

**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE/
FIRESCOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 1988 - OES SACRAMENTO HEADQUARTERS

M I N U T E S O F M E E T I N G

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Manning, 1st Vice Chairman - Chief, Los Angeles City Fire Department
William Maxfield, 2nd Vice Chairman - Chief, Contra Costa CCFD
R.G. Barrows, Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Loren Pettis, Chief - Montclair Fire Department
Jim Radley for Larry Holms, Chief - Orange County Fire Department
Rich Peterson, Chief - Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Randy Coggan, Chief - Ventura County Fire Protection District
Jim Brannon, Chief - Linda Fire Protection District
Dave Walizer for James McMullen - State Fire Marshal
Chris Cameron - National Park Service
Richard Adams for Kenton Clark, Asst. Regional Forester, A&FM - U.S.F.S.
Dick Day, Deputy Director - California Department of Forestry
and Fire Protection

SPECIAL ADVISORS PRESENT

Harry Steimer - California State Firemen's Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Kenton Clark, Asst. Regional Forester, A&FM - U.S.F.S.
Pat Kidder - U.S. Department of Interior
James McMullen - State Fire Marshal
Larry Holms, Chief - Orange County Fire Department
Ray Charles, Chief - Sacramento City Fire Department
Ken Brown, Chief - Rio Linda-Elverta Fire Protection District

SPECIAL ADVISORS ABSENT

Brian Hatch - California Professional Fire Fighters

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Imboden - CDF - Mutual Aid Region II
Merrill McMurray - Rancho Cordova FPD - Mutual Aid Region IV
Greg Wayne - CDF - Mutual Aid Region VI
Russ Richards - Stanislaus County Fire Department
Stan Lake - Calif. Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection
John Englund, Chief (retired) - Los Angeles County Fire Department
Bob Crim - Ventura County Fire Prot. District
R. Blair Springer - Senator William Campbell's Office
Jerry Haleva - Senator William Campbell's Office
William Medigovich, Director - OES
Alfred Moran, Chief of Staff - OES
John Passerello, Asst. Director Response and Recovery - OES
Chuck Hill, Consultant - OES Fire and Rescue Division

OTHERS PRESENT (Cont'd)

Bill Wirth, Deputy Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Mike Scherr, Deputy Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Ramon Manzo, Data Proc. Mgr. - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Dick Starr, Deputy Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Will Brock, Asst. Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Rich Aronson, Asst. Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Kim Zagaris, Asst. Chief - OES Fire and Rescue Division
Dianne Wirth - OES Fire and Rescue Division

OPENING REMARKS

Vice Chairman Manning called the meeting to order at 0945 hours, welcoming members and Chief John Englund who is attending today's meeting as a guest.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF PETERSON, SECONDED BY CHIEF MAXFIELD AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 1988 MEETING.

PROCESS TO FILL VACANT COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chief Barrows stated that historically, someone from the Los Angeles County Fire Department has sat on this Committee, and reaffirmed the recent decision by members to vote on selection of a new Chairman after the L.A. County Chief position is filled.

REPORT ON CAMPBELL HEARING - 11/17/88

Chief Manning introduced Jerry Haleva and Blair Springer of Senator William Campbell's Office. Jerry Haleva relayed the Senator's thanks to all concerned for the success of the hearing; and especially to Chief Manning, who set the tone for the hearing with his testimony.

Legislation (Senate Bill 27) was distributed to the Committee, with Mr. Haleva stating it should be heard early in the year because of its low number and priority. The Bill will institutionalize and establish in statute the FIRE-SCOPE Program, to be administered by OES, CDF and the State Fire Marshal.

The purpose of SB-27 is to mandate the FIRESCOPE Program and its management between the three agencies, thus there is no money in the bill. Jerry Haleva reviewed some of the language in the bill, stating this legislation represents the beginning of a process which will continue to require involvement of this Committee in that..."the fire service advisory committee shall submit periodic reports to the Joint Committee on Fire, Police, Emergency and Disaster Services of the Legislature..."

Senator Campbell requests this Committee and the fire service apply the same level of enthusiasm and commitment to the process of contacting members of the Senate and Assembly to solicit not only their support of the bill, but to co-author it.

Chief Manning requested the Operations Teams use the "fan-out" process which was so beneficial to the hearing.

General discussion ensued regarding how the legislative process of passing SB-27 will delay the funding of the FIREScope Implementation Plan (at least 1-1/2 years).

Jerry Haleva mentioned the concept of a fire service caucus within the State Legislature. He, Blair Springer, and Senator Campbell will work towards development of this group, and their first gathering will no doubt concern FIREScope.

Blair Springer stated that a synopsis of the hearing, testimonies and background information will be available in January, 1989, along with a transcript.

FIRE HYDRANT PARKING LAW

Blair Springer reported Senator Craven had contacted the Joint Committee on Emergency Services regarding an inquiry received from a citizen who had been ticketed for parking within the 15-foot radius of a fire hydrant located on a corner. Before replying, he requested advice as to whether existing legislation is sound, or if it needs to be changed. If new legislation is introduced, it will have a statewide impact. In order to prevent the legislation from being controversial or frivolous, Senator Craven requests input from Senator Campbell's Committee.

Chief Maxfield suggested referring the matter to the Cal Chiefs Fire Prevention Officer Section; and Dave Walizer stated these issues are also dealt with by the State Board of Fire Services. Blair agreed to provide copies of the information to the State Fire Marshal's Office and Cal-Chiefs (through Chief Rich Peterson).

Jerry Haleva added that Senator Craven contacted the Joint Committee for their advice because of the success of the FIREScope Program.

