



**TASK FORCE MEETING  
Orange County  
August 21-22, 2012**

**Attendees**

Chuck Butler - LFD  
Steve Winter - VNC  
Woody Enos - SBC  
Marc Hafner - CDF

Kirk Wells - ORC  
Cole Stratton - DAL  
Gary Lane - NCF

Dave Stone - LAC  
Sean Fraley - KRN  
Bob Bell - USFS

At 0900 hours Chief Wells welcomed the Task Force to OCFA Station #41 at the Fullerton Airport.

Chief Butler discussed that there were some Task Force members not in attendance due to deployment on fire assignments.

Agenda Review and Additions.

Review of minutes for the July, 2012 Task Force meeting - Tabled until next meeting.

**NWCG/OWDC Update**

Chief Hafner (CDF) reported that the last conference call was relatively short. Discussions are being held to reorganize the training functions of OWDC. OWDC governs the certification and qualifications process in 310-1. NWCG is currently working on a re-write of the Fireline Handbook. IRPG revisions are currently in process and Chief Hafner will determine if FIRESCOPE can have input.

**Field Operations Guide (FOG) 420-1**

Chief Butler reported that the 8-1/2 x 11 version is complete. Cal-EMA staff currently working on developing the pocket guide. Discussion regarding development of an app for the Iphone and Android mobile format. Development of an app is very expensive not within the budget of FIRESCOPE to develop currently. Staff is reviewing the possibility to develop the FOG into a Kindle book, which could be purchased and downloaded to a mobile device. A detailed page would need to be developed on the FIRESCOPE website to provide instructions for users.

**Emergency Response to Tactical Law Enforcement Incidents**

Chief Enos (SBC) reported on a recent class and exercise held in San Francisco for law and fire. After Action Review indicates that the impression from law enforcement is that fire resources will be arriving at the incident with tactical helmets, vests, and other



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SWAT-style equipment and training. Identified that there is still a wide gap in the expectations and understanding of law/fire and that additional training, education, and procedures need to occur.

Chief Enos distributed a draft guideline from the FIRESCOPE Safety Specialist Group. The following changes/clarifications were recommended by the Task Force:

- Initial Briefing
  - BP1 - Modify language to "develop appropriate incident organization"
  - Add bullet point: "Consider Unified Command"
  - BP3 - Provide definition of Force Protection
  - BP8 - Delete bullet point #8
  - BP9 – Add "# of" for suspects
  - BP10 – Add "# of" for victims
- Medical Resource Management
  - Add bullet point for consideration of ambulance loading issues and traffic plan
- Fire Suppression Guidelines
  - BP1 – Scene Safety – needs clarification of what scene safety means at an active incident. Is the expectation that the fire service will stage away until safe, or that portions of the scene can be made safe enough to provide for victim removal and treatment?
- Zones and Perimeter – clarification needs to be provided between definitions of zones and perimeters.

### **Meeting/Briefing Matrix**

Chief Enos discussed the meeting/briefing checklists that are used for incident briefings. Examples distributed for IMT checklists and other documents. Recommended that a basic incident briefing checklist be developed and added to the next FOG guide.

\* Chief Butler left the meeting due to a fire assignment deployment \*

### **Fireline Handbook and IRPG Revisions**

Chief Hafner reported that the Fireline Handbook and IRPG are currently being revised and FIRESCOPE may be able to provide input. Chief Hafner is the lead to provide FIRESCOPE input.



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**FEMT/FEMP Heat Related Illnesses**

Chief Bell reported there have been several incidents where FEMT's and FEMP's have experienced heat related illnesses due to physical conditioning and training. Discussed double layering and the need for research and guidelines for single layering. Additional discussion held on training and certification requirements for FEMT and FEMP prior to certification and deployment on incidents. Task Force consensus is that these positions should require additional training and certification, such as Single Resource Boss, prior to acting in the position. Issue will be referred to Safety Specialist Group for research and recommendations.

**FIRESCOPE Website Review**

Chief Wells led a group review of the FIRESCOPE website for functionality and ease of locating documents and information. Task Force consensus is that significant format and technical review of the website needs to occur. Website is functional, but could be better in style and navigation. Task Force recommends that a commercial webmaster would be the best option, but budget concerns may prohibit that. Suggestion was made to contact local colleges to see if an intern could be useful in helping to update and upgrade the website. Currently, the website is managed by a Cal-EMA employee at South-Ops as an ancillary duty. Recommendation was made to add a "Training Documents" tab as a drop-down menu.

**Specialist and Working Group Reports**

Aviation – Chief Bell reported that USFS will have a night flying helicopter in 2013.

Communications – Chief Stone, no significant updates.

Safety – Chief Enos, nothing additional.

EMS – Chief Stratton passed out minutes of the last meeting. Discussion on desire by EMS Group to utilize SurveyMonkey.com to develop a survey regarding FEMT and FEMP issues. Request will be discussed with Chief Zagaris by Chief Domanski prior to survey release.

GIS – Chief Hafner, discussed recent conference call. Still looking at developing common symbology.

Predictive Services – Chief Bell, nothing significant.



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Hazardous Materials – No report, Chief Darbro was not present at the meeting.

US&R – Chief Winter, discussed recent conference call regarding the addition of 2 x 12 to SEL. Changes are based on OSHA recommendations and opinion from a structural engineer. Concerns voiced regarding space needs and additional costs. State Fire Training is working on adding to instructional curriculum. Working group contends that cost is minimal and only affects Type 1 and Type 2 teams. Input is needed by regional and local task force leaders before resolution can be reached.

High-Rise – Chief Wells reported that the High Rise Working Group has not met for several years. Group was recently changed from Working to Specialist and will be re-convened as a standing committee of the Task Force. Chief Wells and Chief Stone will work on re-establishing the Specialist Group and will develop a Charter and Plan of Work.

**New Business**

Roster and Organizational Chart Review – Chief Domanski to review and revise the Task Force roster and FIRESCOPE organizational chart.

**Review of upcoming meetings**

- September 18-19 – Monterey (Chief Stratton)
- October 23-24 – Yosemite (Chief Hafner)
- November 14-15 – Santa Barbara (Chief Enos)
- December 11-12 – Ventura County (Chief Winter)

The Task Force adjourned at 1630 hours.

**August 22, 2012 Meeting**

The Task Force cancelled the 8/22/12 meeting due to fire deployments and agency coverage needs.