



CICCS Notes
January 22, 2007
Forest Service Training Center McClellan, CA



Meeting Attendees:

Bob Bell, US Forest Service
Art Bishop, Apple Valley FD
Steve Brown, Chico FD
Tom Connors, Orange County Fire Authority
Yvonne de la Pena, CFFJAC
Nick Duvally, LA County FD
Deano Esades, Pechanga FD
Mike Esparza, Riverside FD
Bill Frankel, Camp Pendleton FD
Marvin Howard, OES
Jim Little, Long Valley FPD
Tom McGuire, LA County FD
Ed McOrmond, Pechanga FD
Rich Rubin, Aptos La Selva FPD
Brad Smith, Livermore Pleasonton FD
Scott Vail, OES
TJ Welch, Alameda County FD
Kim Zagaris, OES

Introduction of personnel

New members of the CICCS Task Force at this meeting were; Art Bishop, Tom Connors, Yvonne de la Pena, Deano Esades, Bill Frankel, Jim Little, and Ed McOrmond. Absent were Bill Holmes, Keith Larkin, David Lord, Brad Smith and Rusty Witwer. Bob Bell, Training Officer Forest Service, represented Rusty Witwer at the meeting.
Guests were: Kim Zagaris and Marvin Howard.

Region II Meeting

Marvin Howard discussed the 1/18 OES Region II CICCS 300 and 400 coordinators meeting. Jim Little, David Lord, Rich Rubin, TJ Welch and Scott Vail also attended this meeting. The topics that the meeting covered were : the need for a training program for Operational Area Peer Review Committees to insure a consistent region-wide review process; the need for an all-risk 310-1; qualification cards, historical recognition; building a resource directory Region-wide with access to ROSS; developing a needs assessment process to determine what position were really needed for In-Region and State-wide responses; qualifications for line EMT's , line medic's and line safety positions and where are these qualification standards

to be found; qualifications of Type III IMT's; and the long term impacts of CICCIS to fire agencies.

This meeting was very valuable as it highlighted the need for the Task Force to attend Operational Area and Regional meetings to explain what the Task Force is working on and what the future direction of CICCIS is. The re-education process on CICCIS must be continuous. The Task Force members in attendance were able to share with the Region II Coordinators that many of the items they are concerned with the Task Force is working on such as; consistency, currency, a CA all-risk 310-1, a needs assessment, a review of the equivalency matrix and other topics. A discussion on historical recognition came up and a reminder was made that for wildland qualifications the time period is over, however, as new positions for all-hazards are created a new historical recognition process may need to be developed. It was pointed out to the Task Force members that a trainee portion of CICCIS should be developed as it was never in the original.

Fire Qualification Cards

Art Bishop presented the fire qualification carding system that is in use in San Bernardino County. It is very simple and was developed to be KISS compliant.

The discussion that followed concerned the following:

Should there be a qualification card. The task force is in complete agreement.

Should the Task force recommend the adoption of only one card or give the fire service options for developing their systems. It was pointed out that many departments have adopted IQS system as Orange County as done, others have developed their own system as LA County as done that has similar features to IQS. An advantage to IQS is that it links to ROSS.

It is recognized that small departments, especially volunteer departments, don't have the personnel and time to invest in the IQS system and other card systems, such as the one in San Bernardino, should be available. The task force agreed that agencies should have the option of how they want to proceed; however, all cards would have the same information.

To expedite the development of a card, Rich Rubin and Art Bishop will develop a sample card with the required information. There will be an explanation of what is required in each information block. This will be presented at the next Board of Fire Services meeting along with a

recommendation for fire agencies to develop a qualifications card and available options for producing a card.

At the State Board meeting the Task Force will request that the Board recommend to the FIREScope BOD that they adopt a statewide qualifications card standard.

A lengthy discussion was had on fitness standards. The task Force agreed that while fitness standards might be desirable to mandate they are the responsibility of the agency and if the fire chief says they meet their department standards then we should accept them, after all they are ultimately responsible for the costs incurred by an injury.

310-1

The Task Force discussed the needed changes to the 2000 310-1 and the inclusion of all risk elements into the handbook. The starting point for the new CA-310-1 would be the 2006 310-1 and would include CA specific information.

The principles that the 310-1 would strive to achieve would be:

The handbook would be equal to or more restrictive than the current 310-1.

A CA specific 310-1 would be broad based enough to allow utilization of personnel outside of CA

The handbook would meld existing documents, such as the CDF 4039 Handbook, LA County's handbook and other agency documents and qualifications guidance in to the statewide document.

The format will be easily understood by federal agencies to state and local agencies and would enhance reciprocity.

There would be methods for company officers to qualify for operations positions without getting stuck in the Strike Team Leader Engine bottleneck.

There would be alternate methods of maintaining currency than actual assignments such as; instruction, exercise and simulation to measure tactical decision making skills. Utilize events, drills and complex non-emergency situations to provide trainee and currency opportunities.

Emphasis should be made to local Training Officer's that local assignments count as experience and that performance ratings should be done as often as possible and to maintain good records.

Training on performance ratings should be developed.

Change the W in the Task books to I or S in many situations.

As groups are developed to work on the new portions of the CA 310-1 committee members need to be assigned for assistance and to provide linkage to the Task Force.

A new equivalency matrix needs to be developed.

Statewide Meeting on CICCS

An informational meeting for all operational areas and regions was proposed. This meeting would include members of the Task Force, OA CICCS Committee chairs, OES Chief Officers, State Fire Marshal representation, and others. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on CICCS, insure consistency and gather information that will be helpful to the Task Force in its mission.

The possibility of having a southern meeting and a northern meeting or just one was discussed but no conclusion was arrived at. Scott Vail will check with the OES A/C's to canvas their OA's to see the interest level.

The Task Force did suggest the meeting should be in April.

The next meeting is March 26th.