

**FIRESCOPE TASK FORCE
SAN MARCOS
JUNE 7 & 8, 2005**

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Bob Praytor – OES
Pat O Bannon – OES
Dave Stone – LAC

Orbrad Darbro – CNT
Steve Hutchison – CDF
Dan Drake – ORC
Todd Newman – SMC

Greg West – LFD
Woody Enos – SBC
Jack Froggatt – KRN

June 7, 2005

The meeting began at 0930.

The minutes of the May 10, 2005 meeting were approved as corrected.

REVIEW OF MACS EXERCISE AND ORIENTATION

Task Force reviewed feedback from the MACS exercise South.

Discussion was held regarding who should participate in MACS process. The participants should be involved and affected agencies.

Task Force reviewed feedback from the MACS exercise North.

There was light attendance but the main players were participants.

The Task Force discussed options regarding the possibility to take the MACS orientation on the road in order to expose more agencies to the process.

410-1 MACS PROCEDURES DRAFT 6

Pat O Bannon submitted Draft 6 of the 410-1 to the Task Force. The members worked with Pat to make changes and format the document. Pat will prepare a final draft with changes.

FIRESCOPE FIELD OPERATIONS GUIDE COVER AND LOGO

The members discussed the national interest in FOG and comments from users in other states regarding the references to California on the cover.

FIRESCOPE may want to keep references to the history of the organization inside the FOG but make the cover with it's logo more state generic.

Discussion continued on the future of FIRESCOPE and how the organization will continue to lead the nation in ICS and remain consistant with NIMS.

Members further discussed the differences between NIMS and FIRESCOPE ICS as noted in a document prepared by retired Chief Bob Neamy. The members recommend that FIRESCOPE adopt changes and add definitions to the FOG such as the terms;

- Intelligence
- Public Information Officer
- Joint Information System (JIS)
- Joint Information Center (JIC)

Members agreed to submit the possible changes to the FOG cover and logo to the BOD and to use the Neamy document as a basis to inform the BOD of the differences with NIMS.

THREE LETTER DESIGNATOR

The members discussed criteria for acquiring new three letter designators. Pat O Bannon provided a memo from Chief Kim Zagaris dated July 1, 2003 that identified the requirements for organizations of acquiring a three letter designator.

The current requirements are;

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The members discussed a possible additional requirement to clarify who is eligible to acquire a designator. The additional requirement suggested is that the Area Coordinator be a part of the approval process. This requirement should prevent agencies that conflict with existing fire districts from obtaining a designator without local approval.

The members agreed that Pat should prepare a draft letter for Chief Zagaris to review and sign and the approved letter to be added to the FIRESCOPE website.

ICS AND WMD USAGE

The members discussed the future use of ICS in a WMD event and the need to create examples of ICS structure for possible addition to the next FOG. Among the possibilities discussed was the Task Force creating up to five scenarios to submit to the Specialist and Working Groups and Law Enforcement Agencies whose disciplines may be employed during a WMD event. With these scenarios, the groups could create objectives and possible ICS structure to submit to the Task Force. Once these submittals are obtained by the Task Force, the members can review the strengths and weaknesses to create an example ICS structure for possible addition to the FOG.

TASK FORCE MINUTES

The members agreed that approved minutes would be submitted by the secretary to the Chairperson and Bob Praytor for distribution. In Addition the minutes will be retained by the secretary annually to assist in archiving the minutes at the end of the year.

June 8, 2005

The meeting began at 0830.

Minutes from the April 26, 2005 meeting were approved by the members.

The Aviation Operations Charter was reviewed and approved.

The 2005 Task Force Plan of Work was reviewed and approved.

NWCG 310-1 REWRITE

Ralph Domanskie briefed the members on the status of the 310-1 in particular the Fireline EMT position.

The Fireline EMT position requirements are about to be finalized with significant differences in fitness requirements and educational requirements from California. The fitness requirement would be moderate as apposed to arduous and the educational requirements are S-130 and S-190.

The members all expressed concern about these lower standards and discussed the implications of the standards. Most members agreed that the biggest concern was the lower educational requirements. Fireline EMTs who do not have the firefighter training will be a greater risk of death or injury due to the lack of knowledge of the fireline environment. The members agreed that FIRESCOPE should continue to press for similar standards to those required in California.

RESOURCE INVENTORY SYSTEM

Bob Praytor demonstrated the new Resource Inventory System located on the FIRESCOPE website.

Praytor demonstrated that with a departments three letter designator and a password, the individual agencies could review and make current the status of their resources annually. In addition, if an agency has changes they can use the system to update as necessary.

ROUND TABLE

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 13, 2005, Sacramento- Board of Directors

July 14 & 15, 2005, Los Angeles – Aviation Operations Specialist Group

July 30, 2005, Sacramento – Haz Mat Specialist Group
August 9 & 10, 2005, Camarillo- Task Force
September 14 & 15, Los Angeles – Task Force
October 13 & 14, 2005, Nevada City – Task Force

The meeting adjourned at 1045

REPORTS FROM SPECIALIST AND WORKING GROUPS

SAFETY

Greg West reported that the group was finalizing the 910-1 document and would submit the draft to the Task Force.

HAZ-MAT

Orbrad Darbro submitted questions from the group regarding new primary members and alternate members. The first question raised was if the alternate could vote and represent their agency when the primary is unavailable. The answer from the Task Force was that the agency had one vote and the alternate member could serve in absence of the primary member.

The other question was regarding the status of the Metropolitan Medical Task Forces. The Task Force reply was that Federal funding is waning and unless local funding replaces the federal funding the MMTFs may not continue to function.

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All Members present reported on current events and issues for their respective departments.

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July 13, 2005 Sacramento-Board of Directors
July 14 & 15, Bucks Lake – Joint Ops

Meeting adjourned at 1700

