



**TASK FORCE
San Diego, CA
February 19-20, 2013**

Minutes

Chuck Butler (LFD)
Sean Fraley (KRN)
Marc Hafner (CalFire)
Ron Rusten (USFS)
Woody Enos (SBC)

Brad Darbro (CNT)
Dave Stone (LAC)
Mike Lococo (CalEMA)
Kirk Wells (ORC)

Cole Stratton (DAL)
Ramiro Rodriguez (SFM)
Steve Winter (VNC)
Gary Lane (NCF)

February 19, 2013

■ **Call to order: 0900 by Chief Butler**

Chief Gary Lane greeted the Task Force to the San Diego FD Training facility on behalf of San Diego Fire Department and San Diego County North Area.

Review of the January 2013 meeting minutes was conducted. Approval was tabled until Feb. 20, 2013.

Cal EMA Update

The 2012 FOG went to the printer on 2-8-13. We are still waiting for final galley copy. There is an initial order of 10,000 copies set for delivery during the first week of March. By Chief Zagaris' orders, the 8½" X 11" version of the FOG is being held for release until pocket FOG's are ready for release. Development of an iBooks version of the FOG is still planned. (NOTE: There are 10k copies of 2007 FOG still warehoused by State. Their disposition has not yet been determined.) Pre-Order options might be a consideration to improve estimated needs and control overruns in the future.

The High Rise recruitment letter resulted in 6 complete application packages and several additional incomplete interest communications.

IT Group recruitment letter has been released and applications will be reviewed at March TF meeting.

Chief's meeting was held in Sacramento.

Some issues are remaining regarding payments from the Feds. Fed accounting system at Albuquerque has been withholding payments to the State on technical points.

CFAA agreement being rewritten and changes will affect reimbursements.

Several Chief vacancies remain in organization. (HazMat & Region II)

MACS 441 California Communications Plan was posted and pulled down due to lack of full approval prior to posting.

SFT Update (Rodriguez)

A CICCIS Task Force meeting was held on Feb. 12 & 13, 2013. Chief Marshal (KNC) was in attendance as FIRESCOPE Rep.

Fifteen (15) Type-3 all-hazard positions have been presented by EMI. All-Hazard Command and General Staff positions were included as well as several lower level positions. The positions have been included in an equivalency matrix without corresponding task books. A corresponding "L" course has been proposed by FEMA for each position. The "L" courses are all-hazard and are equated to "S" courses for Type 3 level. Most of the courses are based on NWCG curriculum. There is the potential for required endorsements to address specific types of incidents.

FEMA is currently repopulating committees for curriculum and task book development.

The Feds may be looking to require Type 3 qualifications and command structure to approve future reimbursement funding.

"Historical Recognition." A national database exists of qualified instructors through EMI for L courses. There is a need to align the instructor corps with the SFM instructors of S courses. SFM is working to "cross qualify" instructors. Questions remain regarding what qualifications are required for EMI.

The 2013 CICCIS Position Guide is under final review for release by July 1, 2013. SFT is planning "Road Show" to share changes.

US&R Spec. Group and RTF groups are very close in composition but are competing at times. The development of CICCIS positions for all US&R positions is the ultimate goal.

Fireline EMT (FEMT) task book and curriculum is in development by EMS group. Position manuals are available.

The age of DIVS and STL curriculum is becoming a concern.

Dozer Boss curriculum is now Heavy Equipment Boss.

Break 1015-1030

Ops Team Meeting Report (Butler)

The Ops Team discussed the change from Structure Protection to Structure Defense in all FIRESCOPE documentation beginning in 2013.

CalEMA update presented to the Ops Team by Chief Zagaris: No major budget cuts planned.

CFAA Update: Work is being done to better define elements of 2014 CFAA agreement.

NWCG/OWCG update was presented to the Ops Team by Chief Hafner: OWDC streamlining will exclude FIRESCOPE from a permanent seat, but we can always request agenda time to present our needs.

Task Force Report (Butler) Tactical Response Document: The Ops Team requested additional information regarding the complexity of LE/Fire incidents. The document was approved by the Ops Team with minor changes. [A discussion of LE/Fire coordination challenges was conducted by the TF.]

An issue paper regarding FEMA US&R position titles and their alignment with ICS was presented.

TF was directed to continue work on a Special Event Planning document.

Area Command Staging was pulled from the table for now. Proposed solution could be Area Staging for all-hazard incidents and an equivalent Mob Center for wildland incidents.

