

TASK FORCE MEETING #92-7

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RIVERSIDE OCC

PRESENT:

Mike Colgan, ORC
Mike Dougherty, USFS
Al Wilsey, VNC
Dave Bianchi, SBC
Bob Wineman, LAC
Ralph Alworth, CDF
Mike Scherr, OES

GUESTS:

Jim Jeffrey, Multi-Casualty
Development Group

TASK FORCE MEETING # 92-6

Meeting minutes for the June 25 & 26, 1992 Task Force meeting held in San Dimas were passed out for review and approval. Several minute items required change before minutes could be approved. Once these changes were made Colgan made the motion for meeting minutes to be approved with Wineman seconding the motion for approval. It was noted that meeting minutes for TF #92-5 still need to be brought to the Task Force for approval.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes from the July 8, 1992 Board of Directors meeting were passed out for review. Meeting emphasis was placed on the budget problems being faced by the California Fire Services and the subsequent effect this may have on the Mutual Aid System. Discussions also centered on the development of a national IMS, CAL-EPA's Rapid Force, and the Los Angeles riots.

The Board of Directors did approve the Communications Frequency Use Agreement with OES accepting the responsibility for coordinating agreement implementation in the field.

MULTI-CASUALTY

Jim Jeffrey representing the Multi-Casualty (MC) Development Group handed out a revised MC Operational Systems Description Introduction Section which explains MC modular development for the functional positions identified in MC. Work still needs to occur on development of a modular progression for MC from initial attack through a multi-discipline incident. A MC scenario will need to be

developed to help explain this modular progression. This modular progression with scenario will need to be a separate section within the MC OSD.

Dougherty and Scherr will work on making those changes to the MC Lesson Plans and Position Manuals which are reflective to the changes made in the OSD.

SB 1841

Copies of the most recent version of SB 1841 were handed out for review. Several changes have been made to the Bill with the most noteworthy change being the exclusion of FIRESCOPE.

ICS WORKING TEAM

Copies of the NWCG ICS Working Team (ICSWT) minutes for their May 19-20, 1992 meeting were handed out for review. During discussion on the generic "I" courses, minutes stated that these courses may not be mandatory for any of the ICS positions. Considering that the ICS course rewrite has excluded ICS management skills from the "S" and "J" courses in lieu of these generic courses addressing this need, this position will have a significant effect on ICS training. The ICSWT has also taken the position that there is no need at present to change the methodology used for engine typing. The Task Force will consider writing a letter to NWCG requesting that this issue be reconsidered. Meeting minutes reported that the proposed changes to the ICS OSD and Glossary be forwarded to NWCG for approval. FIRESCOPE provided input to these proposed changes with no feedback given on whether or not input was considered. The Task Force will be requesting that Gary Nelson provide regular updates on the status of FIRESCOPE inputs to NWCG and general updates on NWCG activities.

ICS RESOURCE TYPING

CDF has requested that the Task Force consider changing the criteria used for typing handcrews and changing handcrew to fire crew. To keep with the "all-risk" application of ICS, the use of handcrew meets this intent. With the issue of resource typing being discussed at NWCG, NFPA, and the Contra Costa County proposal, the Task Force does feel that addressing resource typing standards has merit and needs to be occur in the near future.

CAL-EPA/RAPID FORCE

Representatives from "Rapid Force" have stated that they plan to organizationally fit into the ICS management structure and not have

ICS adjust to the needs of Rapid Force. During a Haz Mat incident, Rapid Force personnel will respond to provide technical assistance and not to take over the management of the incident. It has been stated that lack of funding to support Rapid Force operations may prevent its full implementation.

CAL TRANS ICS

Copies of an ICS management system for use by Cal Trans was passed out as information on how other State agencies are utilizing ICS to meet their management needs.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Hazardous Materials Specialist Group has reviewed the "Rapid Force" document and identified several areas which do not fit in with an ICS organization. Chairperson Dan Talbot has made contact with Rapid Force to explain Specialist Group concerns.

An article from the July 92 edition of "Fire Chief" on the ICS Haz Mat Module developed by FIREScope was handed out for review. While the article was well-prepared and informational, concern was expressed as to articles being written on FIREScope programs without FIREScope approval. Scherr will research existing policy on Decision Process approval for article release while Alworth will discuss concern with Specialist Group.

IMS

As result of the York meeting, it was determined that the IMS document required additional work and that a meeting with representatives from FIREScope and FGC should occur to address this need. Scherr, Dougherty, and Nick Brunacini from FGC met in the OCC to incorporate both ICS and FGC into a compromising document. Copies of this document were handed out for Task Force review and comment. Need was identified that graphics be designed which properly addresses subject matter being presented. Throughout document, use of position titles needs to maintain a level of consistency. This needs to be addressed prior to the Phoenix conference when this document will be handed out for review. Before the Phoenix conference, FIREScope will be given a draft copy of the IMS document which is to be handed out.

FIREScope needs to be identified as one of the document control point with this identification being placed on the cover page of the IMS document. When changes or comments are made on document content, this input needs to go direct to the Curriculum Committee for consideration and not be brokered through Phoenix Fire Department as it has been suggested.