

TASK FORCE MEETING #92-2

FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 1992

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GUESTS:

Ray Russell, SFM

I JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING

Meeting centered on the "Cowabunga Report" and concerns expressed as to FIREScope's effectiveness and agencies by-passing the Decision Process when addressing FIREScope related issues. The need was identified for FIREScope to discuss these concerns with OES in an attempt to seek solution. Discussion also centered around the upcoming IMS Consortium meeting and identifying key issues for FIREScope to bring to this meeting.

II. IMS CONSORTIUM

Agenda for the February 28th IMS meeting was discussed with key issues being the approval of a national IMS document and starting a process for re-writing NFA curriculum on ICS. Andy Anderson, Fire Chief for the Quincy FD, was added to the FIREScope contingent as representing the small fire department's interests in development of an IMS.

Copies of the FIREScope IMS document have been sent to several members of the Consortium for their review prior to the February meeting. An extensive brief package will be prepared which documents events leading to this meeting for each member of the FIREScope contingent to use as historical reference.

Scherr will be serving as a point of contact for receiving and/or distributing information dealing with IMS for inclusion in the briefing package.

III. NWCG CURRICULUM

Colgan reported that through further review, it was decided that the generic "I" courses needed four courses to meet user needs and not three courses as previously reported.

A course will be developed specific for agency administrator use. These generic courses will consist of 21 modular courses which will allow instructors to design training to meet a specific

audience or user need.

#### IV. URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE

Alworth reported that at the February 5th US&R Specialist Group meeting held in Sacramento, the following issues were discussed:

- Concern was expressed that US&R would only be identified as applicable to structure collapse situations. To address this concern, a definition will be needed which clearly defines US&R. The definition developed by ORC will be used to meet this need.
- The equipment lists for Basic, Light, and Medium US&R companies were reviewed with minor changes made. These lists were designed to support training requirements and resource capabilities.
- Training requirements were reviewed for Basic, Light, Medium, and Heavy US&R capabilities with changes made to eliminate those requirements which were included the Rescue Systems I & II training. Heavy US&R training was difficult to address since most of the training recommended has not been developed.
- In discussion on US&R Position Manuals and OSD, the Specialist Group will need direction from the Task Force on what OSD format to use and how many Technical Specialist Positions should be identified.

#### V. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Hazardous Materials OSD and Position Manuals were reviewed with several areas identified which may need to be changed. The Hazardous Materials Specialist Group will be advised of these areas for change to insure that these changes are appropriate.

#### VI. SACRAMENTO COUNTY WILDLAND COURSE

Copies of the Sacramento County Wildland Firefighting Essentials Course were passed for Task Force review. Discussion of this course will occur at the Task Force's March meeting.

#### VII. CONTRA COSTA COUNTY RESOURCE TYPING PROPOSAL

At the direction of the FIREScope Board of Directors, the Task Force reviewed a proposal from Contra Costa County on changes to how engine resources are identified within ICS.

The proposal recommends that mutual aid requests for engines be identified as either "structure" or "wildland", thus eliminating the need for using the Type I - Type IV resource identifiers. While the proposal has merit, there are several issues which need to be addressed which directly effect implementation of this proposal.

#### VIII. NWCG ICS WORKING TEAM

In review of the proposed changes to the ICS OSD, the Task Force is of the opinion that a short explanation on the "Planning Process" should be included in the OSD. To address the need for a

more detailed explanation on the planning process, a pamphlet or brochure separate from the OSD should be developed.

#### IX. COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST GROUP

After reviewing the concerns centering around the increasing use of non-VHF frequencies, the Communication Specialist Group has identified the "Cooperative Agreement for Use of Radio Frequencies" as a means for addressing this concern. The Specialist Group reported that there is no hardware currently available to allow cross communication between VHF and non-VHF frequencies.

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