Chief Zagaris discussed Type 3 teams and their national status.

2012 Fire Season After-Action report. A request for input from private land owners to the AAR was discussed and removed.

Chiefs Hickey, Drake & Ralston are retiring.

Two (2) reps from Region 6 will be added to Ops Team.

Changes are being made to 1521 & 1561. The 910 document needs to be updated by Safety Committee.

FEMA Aerial Apparatus Typing Standards (Butler)

The proposed FEMA typing of Aerial ladders was discussed. The TF felt that the proposed typing was overly simplified for the wide variety of apparatus configurations. NFPA 1901 standards are included. Chief Butler expressed the importance of FIRESCOPE offering input to process.

Criteria that was discussed included pump vs. no pump (incl. GPM); platform vs. straight; turning radius; tiller vs. straight chassis.

FEMA Resource Typing (2005) standards were suggested as reference point.

Consensus was reached to recommend 2 types based on minimum aerial ladder length (T1=75' T2=50') and 1000gal. fire flow per NFPA 1901. Notes on special order reference pump capacities and other capabilities should remain.

Lunch 1215-1330

Task Force Plan of Work (Butler)

The Task Force agreed on the following changes to the FIRESCOPE Plan of Work.

1. FIRESCOPE Strategic Planning and MACS 410-4 Project completion date moved to 4-1-2013
2. FIRESCOPE Orientation Package completion changed to 01-01-2014
3. FIRESCOPE Product currency changed to "ongoing"
4. ICS Forms Manual(ICS 230-2) completion 09-01-13
5. Remove Fire Service Ambulance Strike Team task in its entirety
6. Communications issues reassigned to Task Force and Comm. Spec group.
7. Remove all bullet points under communications issue. Dave Stone to provide replacement verbiage.
8. MACS Working Group completion date to 08-01-2013.
9. ICS 900 change "monitor" to "review", due 06-01-2013.
10. FIRESCOPE Spec & Working Groups Charters, Plan of Work And OSDs due date to 4-1-13
11. FIRESCOPE/Resource Typing due date to ongoing.
12. Remove Protective Actions Guidelines (Complete)
13. Fire / Law Enforcement Tactical Operations Guidelines Add "Ops Team approved 1-24-13" & change due date to 4-9-13 & "(All)" to "(Butler)"
14. Field Ops Guide revise projected completion date to "01-01-2015"
15. ICS Glossary of Terms (ICS 010-1) revised to 06-01-13.

Additions:

1. Develop Special Events Planning Guidelines due 10-01-2013
2. Section D: FIRESCOPE Terminology Updates Replace Structure Protection with Structure defense in all FIRESCOPE documents. 01-01-15

Chief Wells will start and maintain a spread sheet of action items for the Plan of Work.

2012 Fire Season After Action Report (Butler)

The item was tabled to future meeting.

Special Events Planning (Butler)

Ops Team has requested a guidance document to address the application of ICS to Special Event Planning. Chief Butler will draft a document to meet the request.

High Rise Specialist Group Membership (Wells)

Chief Wells presented six (6) nomination packages for the High Rise Specialist Group. A briefing was given on the individual proposed nomination packages. The nominations that were received will not fill the group. A discussion of qualifications and additional recruitment needs ensued. The solicitation letter will not be re-circulated. An active recruitment of additional members from specific departments and regions will be accomplished by Chief Wells.

The new members that were appointed to the group by the task Force are:

Dan Talbot (Riv. Co), Chuck Tobias (Fresno), Bob Fisher (Daly City),
Sergio Sanchez (SBC), Jim Henery (ORC)

Adjourned for the day - 1605 hrs.

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Called to Order: 0830 by Chief Butler

High Rise Specialist Group Membership (cont.) (Wells)

Letter received in support of one additional nominee to the High Rise Group. After presentation, Pat Russell (ANA) was appointed to the group.

IMS Blue Card Update (Darbro)

Chief Darbro shared portions of the online Blue Card System training materials. The introductory presentation contains misleading information regarding ICS and NIMS. The presentation states that ICS is for wildland, NIMS is for large Federal incidents and that neither are applicable to small incidents. The Blue Card system fills the role for the remaining 99% of incidents.

Task Force members who have taken the course shared that program contains some good elements on command and leadership and that overall it integrates fairly well with ICS.

NFPA 1500 & 1561 contain the titles Support Officer and Senior Advisor that are used in the Blue Card System.

