



**TASK FORCE
Pismo Beach, CA
January 28-29, 2014**

Minutes

Chuck Butler (LFD)	Mike Lococo (OES)	Brad Darbro (CNT)
Sean Fraley (KRN)	Dave Stone (LAC)	Marc Hafner (CDF)
Steve Winter (VNC)	Woody Enos (SBC)	Ken Hood (BLM)
Cole Stratton (DAL)	Bob Bell (USFS)	Gary Lane (NCF)
Ralph Domanski (CalOES)	Mike Garcia (SFM Trng)	

Members Not Present:

Kirk Wells (ORC)	Ron Rusten (USFS)	Steve Davis (OLC)
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Guest:

Pam Greenwood, (USFS)

January 28, 2014

■ **Call to order: 0908 by Chief Butler**

The Task Force (TF) was greeted by Chief Ray Navarro (SBC) on behalf of Santa Barbara County Fire Department and Chief Mike Dyer. Chief Navarro shared Chief Dyer's intention to retire in January of 2015 with the Task Force.

Introductions

Agenda Review and Minutes Approval (Butler)

The December 2013 Task Force meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

Cal OES Updates (Lococo)

Cal OES is starting out 2014 in a continued "Fire Season" mode. The recent Colby Fire (LAC/USFS 1-16-14) in Southern California and others around the state have required Master Mutual Aid activations.

Chief Pat O'Bannon has confirmed March 27, 2014 as his retirement date.

CalOES has ordered 25 Type 3 Engines. Fifteen of the new engines will be assigned in Regions 3,4,&5. Assignment locations for the remaining 10 are still pending and will be announced at a later date.

CalOES is preparing for the impacts of the current Statewide drought.

The FIRESCOPE has obtained a legal copyright for the Field Operations Guide (FOG).

FOG smartphone and tablet App. development has been delayed due to State Government issues. All vendors are in place awaiting resolution from the California State legal offices.

The project to archive all historical FIRESCOPE documents is continuing.

All documents sent to Chief Lococo for posting on the FIRESCOPE website need to be in PDF format.

The FIRESCOPE Specialist Group (SG) documents that are currently posted on the website are not all up to date. Chief Lococo asked the TF liaisons for a more concerted effort to submit up to date documentation from the SG's.

California State Fire Training (SFT) Update (Garcia)

A STEAC meeting was held recently. Firefighter 1 (FF1) certification testing is upcoming. Accreditation of Regional and Local fire training programs and facilities is being conducted. New curriculum has been developed and approved by SFT for Firefighter 2.

The certification tracks for Fire Officer will be changing.

Instructor courses will also be updated and changed.

A new Trench Rescue curriculum has been proposed and is currently in final development.

A training program to address photovoltaic and hybrid vehicle features and hazards is being considered.

OES has funded CalJAC to develop an Active Shooter program. SFT is not adding coursework on the subject. TEMS and POST are also weighing in on the subject.

NFA courses have been laid out for 2014 and are posted on the NFA/EMI web site.

Curriculum development for CSTI is being reworked.

Site accreditations for Haz Mat and the Rescue System series are ongoing.

Regional Instructor certifications will be conducted. Dates for the classes are available through Mike Garcia.

FIRESCOPE Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Report (Butler)

Montebello Fire Dept (MTB) is now dispatched by “Verdugo”. They were approved to move from Area E to Area C.

The Communications SG presented information directly to the BoD. The annual release timing of the 217A (Statewide Frequency Load) and a request for an additional 16 pre-designated protection tones were included. The BoD approved the increase in the number of protection tones from 16 to 32.

A “Load Plan Calendar” was approved to include:

- December 1: Load due to Op Area Coordinator (OAC)
- January 1: OAC, State and Federal loads due to CalFire Telecom Manager
- February 1: Load finalized by CalFire Telecom Manager
- March 1: Final Frequency Load ready for Statewide distribution

Chief Nick Duvally discussed how “Quality Assignments” were interpreted and used for CICCS position certification approvals.

ICS 223-10, FEMT Manual (Stratton)

Chief Stratton presented an updated version of the ICS223-10 for review by the TF.

The document was approved with minor corrections. Chief Stratton will make changes and have the document ready for Ops Team approval at their January meeting.

Tactical Emergency Medical Service (TEMS) Position Manual (Stratton)

The EMS SG has rewritten the Tactical Response to Law Enforcement (Active Shooter) document that was initially developed by the Safety SG and subsequently approved for release by the TF.

The TF desires to keep the original guidance document that has been approved and posted.

1100- 1125 Break

TEMS (continued)

The feasibility of convening a Working Group to attempt to tie Active Shooter/TEMS guidance together was discussed. Posting a version of the EMS SG TEMS materials as a companion document was suggested as a possible option to rewriting the document. The TF will review the EMS document and ask the Ops Team for clarification of intent concerning revision of the posted document.

LUNCH 1154- 1300

MACS 410-3, CA Fire Weather Program Risk Preparedness Guide (Lane)

The Predictive Services SG submitted a draft revision of the Fire Weather Program Risk Preparedness Guide document. Minimal amendments were made to the document.

