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FIRESCOPE TASK FORCE MEETING 98-6
June 16, 1998
Mather CDF

Present:

G. Ewan, USFS
P. Cooney, OES
J. Olney, KRN
M. Colgan, ORC
M. Chase, OES Support Staff

R. McKinney, Sacramento FD
L. Caldwell, CNT
M. LaPlant, VNC
C. Wurzell, CDF

Not Present:

G. West, LFD
A. Rosenberger, SBC
K. Larkin, SFM
M. Wilkinson, SSL
J. Graham, LAC
R. Parks, OES Support Staff

Guest:

Bill Weaver, CDF
Chris Parker, CDF

Adjust Agenda

- Add Airport Crash Rescue Engines

Minutes May 20, 1998 Task Force Meeting

No corrections. Accept minutes.

Airport Crash Rescue Engines

Gary Costamagna, Sacramento Fire Department, recently expressed concern about rescue capabilities at Sacrament International Airport. The Resource Type Identifier has been dropped/deleted from FOG (i.e.: once upon a time a "Crash/Rescue" for use around aircraft). It is a problem when they are requesting resources.

Pat Cooney will check STRESS Report and let Rich McKinney know if a identifier exists. In FOG 83 there was a 3 Letter ID, not in most current FOG.

Airport does not have the resources needed to handle a crash. Will have to call on local resources. Keep this on agenda for future discussion.

Rich McKinney will tell Chief Costamagna Crash Rescue Engines not listed in STRESS Report.

North Operations Team Meeting - 5/28/98

George Ewan discussed North Operations Team Meeting in Davis.
Discussion centered on 5 items:
- Task Force Membership Roster
- FIRESCOPE Document Order Form
- ICS 208HM
- Draft User's Guide For Reimbursements
- Draft High Rise OSD

Reimbursement Brochure

Copies of Reimbursement Brochure were distributed.

Bill Weaver had some concerns that not everything is included.

- Statewide misunderstanding or lack of knowledge regarding jurisdictional authority (Example: State DWR assumed some responsibilities outside their scope during 1997 floods.)

- Scenarios are good but not all inclusive. Mostly apply to situations that may arise in Southern California but need at lest 2 more scenarios, as suggested by Hank Weston, to be more applicable to Northern California.

- Is the brochure over simplified? Original intent was to educate fire chiefs on differences regarding Mutual Aid, Assistance By Hire, 5 Party Agreement, etc. In its present form does it meet that goal?

- Currently CDF is working on similar project internally to clarify jurisdiction authority and responsibility.

- It was agreed that there are really 2 separate needs - basic education of fire agencies as to different type of requests and reimbursement and agencies legal authority and functional responsibilities.

- This brochure may not answer all questions but it is good basic educational tool.

- Bill Weaver fully supported the brochure. Gave George Ewan a list of comments and suggestions. If 2 more scenarios are added it would cover the majority of situations.

- Suggested minor changes: Omit the phrase "non-reimbursable" in Scenario 1. Redundant language. Mutual Aid is always non-reimbursable. Omit the word "unplanned".

Scenario 2: If the houses are on SRA, it needs to be clearly stated.

Scenario 5: Add term "Cost Sharing" to background.

- Pat Cooney will check language will check language in 4 Party Agreement too see if any conflicts with brochure.

- Decision Tree - prepared by Assistant Chief Jim Marquis OES, distributed to the group.

- Good visual way to present information. Pat Cooney suggested some revisions to make it more friendly "i.e., if yes, go to..." list jurisdictional and functional responsibilities.

- Make suggested changes and turn over to Operations Teams for final review at July Ops Teams meeting.

- Should draft be given to Cost and Apportionment Committee for review?

- Agreed to review and use Decision Tree in more detailed document sometime in the future, but not to current brochure.

Mapping Group Report - Dave Kehrlein

Several questions raised regarding GIS.

- If this is a FIRESCOPE Group, who are they reporting to?

- What is their mission?

- FIRESCOPE needs Liaison with Mapping Group.

- What does FIRESCOPE need them to do?

Kehrlein passed out Strategies, Goals, 5 Year Work Plan, Specialist Group List, 19 page handout dated 6/16/98.

- Gave background on the group. Had been inactive for several years, recently reactivated.

- They have accomplished: Strategic Plan and Work Plan. Now organizing data layers for development and application.

- Develop field applications (ready end of July)).

GISSIT: Combination of GIS and IT.

- Should GIS be combined with IT? Although there are some areas of crossover, it was agreed to keep them separate. Content mostly GIS. Already large working group to cumbersome to combine.

- What is the reporting relationship of GISSIT to the Task Force? Not established yet.

- Must backup and go through formal process to become Specialist Group of FIRESCOPE. Look at Charter from 1983. Keep it broad enough t encompass new technology but specific enough to conform to Vision Statement of FIRESOPE.

- FIRESCOPE should be providing tasks and directions to GIS if they want FIRESCOPE endorsement or relationship.

- Some main goals - standardize symbology. Meet needs of fire services. Improve data development and accessibility.

> Select FIRESCOPE Task Force Liaison. Chris Wurzell primary, Jon Olney secondary (same as IT Specialist Group)). Jon Olney dropped from Training Liaison 2nd. Mike LaPlant new Training 2nd.

- Don't need brand new Charter. Already a standing Specialist Group.

