIRESCOPE comments have been sent to NWCG for consideration in the process.

Adjourn for the day - 1545 hrs.

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FEMP Position Manual (ICS 223-11)

The specific reference to “Wildland” in the FEMP position manual was debated to assure that the position is still available and functional in all hazard incidents. The value of the Paramedic (FEMP) in remote areas or as a component of a Strike Team was noted as an asset. The decision was made to retain the “Wildland” reference.

Application of the FEMP at Federally managed incidents remains a concern due to licensing and potential local EMSA restrictions. Possible issues with the transportation of drugs and controlled substances across state lines could be an issue.

The proposed document was reviewed and suggested amendments were identified for further action by the EMS Specialist Group.

Break 0950-1000

ICS 410-2

Due to apparatus typing changes, the MACS 410-2 document is under revision. The document was reviewed for consistency and language updates to meet current standards.

After one week waiting period for follow-up comments, Chief Butler will forward edits to Chief Lococo for posting.

North Ops MACS Orientation

Exercise is built based on a combination of actual historic fires and fictional scenarios. Chief Lococo will build instructional presentation and arrange a tour for day 1 of the May TF meeting. A final review of the material will be completed prior to the exercise. Chief Butler or Chief Stone will present the MACS orientation.

SPECIALIST GROUP REPORTS:

[NOTE: Templates for Charter Plan of Work, Charter and Roster to be developed for consistency beginning with 2014 documents.]

Aviation: Meeting conducted April 11th. The roster is being up dated. The Night Flying Guidelines (NFG) document was presented. ORC night drill delayed to after June 1 to allow new NFG to be tested.

2013 Leadership positions were selected: Chair Don Brady (KRN), Vice-Chair Joel Harrison (LAC).

The group is interested in developing common guidelines for hoist rescue operations.

San Diego Co. & City FD's are both discontinuing night flying operations.

The next meeting scheduled for November 7th @ LAC Camp 2.

The group would like to recruit new members to replace upcoming vacancies.

Communications: Meeting held in Ventura County April 10-11, 2013.

An updated MACS 441-1 Communications Load Plan has been submitted to the BoD with errata sheet.

The ICS 217A has been updated.

Bulletin 28 for 2013 Fire Season in final development and will be submitted to CalEMA Chief Zagaris.

CalFire Tone Protection changes are new for 2013 season. CalFire has finalized the frequencies and posted a Safety Bulletin to share the information.

The committee is proposing expansion of the standard 16 tones to a 32 tone set. The group will write a proposal.

The 441 should be approved by January 1 of each year.

A new Plan of Work will be submitted for review at May TF meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 2013.

Safety: The group met April 15 in San Diego.

Presentations to the Wildland Safety Officer's Conference on April 16, 2013 included a FIRESCOPE update by Safety Chair Reyes and a introduction to the ICS 231 WUI Placard by Chief Winter.

2013 Plan of Work, roster and Charter were submitted.

John Walsh (ACF) was approved for membership on the Safety Spec. Group.

EMS: A conference call is planned for the week of April 29, 2013 and a physical meeting scheduled for June 17-18 in San Francisco.

The Med Unit Leader survey is being expanded to gather more detailed information. The online Survey Monkey will be updated to include the new information.

The 2013 Plan of Work and Charter were submitted for approval. Plan of Work was returned to Spec. Group for updating and revisions. The Charter was approved as submitted.

GIS: There are no changes to the roster. The Plan of Work is still in draft form. The Charter was previously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 7-9, 2013. The group is updating hard drives for the 2013 fire season.

Work on a common symbology is continuing.

An S-341 class is planned for LFD.

Mark Rosenberg (CalFIRE) selected as chair

Predictive Services: The next meeting is planned for McClellan on May 8-9, 2013. All documents are due at this meeting. The group last met in Nov 2012.

Haz Mat: Wrapping up work on SEL.

Updated versions of the Charter, Plan of Work and Rosters were submitted. The three documents were approved with minor changes.

US&R: Plan of Work, Roster and Charter submitted for review. Plan of Work approved. Charter and Rosters were returned for revisions to align with common FIRESCOPE template.

High Rise: Initial meeting planned for May 9, 2013

IT: Nominations for membership to the group were presented by Chief Hafner..

Charter Members: Larry Hood (USFS); Brandon Smith (KRN); Chris Bundensen (LAC); Xenophon Gikas (LFD); Steve Oaks (SBC); James McDougal (CalFIRE); John Clary (CalEMA); TBD (VNC)

Member Fire Depts: Jessie Hodoroski (City of Davis); Chris Cooper (Latrobe FD); Gary Croucher (San Miguel FD)

All applications were approved.

Old Business:

None.

Upcoming Meetings

- **May 14-15, 2013** **Redding (MACS Orientation - North)**
- **June 25-26, 2013** **San Francisco**
- **June 27-28, 2013** **San Francisco (Ops Team)**
- **July 16-17, 2013** **Riverside (MACS Orientation – South)**
- **August 21-22, 2013** **Orange County**
- **Sept. 17-18, 2013** **Monterey**
- **Oct. 16-17, 2013** **Sacramento (McClellan)**
- **Nov. 13-14, 2013** **Buellton**
- **Dec. 10-11, 2013** **Ventura County**

Roundtable Discussion

Meeting adjourned by Chief Butler at 1235 hrs.

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ACTION ITEMS:

All : Obtain feedback from home Aviation units on Night Flying Guidelines document.

Fraley: Revise MACS 400-1 Document Control System.

Stone, Fraley and Enos: Review Structure Ops guidelines document.

Lococo: Contact Bill Bondshu for Strike Team Leader curriculum

Winter: Develop Plan of Work, Roster and Charter templates using banner logo. (Base on Safety Spec. docs)

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