The definitions of Fire Weather Watch and Fire Weather Warning were amended to align with National Weather Service timeframes.

The document was approved by the TF as amended. Chief Butler will submit to Chief Dyer (BoD Chair) for final approval.

ICS for Structure Fire Operations (ICS-SF)

A preliminary draft of an ICS-SF document was submitted for review by Chief Fraley. The TF appreciated the amount of work done on the document.

The Safety SG has reviewed the document and provided updates to include changes that have been instituted in ICS since the last revision that was approved in November 1994. The goal of the document is to provide across-the-board consistency and an ICS framework for incident management of structure fires .

US&R OSD (Incl. Appen. D) (Winter)

A redesigned version of the US&R Standard Equipment List (SEL) also referred to as Appendix D of the US&R OSD was presented to the TF. The new format was well received including the breakout of cost and weight changes.

The TF requested that the document be returned to the US&R SG for more clarity on the break out of weight and cost changes to each level of US&R Typing.

Facebook Page and Twitter Account (Lococo)

The number of “Friend” requests for the FIRESCOPE Facebook page are increasing.

Chief Lococo plans to start linking the TF meeting minutes to the Facebook account each month.

A web site and search queries report is sent to the TF chair and vice-chair from Chief Domanski each month. These reports are used to help to monitor the areas of interest that are accessed on the FIRESCOPE web site.

Ongoing Project Updates

S330 AR STEN Curriculum (Stratton)

The January meeting with CalOES Chief Bondshu was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. A new meeting has been scheduled for February 17-18, 2014 to begin work on the curriculum.

ICS 900 (Hood)

Final updates on the document are almost complete. Chief Hood suggested that an annual update of the document should be done to assure alignment with the mob guide.

Large Fire Lessons Learned (Stone)

Research is continuing on the project. The continued fire season is causing some adjustments to the planned document. An alternate approach to a one-time document discussed by the TF would be to add a tab to the website that would link to AARs and closeout documents to individual incidents. The Ops Team will be asked for clarification of their intent and for an opinion on the alternate approach..

Fire Following Earthquake

Chief Butler has found examples of existing documents that could meet the intent of the project. He will present them to the Ops Team.

Tactical Medic Position Manual (Stratton)

EMS SG will prepare a draft of position manual and forward to Safety Group. A draft document should be available for the February 2014 TF meeting.

Work is continuing on TEMs FRO curriculum.

Draft documents have been placed in the TF Dropbox for review by members.

Medical Specialist Scope of Practice (Winter)

Chief Winter will check with US&R Group for progress on the proposal.

SPECIALIST GROUP REPORTS:

Aviation: (Hood) The next meeting is planned for April 17, 2014 at Camp 2.

No new items to report.

Chief Fred Burris (VNC) was submitted and approved for membership in the group. Resume and departmental support documents will be distributed.

Communications: (Stone) Met in January 2014 in Sacramento. Their next meeting is planned for April.

An updated Plan of Work was submitted. No changes were made to the group's Charter. The documents were approved by TF.

Leadership for the group in 2014 include Chairman Pete Lawrence (OCS), Vice Chairman Cody Kerwin (CON) and Secretary Tim Maguire (CNT)

New members: John Rapp (CDF) replacing Glen Savage (ret.)
 Brent Moon (KRN) replacing Kevin Harper (ret.)
 Mike Towns (FOS) replacing ???
 Rich Atwood (LAC) replacing Frank McCarthy (LAC) (ret.)

Some additional roster changes may be submitted for approval at February TF meeting.

The final "Group 3 Load" (217a) was submitted for 2014. Significant changes include:

- Expanded number of tones to 32.
- VFire25 is being loaned to LFD for use as A/G.
- VNC A/G added.

The TF approved the 217A as submitted to be sent to the BoD for final approval.

A revised ICS 205 Communications Plan document format was submitted for approval. The document accommodates the assumption of narrow banding and includes an expanded

explanatory remarks section. The document will be presented to the Ops Team for discussion and approval.

Safety: (Enos) The group will be meeting on Feb. 3-4, 2014.

Don Reyes (LFD) will continue as chairman, Keith Aggson (Atascadero) vice-chair, Wayne Seda (AFV) Secretary.

EMS: (Stratton) The next meeting is planned for March 18-19, 2014.

Ed Gandra (LAC) (ret.) was re-elected as Chair. (Note: The Executive Committee has voiced concerns regarding retirees on SG's. The TF will request a letter from LAC to confirm continued support of the retired annuitant on the SG.)

Additional leadership roles include Jim Marugg (MVU) as Vice Chair and Josh Cazier (SBC) as Secretary

Greg Knuckles (SBC) and Ray Navarro (SBC) have resigned from the group.

An updated Plan of Work was submitted. Approval was tabled until the next TF meeting to allow for research on several items.

The Group's Charter remained unchanged and was approved by the TF as submitted

GIS: (Hafner)

No items to report.

Adjourn for the day - 1600 hrs.

