

FIREScope TASK FORCE
Los Angeles County Camp 2
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February 15, 2006

Meeting began at 0930.

Task Force reviewed the agenda and made two additions.

Regional USAR designators
Field Ops Guide Evacuation Guidelines

Task Force reviewed and accepted corrected November and December minutes.

Task Force reviewed the January OP’s team meeting minutes.

“ALL HAZARDS” INCIDENT DEFINITION REVIEW

Task Force reviewed an “All Hazard” event definition for NWCG. The Task Force found that the definition is essentially the same as the FIREScope definition located in the Field Operations Guide so the definition works for the Task Force.

FIRE INCIDENT MECHANIC/SERVICE UNIT TYPING

The Task Force held a discussion regarding typing mechanics and question was raised as to if FIREScope types individuals. Units are currently typed as Type 1 (heavy equipment) and Type 2 (light equipment). The Task Force continued to discuss the terminology and responsibilities of mechanics/units.

The draft document under review includes a type 3 mechanic that is defined as a contractor. The Task Force does not endorse this concept, as it does not type by qualifications or capabilities.

The Task Force agreed that the FOG can better define Type 1 and Type 2 units but qualifications of the mechanics should be left to NWCG.

Action;

Task Force to better define the capabilities of “Repair Unit” types in the FOG. Possibly add bulleted types of equipment to be serviced.

FIRESCOPE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND LOGO

The organizational chart is currently being completed by Ray Manzo at South Ops. The Task Force reviewed two possible logos that are both very much like the original logo FIRESCOPE used with slight changes in font and coloring.

Action;

Chair to forward the two options to the OP's team for eventual forwarding to the Board of Directors for a decision.

MACS 400-1 REVIEW

The Task Force began to review the 400-1 and noted that the document is very dated.

Action;

Liaisons to direct the Specialist groups to review the Instructional Manuals, listed in the Document Order List, related to each groups specialty for content only. No new formatting will be completed at this time since that will be completed at a later date by a Training Specialist Group.

Action;

All Task Force members are to review the MACS 400-1 prior to the meeting in Paso Robles to prepare for a review and update of the document.

ICS 205 COMMUNICATIONS PLAN FORM

The Task Force reviewed a proposed draft of a revised ICS 205. The Task Force had questions from the document and need clarification.

Action;

Task Force to forward document to Communications Specialist Group to review and prepare recommendations for NIFC.

RECOGNITION OF PAST TASK FORCE MEMBERS

The Task Force discussed recognition of some recent past members. Discussion involved how members were recognized before and the numbers of members that we presently need to recognize. The list is as follows;

Jon Olney
Alton McMillon
Ralph Domanski
Neil Honeycutt
Bill Plough

Demob Guidelines

The Task Force discussed the status of new demobilization guidelines including the recommendations that were presented to the Board of Directors.

Further discussions were held regarding the problems of the 2003 fire siege specifically in San Bernardino County. Some of the problems were related to the MAC group not the management teams. The MAC needs to make difficult decisions regarding movement of resources.

Action;

Chair to draft a letter to the OP's team finalizing the Task Force member's position on the demob process.

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FOG REVISION

Task Force reviewed Chapters 1 through 7 of the FOG. Changes were made to address the Joint Information Center and Risk Management.

Action;

Revised chapters are to be sent to Teresa Romero for corrections. Revised copies will be sent back to the Task Force for review.

REGIONAL USAR DESIGNATION

The Task Force discussed the problems/confusion related to using the term Task Force on regional USAR teams. After some discussion the Task Force felt that the teams designators should follow the following format;

OP Area Designator/Task Force #
XLETF1

Meeting adjourned at 1600

February 16, 2006

FOG EVACUATION GUIDELINES

Task Force discussed adding evacuation guidelines to the new FOG. After discussion, the Task Force agreed to general bullets in the FOG with a more detailed document found elsewhere, perhaps the website.

Further discussion related to the early involvement of law enforcement in a unified command. This was done at the Old Fire in 2003 with good results. In addition, the discussion related to the concept of “re-entry” planning. Planning evacuation must lead into re-entry planning.

TRAINING SPECIALIST GROUP

The Task Force held further discussions related to the possible need to organize Training Specialist Group. The Task Force felt that forming a group without State Fire Marshal representation may be premature even though there is curriculum that needs to be reviewed and updated.

The decision to form a group will wait until after the March 8, 2006 conference call with the OP’s team. Based on the results of that call, the Task Force will use the person assigned to represent the State Fire Marshals office or if there is no assignment, another member from the Task Force will serve as liaison to Training Specialist Group.

FIRESCOPE WEBSITE REVIEW

The Task Force reviewed the website and identified changes to be made;

- The haz-mat equipment list needs a separate tab.
- USAR equipment list needs a separate tab.
- Swiftwater equipment list needs a separate tab.
- Date change on agency rep position manual
- All position manuals should be located in one place.
- Specific discipline position manuals should be located in two places.
- NIMS tab contains a typo.

A question was raised as to what the “Log on Link” is used for.

Action;

All liaisons are to communicate the Specialist Groups meeting dates to Tom Drayer for listing on the website.

PLAN OF WORK

The Task Force reviewed and adjusted the 2006 plan of work.

WORKING AND SPECIALIST GROUP REPORTS

Highrise- Stone reported that the first meeting will be in Riverside sometime in March or April. There they will develop a charter and a plan of work.

Safety- West reported that the next scheduled meetings are April 17, 2006 in San Diego and June 6-7, 2006 in Sacramento.

Aviation Operations- Next meeting is scheduled on February 22, 2006 at Camp 2.

Communications- Drake had nothing new to report.

Haz Mat- Darbro reported that the next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2006 in San Pedro. In addition, Kelly Seitz of the Santa Clara County Fire Department has been elected for a second year as the Chair. Seitz will be presenting to the Task Force next month in Paso Robles concerning possible website changes.

Safety- West reported that the group is looking at the concept of an all risk supervisor position. The group also has developed a draft decision-making tool (215) in order to document the decision making process used with regards to safety. The group reviewed in detail the accident report from the firefighter fatality that occurred in Santa Clara County early last year.

ROUND TABLE **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Task Force-March 22-23, 2006-Paso Robles

Task Force-April 19, 20 2006-San Pedro

Task Force-May 16, 17 2006-Redding (MACS Exercise)

Task Force-June, 2006-Riverside

Meeting adjourned 1200