The Blue Card System provides a consistent and standardized curriculum delivery through video training. The SFM training may be losing the consistency advantage by allowing instructors to develop their own curriculum and tests. A Continuing Education component of the Blue Card System assures continued training and certification.

The questions of expandability and common language between the two systems were discussed as areas of concern. Terms included in the Blue Card system such as “Sector” and “On Deck” may hold value but do not readily integrate into ICS terminology.

Task Force members agreed to monitor the Blue Card training. One concern brought up in discussion is that the web-based Blue Card programs may offer an alternative to the SFM Fire Officer curriculum that is more modern in appearance and delivery.

Chief Butler will send an advisory notification to the Ops Team and the BoD that the TF is monitoring the Blue Card/ IMS program’s expansion and potential impacts to ICS and NIMS.

Break 1010-1020

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Website / Social Media Update

The Twitter and Facebook passwords have been forwarded to Mike Lococo from Kirk Wells.

Chief Butler presented web site search/query records from January 2013. The report showed a fairly low number of hits to the web site. The report may indicate that FIREScope is not taking full advantage of marketing opportunities and could raise its presence.

The currency of “new items” listed on the site appears to be in question. It may be related to the manner in which the “new items are linked.

A more in depth review of the website will be placed on the agenda for the March 2013 Task Force meeting.

Future Meeting Dates (Butler)

Dates for the August through December 2013 meetings were selected:

August 21-22, 2013	Orange County
Sept. 17-18, 2013	Monterey
Oct. 16-17, 2013	Sacramento (McClellan)
Nov. 13-14, 2013	Buellton
Dec. 10-11, 2013	Ventura County

Tactical Law Enforcement AAR (Fraley)

An After Action Review document was presented by Chief Fraley which reviewed actions taken by Kern County FD at a school shooting incident in Kern County. The discussion focused on the areas of logistical support for people in “lock down”. Food, water and medications for students became a concern during the incident.

The report also indicated that the management of parents, family members and reunification elements of active shooter incidents need to be included in the planning process and logistically supported.

Specialist Group Reports

Aviation: No Report.

Communications: Met on Jan. 29-30, 2013. They updated their Plan of Work, Group Charter and Roster. MACS 441 State Communication Plan updated. All documents will be forwarded

to TF members for review. Pete Lawrence re-elected as Chairman. Next meeting scheduled for April 10-11, 2013 in Camarillo.

Safety: Marijuana Guidelines document needs to be posted to FIREScope web site. The group is working on 910-1 updates. Don Reyes was elected as Chairman. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2013 to align with Wildland Safety Officer Conference in San Diego.

EMS: The group is working on updates to all MCI documents. Updates to Fireline EMT and PM curriculum will be a topic at their next meeting scheduled for March 18-19, 2013. The group is preparing a presentation for the Safety Officer Conference regarding issues and updates pertaining to Fireline PM's.

GIS: Work is continuing to work on a standardized symbol and character set for mapping. The group is actively engaged with the (NAPSG).

Predictive Services: No Report given.

Haz Mat: A conference call to finalize the SEL was cancelled. The next group meeting is scheduled for 2-27-13 in SLO. Finalization of the SEL is the primary agenda item for the meeting.

US&R: A meeting was held in San Diego on 2-13-2013. The group was asked to review 410-4. There is a desire to add more members to the group. The current roster is 11 and historically they have carried 15. The group discussed their recommendation to start a five (5) year currency requirement for US&R certifications. No formal plan is in place yet. The SEL needs to be updated to include equipment needed to add High Line capabilities to the Type 1 team's capabilities and Type III harnesses to all US&R inventories. (The Type III harnesses are required by OSHA for all training on slope or grade greater than 40%)

High Rise: Letters to be sent out to the newly approved members. Chief Wells will reach out to a few more agencies to recruit a full and comprehensive membership. The goal is to have the group roster established by mid April and begin meeting in May 2013.

Information Technology (IT): No report

Round table

The FIREScope Task Force Meeting was **adjourned at 1200** hours in memory of

Ventura City Fire Department Capt. John Duff, (VEN)

who passed away from job related cancer on Feb 16, 2013.

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Action Items:

Kirk Wells: Review FIRESCOPE Web Site for accuracy

Dave Stone: Communications verbiage for Plan of work.

Mike Lococo: Address FIRESCOPE web site actions listed in January minutes.

Removal of “IE 5” reference from home Page

Link on home page directly to FOG

Correct “go back” button inconsistencies.

Steve Winter: Request more info on 5 yr. recert. piece from Mark Brown