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**FIRESCOPE TASK FORCE MEETING 98-9
September 23, 1998
Desert Springs**

Present:

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Jon Olney, KRN
Rachel Parks, OES Support
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(IT Spec Group Chair)

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Absent:

Mike Colgan, ORC

Brief welcome by Sam Garcia.

High Rise OSD

Need to review High Rise for correct words. Talk with Jon Olney.

Board of Directors Meeting - October 14, 1998, Sacramento

George cannot attend, Chris Wurzell to attend. Need Task Force Activity Report early.

Users Guide to Reimbursement

Brief discussion on pamphlet. How will it be distributed statewide.

FIRESCOPE Letterhead

Change letterhead to reflect Ops South Interim Chair from Mike Dougherty to Steve Vittum.

New OES Task Force Member

Pat Cooney gave all information he had as Task Force representative to new member Gary Glotfelty. Not sure if Pat Cooney will still be representative to LEICS or not. Pat was making excellent progress with LEICS and the Task Force does not want to lose the communication flow that was happening. Pat and Fritz Patterson were contact points from LEICS and FIRESCOPE ICS.

Neil Honeycutt is acting FIRESCOPE Assistant Chief North. Make sure he is notified of future Task Force meetings. Permanent FIRESCOPE Assistant Chief North should be appointed by next Task Force meeting.

FIRESCOPE Work Plan

Work Plan passed out. Group reviewed document. Question regarding page 3, ICS Typing. George gave a brief narrative on the history of this issue. Helitanker will have to be looked at later.

Once the BOD approves document will be active Work Plan for year. BOD will review once a year. Document is dynamic. After project is complete can add and take away. Not much added for the BOD, that will change as Task Force proceeds on.

Trust fund was left out of Work Plan. As environment and economics improve may have to look at putting back on Work Plan and pursue it.

Need champion from BOD to help with funding issues. Talk with BOD regarding SB 27, to see if with minor modifications could set up non profit organization within FIRESCOPE. In past this was discussed with Attorney General and based on their recommendation FIRESCOPE backed off. Need to revisit this issue.

Table this issue. Work with Executive Coordinator to see if he supports concept.

Action: Keith Larkin to take to Dan Frances to talk about possible foundation, then take to Ron Coleman

Action: Put statement in Task Force Activity Report to BOD.

SFM ICS Development Project

\$25,000 still in fund given to Keith Larkin group for development ICS documents. Possible completion date: December 1999. Until 430 is completed finished do not know the final costs of document. Question: how to secure funding for the development of lesson plans in the future? Need to prepare a business strategy to request exact dollar amounts it would cost, or what each agency could volunteer. (travel, computer support, etc). Include a cost to date S-430, volunteer hours, hard dollar hours, and final product which came out of expenditure. Workload analysis (CDF) is the system the academy uses.

Swiftwater

Group did not meet last month. Olney to check BBS to find out next meeting date. Gary Glotfelty to check for next meeting today. Proposal from Bucks Lake to change OSD to Technical Rescue OSD, are we ready to take on. Swiftwater group was supposed to build swiftwater section of this document.

Technical Rescue Specialists Group would be the new name of new group that would work on the Technical Rescue OSD.

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Action: Rich McKinney would like disk with FIREScope Decision Process Issue/Problem.

Action: George Ewan to send out letter to old US&R members chief of their agency asking them for members (same or new), cc copy of this letter to BOD, to build the new Technical Rescue Specialist Group. Need to keep formalized as not to get vigilante members. Make statewide group, north and south.

Action: Have Gary or Rachel check to see if travel will be furnished by OES.

When does something stop being search and rescue and start being body rescue?

NWCG Fireline Handbook

Entrapment Section: Taking backpack into shelter, changes in policy, not accepted in shelter. NWCG accepts that practice.

Escape routes and safety zones is not place to deploy safety shelters. It might have to be deployed based upon situations.

Keep vehicles for shelter. FIREScope wants to keep. Agency policy

what is safety zone? should be clearly marked. you could go to this zone and be safe, without having to deploy a shelter.

What is safety island? set up to go to without deployment.

what is deployment area?

what is environmental impacts?

are safety island and zone the same, what are differences.

310-1

Next meeting in December in New Orleans, 3 documents are now 1 because there were problems with not having all three together. Changed mandatory to required, recommended to required knowledge.

Division Group Supervisor & Strike Team Leader will have mandatory training. Do not know about Operations Section Chief.

Command and General Staff. If S-520 is required, Type 2 should have to have 420. NWCG does not support this.

Position training has to be on wildland incidents. (fire, flood, etc). xx with ralph on this. should be all risk.

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Urban interface, all recommendations to PTB's were included.

Course curriculum, probably in two years. Will try to move up at December meeting.

207 - trying to get NWCG to accept. 29 CFR requires this form on hazmat which could be fire, flood.

Initial Response Pocket Guide 7/96 basis for guide (little yellow book). Checklists should be easiest thing to find, either front or back of book (quick find). Audience is engine company captain, crew members, IC, first members on fire.