> Chris Wurzell will work with Dave Kehrlein to revise and update Charter.

The Charter will then be presented to the Operations Teams for approval.

> Jon Olney will ask BOD if they need anything from GIS.

Discuss at July BOD Meeting. Draft charter needs final approval from BOD. Initial focus on fire but allows scope of all risk emergency management in charter.

LEICS

Chris Wurzell distributed an issue paper discussing the conflicts between Law Enforcement ICS and Fire ICS.

BOD needs to be made aware - leave action to BOD - awareness issue.

Mike Colgan suggested that an analysis be attached to the Issue Paper. Intention of Issue Paper is to raise awareness.

- Does FIRESCOPE need to work on making ICS one system or is it too late?

  Chris Wurzell passed out draft letter regarding awareness of 2 different ICS systems. Who should letter be sent to?

  Rich McKinney will show letter to Chief Costamagna as courtesy. Chair of BOD sits on SEMS Committee. Ask for his comments.

  Mike Colgan suggested if issue concerns California Fire Services, have Chief Costamagna sign and send to local chiefs.

- What has been procedure in the past? Letter should come from Chair of BOD.

- Main intent too make fire service aware of 2 systems.

- Issue paper should go to Ops Teams for consideration. Mike Colgan suggested prior to sending Issue Paper to BOD, send to Costamagna with copy of Terry Haney analysis.

- Awareness letter only - time for changes or input already passed.

- Pat Cooney discuss with Chief Honeycutt if letter to go out from OES on 2 ICS systems.

Changes to Issue Paper

- Standard Emergency Management System, change to Standardized Emergency Management System.

- Change Generic ICS to NIIMS/FIRESCOPE ICS in Issue Paper and Awareness Letter.

Alternatives

1. New - No Action.

2. Combine old #1 and #2.

3. Delete.

Recommendation - new #2.

George Ewan will write cover letter and send with Issue Paper to Operations Teams.

Mike Colgan pointed out LEICS is in conflict with California law.

Pat Cooney and Chris Wurzell will research and find actual statues that apply.

- Pat Cooney invited Bruce Ward, Deputy Director, Law Enforcement, OES, to attend next Law Enforcement Specialist Group Committee Meeting (produced Red Book). He presented a copy of the draft agenda for that meeting.

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3 Letter Designators

Pat Cooney suggested need new FIRESCOPE policy on 3 Letter Designators. Suggested criteria: 1. Fire Service, 2. Government owned, 3. Willing to participate in Mutual Aid. Pat Cooney will research past policies and procedures, pass on to Operations Teams, and then BOD. Get ready for October BOD meeting.

Problem with private providers. Also problem with other agencies issuing 3 Letter Designators to non-fire groups or agencies. Check NFES documents for national 3 Letter Designators. Pat Cooney and Chris Wurzell will have ready for October BOD.

Swiftwater

Jon Olney passed out memo regarding San Diego Meeting on 5/18/98 to Chair of Task Force.

- The group asked FIRESCOPE to oversee training, Jon Olney told them no, FIRESCOPE only oversees ICS training. They will have to find another entity.

- US&R used to be umbrella - now involved into sub-group of Technical Rescue, which includes swiftwater, confined space, high angle, trench rescue, etc.

- Jon Olney and Chris Wurzell will write Issue Paper to develop need for change in US&R to sub-group of Technical Rescue for inclusion in FOG.

- Suggestion made to add swiftwater requirement to shorthaul definition.

- Develop master list of qualified pilots to be maintained by 3rd party agency.

- Difficult to develop statewide certs and quals. Each agencies needs are different. Each agency develops and sets their own standards.. Pilots are carded with qualifications.

- Majority of helicopters are law enforcement. Dispute over defining who performs rescues. Fire or law - each situation different.

- Swiftwater rescue not Mutual Aid issue?

- Too many variations in crew and helicopter types to standardize.

- If CDF wants to participate they need to get a representative on the Working Group.

Website

The Riverside Website is one year old. OES has new Website which is in beta testing stage. The new site needs to be reviewed and updated.

- Should this task be given to the FIRESCOPE IT Specialist Group? Why is OES doing this?

- The two websites addresses are:
    1. members.tripod\~firescope\index.html
    2. Firescope.oes.ca.gov

Pat Cooney will meet with Troy Armstrong, OES, to review and update Webpage.

Information Technology Specialist Group should work with OES IT to develop content and maintain.

Work Plan

Review and revise old Work Plan. Update and assign tasks.

1. Work Plan should follow Strategic Plan.

2. Asked to review Calabasas Report. Chief Freeman asked group to look at 12 items of interest and other agencies statewide to see if they have been addressed or are covered by Strategic Plan.

    *   Is this a pattern? - 2 other After Action Reports still being reviewed. Strategic Plan still not formally approved. Go ahead and develop draft Work Plan.

    *   Review 12 points in Calabasas Report. See if they are in Strategic Plan and Work Plan.

    *   Pat Cooney recommended to include Calabasas Report as 1 Item in Work Plan (see page 6).

Next Meeting:

Joint Meeting with Operations Teams North and South.
July 9-10, 1998, Bucks Lake, Quincy

Task Force	Joint Ops Teams	BOD
8/11-12 SBC?	7/9-10 Quincy	7/8 Sacto
9/23-24 Palm Desert:?		10/14 Sacto
10/20-21 Palm Desert?		