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January 29, 2014

■ **Call to order: 0825 by Chief Butler**

Task Force Member Kirk Wells (ORC) was present at the meeting

SPECIALIST GROUP REPORTS (continued from Jan. 28th):

Predictive Services: (Lane) The Group's last meeting was Nov. 20-21, 2013.

An updated roster was reviewed that included Drew Smith (LAC), Les Matarazzi (BLM), Bruce Rischer (USFS), Roger Lamoni (Nat WS).

An addition to the group is Kathy Johnson (USFS) (documentation to follow),

The Group has updated their 2013 Fire Season review. Rainfall totals were 25-50% below normal.

The El Nino / La Nina condition in the Pacific Ocean remains in a neutral pattern and is not anticipated to have a significant effect on the winter weather in the State.

Jan – May are predicted to be the driest in 50 years.

There has been a larger number of fires, however the total acreage has been below average.

Orange County has been active with small fires

Dr. Tim Brown (Desert Research Institute) reported on “Hourly Fire Danger Phase 2” modeling fire activity. The system’s algorithms are still in final development.

A Plan of Work was presented with minor changes. Development of a smoke monitoring web site was added as a work item. The PoW was approved by TF.

RAWS sites have adjusted for better statewide coverage.

The project to create a Santa Ana Wildfire Potential Index is continuing. A matrix is in final development and should be available by Sept. '14.

Haz Mat: (Darbro) The January meeting was cancelled. A revised meeting date of March 3-4, 2014 is planned.

The SG plans to discuss the currency and validity of the HM lesson plans currently posted on FIRESCOPE web site.

The annual document updates (Roster, PoW and Charter) and an SEL review are on the agenda.

The group wanted to share that crude oil currently being moved from Canada is resistant to current FF foams due to volatile additives. New type of firefighting foam will be tested for its effectiveness.

Chief Domanski is planning to attend the meeting as a CalOES Liaison.

US&R: (Winter) The next SG meeting is planned for March 5-6, 2014 in Marin County.

A meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of Jan 29 with SG Chairman, CICC and TF members to discuss proposed position qualification requirements for RTF level positions.

High Rise: (Wells) January meeting cancelled. New date TBD

New Roster, PoW & Charters were submitted for approval. Approval of the documents was tabled to February to allow review by TF members.

IT: (Hafner) Conference Call 1-28-14. A February meeting is planned in Santa Cruz.

The group plans to draft a letter to address potential security issues.

A Common Operating platform document was addressed with questions regarding the differences between actual vs. exact fire perimeter.

Fire Resource location tracking capabilities continue to be explored.

CAD data should be accessible without the need to enter the program. Push notifications to the outside should accommodate the information sharing.

Compatibility of Common Operating Platforms (COP) with all hardware and software applications needs to be defined. The process will require standard formats for data.

Alternative #2 to the PoW was approved by the TF.

Break 0955-1010

Planned Events Planning Guide Document (Winter)

The revised version of the ICS for Planned Events document was reviewed and approved for submission to the Ops Team.

Chief Butler presented a complexity assessment matrix used by LFD for internal planning. The document will be amended to remove LFD ranks and references and attached as an appendix to the document.

MACS 400-1 (Wells)

A final draft of the MACS 400-1 and cover letter were reviewed. With minor changes, the documents were approved for submission to the Ops Team. Chief Wells will present the document on 1-30-14.

Election of Officers for 2014

Kirk Wells was nominated for Chairman for 2014. The nomination was seconded and approved by majority

Steve Winter (VNC) was selected Vice Chairman and Sean Fraley (KRN) was selected Secretary through the same process.

The Task Force members expressed appreciation for Chief Butler's leadership and guidance over the last two years.

The Specialist Group Liaison assignments were reviewed and updated for 2014 as follows:

Spec Group Liaison Assignments for 2014

Group	Primary	Alternative
Aviation:	Hood	Fraley
Communication	Stone	Stratton
Safety	Enos	Fraley
EMS	Stratton	Enos
GIS	Hafner	Lane
Predictive Services	Lane	Hood
Haz Mat	Darbro	Garcia
US&R	Winter	Butler
High Rise	Butler	Stone
IT	Hafner	Darbro

Upcoming Meetings

The schedule of upcoming Task Force meetings was reviewed. After discussion, the Task Force decided to alter the schedule of MACS drills for 2014. The South Ops MACS drill will be moved to May in Riverside. The North Ops drill and Redding meeting will be changed to July.

- **January 28-29, 2014** **Shell Beach**
- **January 30-31, 2014** **Shell Beach (Ops Team)**
- **Feb. 19-20, 2014** **San Diego**
- **March 19-20, 2014** **Los Gatos**

- **April 15-16, 2014** **San Simeon**
- **May 6-7, 2014** **Riverside ****
- **June 24-25, 2014** **San Francisco**
- **June 26-27, 2014** **San Francisco, (Ops Team)**
- **July 15-16, 2014** **Redding ****

**Note date changes for North and South Ops MACS training in 2014.

Roundtable Discussion

Meeting adjourned by Chief Butler at 1145 hrs.

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