



**TASK FORCE  
Palm Desert, CA  
February 15-16, 2012**

**Attendees**

Chuck Butler - LFD	Ralph Domanski - OES	Jim Crawford - LAC
David Brinsfield - DOI	Robert Bell - USFS	Arnie White - CDF
Kirk Wells - ORC	Sean Fraley - KRN	Steve Winter - VNC (16 <sup>th</sup> )

Meeting convened at 1200 hours

Chief Dean Veik welcomed the Task Force to Palm Desert in lieu of Chief Hawkins.

Agenda Review and additions

Approval of December Minutes with no revisions

Approval of January Minutes with minor revisions

**Cal EMA Report- Domanski**

Chief Domanski reported that Cal EMA is working on the specifications for the new engine purchases.

He is also assisting the Cal EMA Preparedness staff as they develop a Cal EMA State of California (SOC) MACS Document for significant state wide incidents; earthquake, etc. The intent is to provide a process for resource ordering and resource prioritization.

He utilized the FIRESCOPE MACS process to brief Cal EMA staff on the MACs process as they develop the State Wide coordination process.

**OPS Team Report - Butler**

Elections - Chief Rueda as Chair, Chief Middleton as Vice Chair, Chief Navarro as Secretary

Most of the Ops Team meeting was spent going over the proposed FOG revisions

The following were approved by the Ops Team to move forward to the BOD in April

- WUI Placard
- Marijuana Guidelines
- Clandestine Labs
- Orientation Document with minor change



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Chief Dyer asked that the Ops Team provide 5 suggestions for the future of FIRESCOPE

NWCG Report – Rotation of Area Command Teams, Mob Guide by February,  
Adopting All Hazard doctrine in the future,

The Ops Team was asked to review the WUI Standards of Cover to improved response time

The Ops Team approved a change to the Highrise Group from Working to Specialist Group

The Ops Team also discussed upcoming Joint IC's meetings, IMT workshops, and the State IMT meetings

**FOG Revisions**

Members discussed on Protective Action revisions

- Color Coding
  - o Recommendation to change Blue to Green
- Survival Area
  - o Document issues for Ops Team for decision
- Shelter in Place
  - o Adopt language

**Assistant and Deputy Positions within ICS**

Members reviewed position paper from Chief Butler and discussed revising current definitions and parameters, and how to implement

Deputy – Remain with current definition

Assistant – Continuing discussion

Meeting adjourned for the day – 1700 hours



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Meeting Reconvened on February 16 – 0830 hours

**Assistant and Deputy Positions within ICS (continued)**

Members agreed to develop additional information on the potential issues, including pros and cons of potential changes

*Action Item;*

The Task Force will develop a position paper with an explanation of the issues including pros and cons.

**Organizations for Command Staff Positions**

Direction from the Ops Team was to consider some type of organization to deal with the number of personnel assigned to complex incidents.

General discussion on the various issues and scenarios

Discussion on the location for an Intelligence component within ICS

There exists the need to build out an organization due to changes in society, increased use of social media and the evolution of processes and oversight.

The consensus was that there is a need for some sort of modular organization for each of the Command Staff positions to support the ever increasing complexity of incidents.

For 2012 FOG add language from the Safety Officer Position to both the Public Information Officer and Liaison Officer Positions to suggest possible organizational elements that may be necessary as incidents becomes more complex and the number of assistants increases.

Add this issue to Task Force Plan of Work.

**Incident Command Position Review**

Conference call with Chief LaPlant to discuss issue paper he developed.

Chief LaPlant reported on the Communication Specialist Group meeting

- Group elections - Pete Lawrence as Chair; Kody Kerwin as Vice Chair, Rick Smith as Secretary



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- Subcommittee reports
- MACS 441 document revisions
- Glossary of Terms revisions

Issue paper supported with minor revisions.

## **FEMA ER FOG Planning P**

Members discussed updating the FOG to contain additional verbiage to explain the process, similar to the FEMA draft. Chief Wells to develop draft language for the Task Force to review.

## **Regional Area Command**

Members discussed and will add to Plan of Work at a later date

## **Staging Area Under Area Command**

Members discussed adding a staging area component within the Area Command structure.

- Where does it fall, since there is no Operations within the Area Command Structure
- What is the ordering/reimbursement process
- Does this take the place of the GACC
- Staging Area, Supply Cache,

Chief Butler will attempt to get additional information from Chief Neamy and discuss at a later date.

## **Wire Chart for WUI Chapter 14**

Members discussed moving forward with developing this chart and what it would look like. Chief Crawford will work with Chief Gouette to discuss and develop.

## **Urban Search & Rescue Chapter Changes**

Members discussed minor changes to the wire charts and position descriptions. Approved all changes and will move forward to the Ops Team.

Members discussed a requested name change from US&R Medical Specialist to US&R Medic. The decision was to table at this time due to FEMA issues.



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Members discussed the Multi-Branch Wire Chart to include Geographic Branches with US&R components within the Branches.

**Technology Discussion- All**

Members reviewed issue document prepared by Chief Wells and discussed media such as Twitter and Facebook and possible uses by FIRESCOPE.

These accounts require monitoring and personnel to manage them.

There may be ways to generate funds from creation of apps to fund a "webmaster" position.

**ICS 900-Brinsfield**

Chief Brinsfield discussed the drafted revisions to the ICS-900 document. Discussion was held that there are ongoing meetings to revise the CFMA and CFAA agreements and the document should be on hold pending the outcome of those meetings.

**Working and Specialist Group Reports**

Aviation – Bell  
Communications - LaPlant  
Safety- Butler for Enos  
EMS – Butler for Enos  
GIS – No Report  
Predictive Services - Brinsfield  
USAR – Winter  
High-Rise - Wells  
Hazardous Materials – No Report

Meeting Adjourned at 1700



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## Review of upcoming meetings

March 7, 8 – Los Gatos  
April 3, 4 - San Simeon  
May 16, 17 – Redding

## Roundtable

Members gave report outs on their home agencies.

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