



**TASK FORCE  
Shell Beach, CA  
January 24 - 25, 2012**

**Attendees**

Chuck Butler – LFD	Jim Crawford – LAC	Woody Enos – SBC
Orbrad Darbro – CNT	Ralph Domanski – OES	David Brinsfield – DOI
Robert Bell – USFS	Marc Hafner – CDF	Kirk Wells – ORC
Jack Froggatt – KRN	Mike LaPlant – VNC	Steve Winter – VNC
Ramiro Rodriguez – SFM	Ron Vega – CNT	Tim Maguire – CNT
Sean Fraley – KRN		

Chief Navarro of Santa Barbara County welcomed the Task Force to Shell Beach.

Agenda Review and Additions

**Cal EMA Report – Domanski**

Chief Domanski reported on potential changes at Cal EMA. Pat Dennon became acting Regional Administrator at Los Alamitos; Brian Woodbeck Operations Chief in charge of 7 Assistant Chiefs; new Deputy Chief for Special Ops Lorenzo Gigliotti was South Lake Tahoe Chief. Cal EMA may be changed to the Governor’s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) which still needs to be approved. Last year no new engines were purchased. This year approval has been given to buy new engines.

**State Fire Training Update – Rodriguez**

Chief Rodriguez reported on changes at State Fire Training. No assistants to the State Fire Marshall.

**NWCG OWDC Report – Hafner**

Chief Hafner reported on the OWDC meeting that is to be held on 2/13-15, 2012 In Idaho. Chief Hafner would not be able to attend and needs a representative to replace him at the meeting. Among the subjects to be discussed is the Chainsaw Sawyer classification with addition of Faller to the classification. OWDC would like FIRESCOPE comments regarding the proposed reclassification by Feb 1, 2012.

The members discussed the pros and cons and the need for a classification between S-212 and an A Faller. Members seem to be consistent that the proposed three tier system would in effect possibly water down the classification but does support a classification that bridges S-212 and the Faller Classification.



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While the members agreed that the Task Force may have a recommendation related to the change but a letter of position, if needed, should come from the Board of Directors.

There is a Med Unit Leader proposal regarding a new requirement for the position to require an EMT certification.

Also a review of S-404 Safety Officer curriculum is out for review and comments.

**BOD Report – Butler**

Chief Butler reported on the January 11, 2012 BOD meeting in Sacramento. State fees and budgets were discussed at the meeting. There is a significant amount of burning in the south even though not in Fire Season. CFAA was discussed;

- There is a clarification on Chief Officer Pay - 1½ vs. Straight time
- Portal to portal issues and clarification where discussed
- Business days vs. calendar days
- Training scheduled for local government to help calculate Administrative Fees.
- There will be 12 training sessions scheduled on how to prepare the required documentation
- The rate will be 10 % unless calculations are done that demonstrate why the rate should be higher.

CWCG update - Wildland Conference in San Diego is back on for 2012. Members discussed changes with IMT such as combining Types 1 and 2 and reductions of IMTs with an increase of trainees.

BOD priorities;

- Resolving the "Who Pays" topic
- Interoperability
- Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan review
- Private FDs
- CICC Future
- Duplication of efforts within fire service groups
- Fire Service cost efficiencies

\*\*MACS (Review of FIRESCOPE MACS 410-1 vs. Geographic/Regional MACS)  
Cohesive Strategy – Integrating fuels management, fire adapted communities and fire suppression



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\*\*Chief Joe Millar has concerns about the MACS process and that it is weighted towards local government. While the members that have the fires need to be the priority and the rest support the process, this is not written as practice.

Members discussed the inmate crews and the possible changes between the State and Counties.

**WUI Placard – Bell**

Members discussed the revised WUI Placard and a prototype was distributed to the Task Force. Chief Bell would like to submit proposal to the Ops Team for approval and then take back to Federal Attorneys for opinions before submittal to the BOD.

There was much discussion regarding the liability aspect of the product.

The Task Force will move the proposal to the Operations Team for approval on 1/26/12.

**IMWG Concern- Units in Operations - LaPlant**

Members discussed differing concepts between FIRESCOPE and IMWG.

Position (white papers) need to be written to IMWG to address these conflicts.

*Action Item;*

Chief La Plant will write a position paper on initiating ICS position review.

**Region 5 Air-to-Ground Safety Concerns - Bell**

Forest Service will be losing the ability to use the current air to ground frequency. Radios statewide will need to be reprogrammed. Communications Specialist Group is aware of the situation.

**ICS 900 - Brinsfield**

Chief Brinsfield discussed the progress on the ICS 900 revision. Document will be ready for review at the February Meeting. Discussion was had that the other land use agencies such as CAL FIRE and USFS need to take a look at the document to point out needed revisions.



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*Action Item;*

Chief Hafner from Cal Fire, Chief Bell from the USFS, Chief Domanski of Cal EMA and Chief Brinsfield from the Department of the Interior will review the ICS 900 document and identify needed revisions of the ICS 900. The document will be reviewed after the CFMA and CFAA have been revised.

**Ambulance Strike Team Leader Curriculum**

Members discussed the relevance of the Ambulance Strike Team Leader to FIRESCOPE and the curriculum associated with the concept.

The members will remove the Ambulance Strike Team from the plan of work with no further action.

**Technology Discussion- All**

Members discussed media such as Twitter and Facebook and possible uses by FIRESCOPE.

*Action Item;*

Chief Wells to write social media and technology paper related to options the FIRESCOPE may have.

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.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – All**

Chief Roper has offered assistance for a 40<sup>th</sup> celebration. Has asked for a document that covers the history of FIRESCOPE for the first 40 years.



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**Working and Specialist Group Reports**

Aviation – Bell  
Communications – LaPlant  
Safety – Enos  
EMS – Enos  
GIS – Hafner  
USAR – Butler  
High-rise – Wells  
Hazardous Materials – Darbro  
Predictive Services – Froggatt

*Action Item;*

MACS 441-1- is to be removed from the website due to narrow banding issues and to be replaced with a revised version at a later date.

Safety revised Charter approved with the removal of C. on page 2.

EMS revised Charter approved with minor changes.

For new members to apply to the Specialist and Working Groups;

- Letter of interest,
- Resume and letter from their Fire Chief in support of membership and cost involved.
- Submitted to the chair and liaison

Chief Vega (CNT) has been accepted to the EMS Specialist Group

Firefighter Tim Maguire (CNT) has been accepted to the Communications Specialist group.

Meeting Adjourned at 1700

**Officer elections**

- Chief Butler was reelected as the Chair of the Task Force
- Chief Wells was elected as the Vice Chair
- Chief Darbro was reelected as the Secretary



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### **Marijuana Response Guidelines- Enos**

Members reviewed and edited the Marijuana Response Guidelines document. Revised document approved for submittal to the Ops Team.

### **Field Operations Guide**

Members are to compare the draft FOG with the 2007 version and compile a list of changes to the document.

A document listing the changes was prepared for the Ops Team.

### **Review of upcoming meetings**

February 15, 16 – Palm Desert  
March 7, 8 – Los Gatos  
April 3, 4 – San Simeon  
May – Redding

### **Roundtable**

Members gave report outs on their home agencies.

Meeting adjourned at 1200

### ***Action Items left to complete***

*Action Item;*

Chief Butler will create Information flow document to memorialize the desired procedures discussed.

*Action Item;*

Chief Brinsfield to work with Predictive Services to develop a template for the distribution of local information and prior planning to incoming units (Spot Fire behavior forecast).



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*Action Item;*

Chief Butler to review the Plan of Work and recommend changes on the format and content.