



FIRESCOPE



TASK FORCE
Paso Robles, CA
March 17-18th, 2009

Attendees

Dave Stone – LAC

Tom Drayer – OES

Jerry Kuras-SBC

Deneen Phillips-OES

Greg West- LFD

Mike LaPlant-VNT

Jack Froggatt-KRN

Tim Fike- NCC

Ramiro Rodriguez-SFM

Pat O'Bannon –OES

Dan Drake-OCF

Jim Hollingsworth- CDF

Art Torrez - USFS

Brad Darbro- CNT

Steve Maiero- CON

Agenda Items

Welcome, Introductions and Logistics

Agenda Review and Additions

Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes

OES Report

State Fire Training Update

NIMS Update

NWCG/IOWSWT

Training Working Team Report

ROSS Update

Field Operations Guidebook Revisions/Layout

MACS 410-1 Revision Update

GIS and USAR Specialist Groups Invitation Letters

Hazardous Materials SEL

High Rise OSD

Fireline Paramedic Update

2010 FOG Update

Specialist/Working Group Reports

Review of Upcoming Meetings

Roundtable

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Welcome to Paso Robles

Reviewed Agenda

Welcome new member Steve Maiero from Contra Costa County.

OES Report- O'Bannon and Drayer

- New Secretary Matt Bettenhausen is also the Co-Chair of the National Homeland Security Consortium
- New Under-Secretary is Frank McCarton
- Golden Guardian 2008 was successful we had more than 5.5 million people participating in the drill portion.
- Don't have any good news from Sacramento as far as the budget situation it is going to impact us all. With a 42 billion budget deficit and counting; some hard decisions are going to have to be made.
- As of a result of the Governor's Furlough Program, 9.23% is the percentage of employee payroll reduction. This is expected to last for 18 months. It is unknown how or if it will affect our Contract Counties and we are very unsure of what will take place as we face an uncertain economy in the future. We are currently having a difficult time with recruitment and retention issues impacting our ability to hire Assistant and Deputy Chiefs.
- Finally, FEMA is currently reviewing Stafford Act for possible reforms. I would like to invite your comments in order that we may forward those comments to them.

State Fire Training –Rodriguez

- One of the Bills that we hope will be most effective this year is Senate Bill 1595, the amended Public Resources Code. This Bill will amend the Government Safety Code and the Public Safety Code relative to 100 ft of defensible space.
 - As we head into the 2009 Model Code adoption process and as we ramp up later this year with an extension into 2010 one of the goals that we have set for ourselves, in conjunction with Cal Chiefs and the FPOs is to produce a combined document incorporating Title 19 and the Fire Code into one document. We have received permission from the International Code Council to publish Title 19 as an appendix to the California Fire Code.
 - We also published the WUI product handbook on the SFM/Cal Fire website
 - All the Blue Ribbon recommendations are still high priority for us.
- Rodriguez to send info on STEAC meetings (Hi Rise 2c revision)



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NIMS Update-Hollingsworth and West

Chief West brought the draft ICS forms that are out on public comment for the Task Force to review. The group is discussing all hazard national mutual aid. Discussion of all hazard type 3 IMT's Training process.

Ross Update- O'Bannon

2.10 versions will be out in later 2009.

Grivalja- Citrix has been implemented and ROSS performance has increased productivity. Many California dispatch suggestions have affected the many changes.

CA EMA was offering two dispatch classes this year in Mather. The February meeting was canceled to lack of enrollment and April is still on schedule.

Members discussed importance to hold the line on training requirements of the Plans Section Chief. Discussed the historical recognition and training issues with ICS qualifications. Training of ROSS is under way in Alameda County.

Lunch

Field Operations Guidebook Layout/ Revision- All

An email suggestion was made to landscape to the FOG Guide. Task Force will review the landscape layout/format.

Contract was awarded to a bidder in Riverside. The contract was put thru the system in OES. It is in accounting pending. The vendor said four to six weeks to print once they receive the award letter.

