

FIRESCOPE TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
11/18/76 - USFS ARCADIA

In attendance: Borden, Metcalfe, Smith, Mills, Demos, Haney, Coale

- ITEM 1: OCC manning for remainder of '76 Fire Season.
- Sitstat to Mode I Operation, 11/18/76.
- ITEM 2. Communications Committee Meeting update. (Metcalfe)
- Cal. Chiefs Recommendations:
1. Approved State Mutual Air Frequency 154.280,
"White Net" in CDF Handitalkies, Airco, and
Helicopters.
2. USFS request by J. Warren for 12 pair 900 MHZ frequency
for FIRESCOPE, to be used with Cross Gate Repeater.
(Copy of letter to Task Force.)
- USFS Radio Cache may be available to agency use outside
forest
3. Radio codes, abbreviated 10 Code, other plain language
- ITEM 3. Training Committee Meeting Update (Smith)
- Next meeting - 1/4/77, 0900 at OCC
- ITEM 4. Operations Team Meeting Update (Borden)
- Implementation Funding
- Task Force work projects - OCC Interim Budget, OCC
Manager position description.
- ITEM 5. Task Force communications from Program Office needed for
an appropriate information
- Send letter to Irwin, stating need
- ITEM 6. OCC Service Manager Position Description
- Task Force Committee, Mills, Metcalfe, Scherr and Haney
will develop Position Description by December 5 for
Operations Team review.
- ITEM 7. Interim Budget for OCC for six months, January 1, 1977 to
June 30, 1977.
- Task Force Committee review and formulate itemized budget
by 11/23/76. Mills, Metcalfe, Scherr, Borden.
- ITEM 8. Printing order for ICS Documents
- Discussed pending revision problems
- Decisions:
1. Print ICS and provide revisions later.
2. HOLD orders* for Field Operations Guide for revisions
and provision for different size requirements.
*(Scherr will notify Ulrey)

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- ITEM 9. Future Task Force Projects
 - List compiled and distributed
 - Priorities assigned
 - Discussed with Irwin 11/19/76.

- ITEM 10. ICS Flow Charts
 - Distributed by SDC
 - Review by Task Force and comments to Coale

- ITEM 11. '77 Core Area expansion possibilities
 - USFS Ojai District of Los Podres
 - USFS Portion of San Bernardino
 - L.A.C.O. Portion between Angeles and Ventura County.

- ITEM 12. Additional Command Team Training
 - Unify training effort

- ITEM 13. Training Schedule for 1977
 - Unity needed

- ITEM 14. Research Program Update (Mills)
 - Future contact to describe requirements for ICS Intra-Unit level.
 - I/R Equipment ready to install in trailer.
 - Manpower needed.

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The following items were discussed with Bob Irwin:

1. Future Task Force projects and work load
2. Written communications to Task Force from Program Manager.
3. Core Area Training for 1977.
4. ICS qualification standards and Certification.
Decision:
The Task Force will develop basic criteria for qualifications and job standards for ICS positions. This will not be an objective for the Training Committee. The Task Force will also develop certification standards later.
-Inform M. Goddard of this decision by letter from Task Force.
5. OCC Conceptual Design, Permanent Facility
-"Irwin" - "R.O. 6 and So. Zone co-located in OCC."
-Implementation funding for cost effectiveness study of OCC - (78)
6. Implementation Funding Proposal-
 - A. Factors involved and expense to taxpayer.
 - B. State funding proposal
 - C. Agency Contributions
 - D. Communication Priorities:
Discussed how priority of communications vs. other items. Task Force recommends higher priority and funding for communications. Task Force request: purchase Prototype Radios (Synthesizer Cache) for use in Core Area for evaluation in 1977. Irwin agreed. Irwin also agreed to change implementation plan to show funding for communications- to be discussed at Operations Meeting December 14.
Task Force discuss with Operations Member prior to meeting.
7. Task Force Members Attending Operations Meetings
-Irwin agreeable, if members obtain approval from Operations Member.
8. Communications Committee Recommendations and Priorities.
Opinion of Task Force is that the communications problems must be dealt with now, and that more Task Force or agency input must be provided for Communications Committee.