

**FIRESCOPE TASK FORCE  
RIVERSIDE  
APRIL 26 & 27, 2005**

Mike LaPlant – VNC  
Steve Hutchison – CDF  
Dan Drake – ORC  
Todd Newman – SMC

Orbrad Darbro – CNT  
Ralph Domanski – USFS  
Jack Froggatt – KRN  
Dave Stone - LAC

Greg West – LFD  
Woody Enos – SBC  
Tom Drayer – OES (Guest)

**April 26, 2005**

The meeting began at 0950.

The minutes of the March 23 & 24 meeting were approved as corrected.

1030 Weather Briefing concluded with the prepared weather briefing for the 2005 South OPS MACS exercise simulated by Ron Hamilton.

**PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2005 SOUTH OPS MACS EXERCISE**

The group reviewed the MACS exercise packets for accuracy and completeness.

Once review of the exercise process was complete Tom Drayer was assigned to facilitate for OES.

**1430-** Jim Holdridge and Steve Gage joined the meeting.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

Mike LaPlant reported on the Board of Directors Meeting. Some of the items discussed were;

- USFA grants and the Fire Grant Support website that is available to assist agencies apply for grants.
- NIMS update comparison task. Task Force to review differences between FIRESCOPE and NIMS.
- Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations update.

**MAYDAY**

The group discussed the NFA's use of the Mayday term and its use during firefighter emergencies.

Ralph Domanski called the NFA and learned that Burton Clark, who is teaching a class using Mayday, and found that Mr. Clark is a regular employee working for the Fire Programs Dept.

Ralph Domanski explained to the NFA that there is no authorization by FIREScope to use Mayday. The use of the FIREScope name with the use of Mayday creates problems for FIREScope.

Ralph Domanski will call Hugh Wood at the NFA to request more information regarding NFA's position on the Mayday issue.

After some information gathering, a letter may need to be drafted to send to the NFA.

## **REPORTS FROM SPECIALIST AND WORKING GROUPS**

### **SAFETY**

Greg West reported that the group was finalizing the 910-1 document and would submit the draft to the Task Force.

### **HAZ-MAT**

Orbrad Darbro submitted questions from the group regarding new primary members and alternate members. The first question raised was if the alternate could vote and represent their agency when the primary is unavailable. The answer from the Task Force was that the agency had one vote and the alternate member could serve in absence of the primary member.

The other question was regarding the status of the Metropolitan Medical Task Forces. The Task Force reply was that Federal funding is waning and unless local funding replaces the federal funding the MMTFs may not continue to function.

## **ROUND TABLE**

All Members present reported on current events and issues for their respective departments.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

July 13, 2005 Sacramento-Board of Directors  
July 14 & 15, Bucks Lake – Joint Ops

Meeting adjourned at 1700

**April 27, 2005**

**MACS ORIENTATION AND EXERCISE**

Introductions were made of Task Force members and participants of the 2005 South Ops MACS orientation and exercise.

South Ops MACS orientation and exercise were conducted.

**TASK FORCE DEBRIEFING**

Task Force reviewed evaluations and found them to be consistently positive.

Some discussion for possible changes for the next exercise included providing prepared 209 forms and that information could be sent to participants prior to the exercise.

Meeting adjourned at 1600.