MACS 410-1 Revision Update-O'Bannon/Stone

The Task Force reviewed as a group. The North Ops group is going to take over the prioritization sheet and make revisions. They have also automated the form, it is now in Excel. After the Task Force reviews this document the changes will be made. We should be able to implement this in the 2009 fire season and also the MACS orientation.

GIS and USAR Specialist Groups Invitation Letters- Drayer

Tom passed out the invitation letters for the group to review. Chief Zagaris is reviewing the letters before they are sent out. They will be sent out by the end of the week.



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Hazardous Materials SEL- Darbro

The Haz-Mat working group has been working on bringing the current edition of the SEL up to date and address conflicting information between the existing SEL wordage for specific items and the “real world” observations and adaptations. The group has completed a white page and a summary of minor changes for the 2009 SEL. There will not be cost issues due to the changes on the SEL. The Task Force approved this as a final document and these items will be on the website and will post it on the website in the toolbox.

Break

High Rise OSD- Stone

Dave Stone sent out the email to the Task Force containing 8 documents evacuation, ground support system, staging and risk. Jeff Carle has taken over as the main liaison. Chief Drayer will send out a disk in PDF to all the Specialist groups so they can work on their specific section of the FOG. Greg West will put together a letter regarding the RIC thru state fire training.

Fireline Paramedic Update- Kruas

We have sent a clean copy to Tom. It is going to CICCS and it is going to Ross. We have sent it to Jon Skeels regarding this. They are going to add the Fireline EMT to ROSS. The ROSS 2.9 update has already accrued. It will be under the California Specific heading.

The federal Incident management team meetings are scheduled for next month.

Suggestion to the EMS specialist group is to add to their plan of work to work on the MCI.

2010 FOG Update

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DAY 2

MACS 410-1 Rewrite

The Task Force reviewed the 410-1 rewrite. The group suggested minor changes to the document. The Task Force looked at the 429 rating sheet. This sheet will be used at the next MACS exercise. The Task Force reviewed the updated 429 form. The new form automatically totals each category

- 410-1 charter was approved with minor changes.



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Plan of Work

- The FIRESCOPE Plan of Work was reviewed by all members.
 - The Task Force added the member Steve Maiero from Contra Costa County to the roster.
 - Reviewed the additions to the website.
- Deneen Phillips will update the orientation package for this year.

Specialist and Working Group Reports

- **Safety Specialist-** group next scheduled meeting is April 13th in San Diego the wildfire safety officers conference is the next day.
- **Predictive Services-** They are working on the red flag warnings. They have done a presentation on the red flag warnings at the Ops Team meeting in Shell Beach CA. February 21-24th the group met in Orange County regarding the red flag warnings and discuss the issues. They are planning to met with the media to explain what the red flag warnings are. The red flag warnings were originally meant for the Fire Service not the media or the Public
- **Aviation Specialist-** next meeting is on March 26th; they are updating Aviation Assets for Southern California.
- **Communications-** They are working on Appendix A. They have a conference call scheduled for next month.
- **EMS group** is meeting April 20th in Burlingame.
- **Hazardous Materials Group** is looking to work on the Haz Mat section of the FOG. They are meeting in April in Fresno.
- **US&R** is the upcoming group that we will be tasking.



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Review of Upcoming Meetings

- **April-Camarillo**
- **May- Riverside/Redding/Sacramento**
- **June-Mammoth**

Roundtable

- **LA County has just promoted two new Deputy Chiefs.**
- **Kern County is currently working thru budget issues. We are getting our second helicopter next month. Mike Cody is the Intirm Chief. The department is also looking externally to fill the Fire Chief Position.**
- **USFS has now filled their lead meteorologist position. They still have two positions that they are trying to fill.**
- **Santa Barbra is still looking to fill their Fire Chief position. They are starting a new fire academy.**
- **LA City Fire has a fire academy that is graduating, one that is ongoing and one class that will be starting in April. Each of these classes has about 45 students.**

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