

TASK FORCE MEETING 94-5

SEPTEMBER 28 & 29, 1994

SOLVANG FD, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

PRESENT:

John Tucker, LAC
Claude Creasey, LFD
Ralph Alworth, CDF
Mike Dougherty, USFS
Mike Scherr, OES
Al Wilsey, VNC
Ray Russell, SFM
Dave Bianchi, SBC

GUESTS:

Jim Jeffrey, OES Fire & Rescue Division

**APPROVED BY TASK FORCE
ON 10/24/94**

TASK FORCE MEETING 94-4

Meeting minutes from the August 10 & 11, 1994 Task Force meeting held at the USFS Trabuco Ranger District Headquarters were passed out for review and approval. With no changes needed, the motion was made by Russell with a second by Wilsey for the meeting minutes to be approved as written.

CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY PLANNING & RESPONSE COMMISSION (CEPRC)

The CEPRC Equipment and Training Subcommittee has scheduled a two day workshop to discuss hazardous materials (HM) mutual aid. FIREScope representation has been requested to address issues involving the recently approved HM resource typing standards.

Alworth reported that due to a scheduling conflict, he would not be able to attend this workshop as planned and asked if there was a Task Force member available to attend in his place. With no one available to attend this workshop, Alworth will contact Mike Boyle from the HM Specialist Group and a member of this CEPRC subcommittee to discuss issues which needed a Task Force position. Once briefed, Boyle will serve as Task Force representative.

FIELD OPERATIONS GUIDE (FOG)

Jim Jeffrey was asked to attend Task Force meeting to cover changes made to the FOG. Changes made were in response to NWCG generic "I" courses and position checklists, revised FIREScope resource typing standards, and IMS Consortium. Information on radio communications guidelines was changed to reflect FIREScope's Cooperative Frequency Use Agreement. Sections will also be added for hazardous materials, urban search and rescue, and multi-casualty.

The section on agency three-letter identifiers will not be included in the "basic" FOG. This information will still be available but will need to be ordered separately from the FOG.

During this FOG review, it was determined that the NWCG position checklist information was not incorporated. It was also decided that the FOG's Glossary of Terms be compared with the NWCG Fireline Handbook for purposes of maintaining consistency and improving on definitions. Jeffrey and Dougherty will assign tasks to Task Force members to review this NWCG information with commendations to be returned within a short time frame. Final FOG review will occur at the next Task Force meeting.

OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (OSPR)

A copy of the OSPR Operational Systems Description (OSD) and Position Checklists was handed for review and comment by the Task Force. Once this document is approved, it will be used to organize an oil spill response under ICS. It has been requested that all comments be forwarded to Mike Colgan no later than October 7, 1994.

MULTI-AGENCY INCIDENT RESPONSE SYSTEM (MIRS)

Scherr provided an update on the MIRS project. The purpose of MIRS is to provide support to an incident's operational, planning, logistical, and administrative needs on a nationwide basis. This system will also provide support to agency dispatching and EOC operations at the local, state, and federal levels.

SENATE BILL 1841 (SEMS)

SEMS regulations have been reviewed and approved by the State's Office of Administrative Law. Work continues on developing compliance guidelines and methods for monitoring performance and reporting. Operational Systems Descriptions for EOC operations at the regional and state levels and SEMS maintenance system are being developed.

Federal officials have indicated that serious consideration is being given to withholding reimbursement for federally declared disasters from those agencies/departments which do not comply with SEMS provisions.

For SEMS field application, training will use the NWCG generic "I" courses with two additional course developed for SEMS use (Mutual Aid and EOC Operations). A SEMS introductory course will also be developed.

NWCG CURRICULUM

Train-the-Trainer training on the generic "I" courses has been scheduled for the week of November 14th in Boise. Seventeen participants will be attending from California with 13 participants representing fire service interests. The remaining four slots will be allocated to non-fire agencies/departments. Once trained, the fire service participants will organize as a cadre and be responsible for passing on this information to the California Fire Service's training officers. SFM has indicated that SFM certification at the company and chief officer levels will include training from these generic "I" courses.

As part of this curriculum handoff, work needs to occur on upgrading instructional viewgraphs and student reference text graphics. With the need existing to modify ICS position manuals and training documents used in California to interface with this generic curriculum. It was suggested that FIRESCOPE contract out this project as it will be labor intensive.

FIRE SHELTER DEPLOYMENT

AC has developed a video which provides instruction on fire shelter deployment. One issue of Task Force discussion centered around whether refuge should or should not occur inside a vehicle.

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Information was handed out on the following topics:

- * Meeting minutes from NWCG ICS Working Team.
- * Report of the National Commission on Wildfire Disasters.
- * Executive Summary on the firefighter fatalities which occurred during the South Canyon Fire in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Tucker reported that Region I has developed standards for engine companies which address the need for self-sufficiency during the early stages of an incident. This information is being provided to the Region's Operational Area Coordinators for area distribution.