

TASK FORCE MEETING 93-9

SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 1993

CARLSBAD FD, STATION #5

PRESENT:

Mike Scherr, OES
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GUESTS:

Kelvin Yamada, Cal EPA &
Rapid Force

**MINUTES APPROVED BY TASK
FORCE ON 12/9/93**

RAPID FORCE

Kelvin Yamada, representing Cal EPA and Rapid Force, met with the Task Force to request Task Force assistance in revising the "Rapid Force" organization to allow conformance with ICS organizational philosophy. During a hazardous materials exercise held at CSTI, Yamada reported that while the Rapid Force organization worked well for Rapid Force personnel, it was not able to effectively interact with the exercise's ICS organization.

With Senate Bill 1841 requiring the use of ICS, concern was expressed that the current Rapid Force organization may not be in compliance and therefore not eligible for reimbursement when activated. Before the Task Force could provide assistance, Yamada was asked to explain (1) the role of Rapid Force in its response to a hazardous materials incident and (2) what statutory regulations exist which dictate incident responsibilities.

Overall, Rapid Force would provide an incident with technical expertise and not be directly involved with tactical operations or on-scene management. Technical expertise provide by Rapid Force would depend on availability of local expertise and could consist of "over-the phone" advise to large scale, on-scene involvement.

For the Task Force to provide recommendations, the need was identified to have an three-day working meeting with selected representatives from Rapid Force and the FIREScope Hazardous Materials Specialist Group. Work to be accomplished would involve re-working the Rapid Force organization and develop a modular development scenario which shows

Rapid Force involvement from an initial response to a multi-branch incident.

This working meeting will be tentatively schedule for the last week in October and be held at CSTI. To assist with meeting coordination, Alworth will serving as the Task Force contact.

Once this Task Force review has been completed, it was suggested that FIRESCOPE make a presentation to Cal EPA's top management to explain ICS and how Rapid Force will be used on an incident. One long-term goal identified to interface Rapid Force with FIRESCOPE Hazardous Materials will be to included a description of Rapid Force in the FOG and HazMat OSD.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (IMS)

The State Fire Marshall (SFM) has published an ICS version of the IMS Procedures Guide for Structural Firefighting. The only change which differentiates this version from the IMS document is the removal of all references to the use of "sector".

NWCG CURRICULUM

A field test of the four generic "I" courses has been scheduled for mid-October in New Mexico. Participants invited to help validate curriculum will include representatives from fire, law, and EMS with participants having a wide range of ICS experience. Scherr will be attending this course on behalf of FIRESCOPE and OES.

SENATE BILL 1841

SB 1841 regulations have been developed and have been sent to the Office of Administrative Law for their review. Once this review is completed, regulations will be made available for public comment. Some of the key areas addressed in these regulations are as follows:

- * The definition of "Department Operations Center" was included to identify emergency command centers and command & control facilities as potential "risk specific" (fire, law, etc...) emergency operation centers (EOC).

- * Five levels of SEMS organization and function have been formally established (field response, local government, operational area, regional area, and statewide).
- * At the field response level of SEMS, incident management will use ICS with the five functions of ICS identified (command, operations, planning, logistics, and finance). As a compromise with law enforcement, planning can be referred to as planning/intelligence and finance referred to as finance/administration.
- * Recognition was given to the existing fire and law enforcement mutual aid system at all levels of SEMS and that MACS does not involve itself with developing specific incident strategy or tactic nor is it included as part of ICS.

Regulation also have sections which address (1) establishment of a SEMS Advisory Board, (2) minimum training competencies, (3) compliance standards, and (4) reporting requirements. To assist with SEMS training, the four generic "I" courses developed by NWCG are being considered to address training at the field response level.

TASK FORCE MEETING 93-8

Meeting minutes from the August 30 & 31, 1993 Task Force meeting held in Big Bear, San Bernardino County was passed out for review and approval. After making minor corrections, Scherr made the motion to approve said minutes with Russell seconding the motion.

NWCG CURRICULUM

In response to a meeting held with Dan Francis representing NWCG, an issue paper was developed to request FIRESCOPE direction on addressing the newly developed NWCG ICS curriculum. Before this issue paper could be sent to the Operations Team for their review, several major changes had to be made in order to adequately address SB 1841 concerns.

Once these changes are made, this issue paper will be sent to Operations Team member for approval and subsequent review by the Board of Directors. One of the major points identified centers on committing time and personnel to accomplish issue paper recommendations.