Ralph Alworth to write a letter explaining changes that FIREScope recommends.

FIMS & Websites

Lynn Rambo, Chair, IT Specs.

BOD at 1/98 meeting recommended a system for FIMS which OES would purchase and maintain. IT Specs waited for OES response. 8/21/98 IT Specialists looked at website and started planning to see where FIREScope needs to go. The hardware and software were acceptable and at the 8.16-17.98 meeting very productive. all agencies will have internet access. later some agencies will have dialin access.

2 sites currently, will blend. OES will be portal (entry site).

1st site: www.firescope.oes.ca.gov

2nd site: tripod is going away

Requirement that it not be OES site, be strictly FIREScope with links to other agencies. Site is not Lotus Notes, is Lotus Domino. The FIMS will eventually feed into RIMS. Purpose to get site up and running with 4 applications INC209, PFIRS, Stress, FAPS immediately. Later add other applications.

Key information will scroll across bottom of screen, ie Red Flag, Mode Change.

Action: CDF to check if ALLS is something that can be linked to website.

Logins and IDS. 1st screen everyone gets, with FIREScope logo which is hot button. At this point you need login and password to go further, this prevents security breach. All old logins will be input with generic password. Will give option to change passwords, or to get more logins.

Priority is to get site up and running. Will clean up and reformat as comments come in. Site will be maintained by Ray Manzo and Don Weiss. On 9/30/98 there will be an IT Specialist Group conference call to check progress of the site. The number is 213-897-0017.

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Passed out copies of Key Format documents:

209: Task Force feels format #3 is acceptable as long as other agencies can dump their 209 data into FIMS.

PFIRS: Touchy issue because of CalPFIRS. Task Force feels example passed out will work for now.

STRESS: Let specialist group report to Task Force on this application.

FAPS: Get AIRS mailed out with minutes.

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GIS Specialist Group

Chris passed out GIS Specialist Group List, 8/25/98 GIS Minutes, GIS Technical Specialist Organization/Unit documents.

Chris Wurzell gave a brief description of what the group is doing. They are creating a charter, making sure they have chiefs backing, and the description documents.

Damage Assessment meeting in Sacramento on September 29-30. CDF Mather, 1000. GIS, and IT Chairs will be at this meeting.

Need to get GIS units into the system, into ERDs, making everyone aware of the GIS products that are available.

Group reviewed GIS Technical Specialist Organization/Unit document. Document will be developed for wildland first, but needs to be all risk.

Check with Dave Kehrlein to see if GIS trailer is ready yet.

GIS Techs need to check with supervisor to make sure they can go to incidents, and have proper equipment if ok'd.

Write a generic position description (boilerplate). Where GIS Technical Specialist will reside in organization (ICS), what are the desired products. Make broad in scope. GIS Technical Specialist should have list of equipment and bring themselves.

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George Ewan, Gary Glotfelty, Chris Wurzell, Greg West to have meeting to rewrite position description for GIS at OCC on 10.1.98 at 1000.

Should GIS group be allowed to request funds and grants for GIS? How would moneys be funneled into FIREScope (checks and balances) through OES, CDF, FS? Funds should only be allowed to use moneys for FIREScope projects. Similar to US&R Task Forces. Do not tie GIS to US&R teams, GIS teams need to be independent.

2 n 2 Out

Lyn Caldwell briefly spoke on how his agency deals with 2 n 2 Out or RIC. Would like other agencies input on how id teams, radio calls, multiple teams.

Agencies agreed it all depends on what equipment is coming behind you. Each agency has their own specify policies. CDF and VNC have written policy.

RIC

Rapid Intervention Crew/Company

Training

New group getting together.

Keith Larken, next meeting November 10, 1998. Will try to 430 wrapped up as soon as possible.

Terrorism

Hazmat Group thinks terrorism belongs in Hazmat. Law and fire should work together very loosely in different organization areas on terrorism. Need some education is needed ie chemical and biological. Does terrorism have a comfortable spot to reside in the FIREScope Program. If we tell you anything on terrorism - we have to shoot you later. Terrorism may be more law enforcement issue initially caused by hazmat but managed by multi casualty. May be a cross discipline issue.

Proper coordination between interagency people. (training)

- when SEMS ICS takes over may become problem with FBI and other higher government groups.

SEMS/MACS

Andy Rosenberger passed out document (SEMS MACS document) SEMS Multi/interagency In Emergency Operations Centers. Asked Task Force members to review and bring input to the next Task Force meeting.

Andy Rosenberger is meeting with Frank Cowan on CSTI issues in November and will report back to the group.

Communications Specialist Group

October 8, next meeting.

Some frequency problems being worked out.

Next meeting:

October 1 GIS

October 14 BOD meeting

October 16 Mike Dougherty retirement party

Task Force Oct 28-29 (lighthouse lodge in Pacific Grove, Monterey-San Benito), Keith Larken to set up

December 2-3, SBC, Andy to host.