OPERATIONS TEAMS REPORT

Mike Scherr reported the next joint meeting is January 18 and 19, 1989 in San Luis Obispo, and extended an invitation to Chief Manning to attend. He and Stan Lake have met to establish an agenda.

Campbell Hearing

Both Operations Teams did extensive work on informing the fire service community and fire service organizations of this important hearing. Those which attended provided excellent support, both verbal and written.

Stan Lake reiterated the hearing was extremely positive and well received.

Task Force

Mike Scherr reported the Communications Specialist Group of Southern California will meet January 11, 1989 with its northern counterparts to obtain input to develop a statewide frequency management plan.

Another issue to be addressed is the misuse of the White Frequencies. Chief Peterson sent a letter to Chief Barrows requesting OES Operations Bulletin 28 be reissued. General discussion ensued with Chief Barrows explaining that FCC procedures state that users shall police themselves in the use of the White frequencies, but agreed that OES should reemphasize the procedures for use of the White frequencies according to the provisions outlined in Bulletin 28. Fire and Rescue Division will send a general letter to the fire services.

OCC Report

Mike Scherr reported the status of several projects including computer programs, computer training, and document control. The supply of Field Operations Guides is exhausted and the document is being updated to include the entire state. Bids for printing are being obtained at this time.

NFPA 1599 COMMITTEE - ICS

Chief Englund stated several letters were sent to various agencies regarding 1561 (NFPA Standard), and to each NFPA board member stating the concerns of California's fire service. Chief Englund attended a meeting in San Diego where he further expressed his concerns.

He felt the letters have had some impact in that NFPA is now sensitive to our concerns, but they will not back down from adopting a standard; however, it will not be called ICS, but an incident management system. Chief Englund urges this Committee to stay apprised of further developments at NFPA, and to maintain their same posture of concern. He recommended the standard be evaluated line by line, and objections and concerns be recorded.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF PETERSON, SECONDED BY CHIEF MAXFIELD AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO DIRECT THE OPERATIONS TEAMS TO EVALUATE NFPA STANDARD 1562, REPORTING OBJECTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CHIEF MANNING FOR SUBMITTAL TO NFPA. THE REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO CHIEF MANNING PRIOR TO JANUARY 13, 1989.

FIRE SERVICE AND RESCUE EMERGENCY MUTUAL AID PLAN

The final plan will be distributed to California fire chiefs this week. Chief Englund stressed the importance of Regions to review the plan with Operational Areas since there are some major changes.

AB-1284 (SAFE ACT) REPORT

Chuck Hill distributed final regulations to Committee members. These regulations will, through Chief Barrows and OES Director Medigovich, be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law. Within 30 days, OAL will accept or reject the regulations. If accepted, the regulations will be sent to the Secretary of State to be incorporated into the California Code of Regulations. Once codified, the regulations will have the same effect as law.

While the legal aspect is nearly completed, Chuck Hill stated that mechanical, in-house procedures are ongoing; ie, application, contract, cover letter to prospective applicants, etc.

YELLOWSTONE MUTUAL AID

Chief Barrows described the special agreement between OES and the National Park Service for purposes of reimbursement for mutual aid provided in September. As of this date, the agreement has been signed and reimbursement will begin. Hopefully, checks will be distributed by the end of December, 1988.

Since this agreement expires December 31, 1988, Chief Barrows suggested the possibility of a permanent agreement so a system will be in place for future situations of this type. John Passerello agreed to the need, and offered any help in the effort.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHIEF MAXFIELD, SECONDED BY CHIEF BRANNON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO REACTIVATE THE REIMBURSEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CDF/USFS/OES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE OUT OF STATE ASSISTANCE.

With reference to SB-27, Chief Manning reiterated the need to obtain support and co-authors for the bill, and suggested using the Operations Teams fan-out process.

In discussing the current FIRESCOPE budget, Chief Manning asked Mr. Passerello about a statement made by Mr. Medigovich at the Campbell hearing that OES spends "\$700,000" per year on the FIRESCOPE Program, since Chief Manning is aware of only a \$420,000 figure. Mr. Passerello stated he wasn't aware of the \$700,000 figure either -- only the \$420,000 figure, and suggested referring the question directly to Mr. Medigovich when he returns to the meeting.

Chief Coggan agreed this issue must be clarified.

FIRE AND RESCUE DIVISION APPARATUS/EQUIPMENT NEEDS SUB-COMMITTEE

Chief McMurray relayed that Chief Dacy will chair the sub-committee and will contact members shortly after the beginning of the year to set up the first meeting.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Chief Barrows announced his retirement from State service effective December 30, 1988. He leaves with a sense of pride and accomplishment in Fire and Rescue Division Programs and in watching this Committee grow into what it is today.

Chief Manning feels the accomplishments can be attributed to Chief Barrows' leadership. This Committee salutes him.

Mr. Medigovich would like to maintain his close working relationship with this Committee, and solicits their thoughts and suggestions.

Chief Manning asked Mr. Medigovich to explain the \$700,000 FIRESCOPE budget figure he mentioned at the Campbell hearing. Mr. Medigovich stated the additional \$300,000 represents indirect support funding; ie, salaries of OCC employees, cost of Prime computers and operators, etc. to illustrate that OES supports the FIRESCOPE Program.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Englund asked John Passerello if an Issue Paper will be prepared on the FIRESCOPE 5-Year Plan. Mr. Passerello stated that since legislation has been introduced, the normal process will prevail (bill analysis, etc.). A meeting has been scheduled for December 20, 1988, between Jerry Partain, Jim McMullen, and Mr. Medigovich.

NEXT MEETING

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 1989, at Sacramento OES Headquarters. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1320 hours.