

**FIRESCOPE TASK FORCE
PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 23-24, 2005**

Mike LaPlant – VNC
Woody Enos – SBC
Bob Praytor – OES
Brad Darbro–CNT

Greg West – LFD
Dan Drake – ORC
Jack Froggatt – KRN
Dave Stone– LAC

Tom Drayer – OES (Guest)
Dennis Beene – OES(Guest)

March 23, 2005

The meeting began at 0930.

WELCOME

Chief Ken Johnson of the Paso Robles Fire Department welcomed the group to the new Paso Robles Public Safety Center.

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections.

ICS APPLICATION ON WEPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION INCIDENTS

The Task Force discussed the dynamics of WMD events and how they differ from other types of events. WMD events use multiple disciplines and they are criminal in nature. There is a need to integrate the applicable OSD's and to work well with Law Enforcement. Law Enforcement and Fire need to be integrated with ICS and unified command. This integration needs to be in maintained throughout the event. Unified command needs to integrate objectives of Law Enforcement, Fire and other agencies having overlapping jurisdiction at the event. All command staff need to have deputies that may require members from other agencies such as Law Enforcement. Law Enforcement is at these events from beginning to end, even though the priorities change from initial support of fire with evacuations, they change to security and crime scene investigation. Safety of first responders is primary importance, but at some point the crime scene investigation must become the priority. Fire may not need to know the specifics of Intel regarding the crime scene but this Intel must available for operational needs.

The group discussed possible interaction between local agencies and the FBI during WMD events. Building a strong bond through a unified command structure will enhance coordinated efforts of local agencies and the FBI when they arrive at these events.

The group also recommended that a "Guidelines" document is created to define key points to consider such as unified command and deputies in key positions. Further

more, it may be advantageous to create a small working group that involves Fire, local Law Enforcement and Federal Law agencies to create a position paper, possible guidelines document and possibly an OSD.

The group recommended the group to consist of Greg West, as the Task Force liaison, Brad Darbro, Dennis Beene, a local representative from the Los Angeles area law enforcement community and a Federal law enforcement representative. Greg West will make contacts with local Law Enforcement and Federal agents.

MACS EXERCISE SOUTH

The Task Force reviewed the invitation letter for the exercise, the agenda, and the scenario and made minor changes. The lessons learned from the 2003 Southern California Fire Siege will be inserted during the orientation. Invitations will go to primary agency representatives with one alternate but no "packets" will be mailed.

The Task Force will use the meeting on April 26th to prepare for the exercise on April 27.

After review of early MACS training tape, the group talked about a need for a new video or disk be created using updated information.

CONFERENCE CALL WITH RALPH DOMANSKI

The Task Force held a conference call with Ralph Domanski who shared his conversation with Gene Madden, Chair of NWCG, regarding the Fireline EMT position.

Three concerns raised by Gene Madden;

1. There is no Position Task Book and NWCG requires a PTB.
2. Physical Fitness Rating – There is concern over the "arduous" requirement.
3. The scope of practice to be used is that of the EMT's home agency.

Gene Madden asked for FIRESCOPE to send an electronic copy of the "Fireline EMT" position and work on a Position Task Book. The group had some discussion regarding document security.

During the call the 410-1 status was discussed. The Task Force expects Pat O'Bannon to edit and provide a 6th draft for the Task Force to review and pass on to the Operations Team by June.

1530 - Personnel from Paso Robles Fire Department led the group for a tour of the Paso Robles facility.

HAZ-MAT CHARTER

The Haz-Mat Specialist Group submitted the revised charter and the Task Force reviewed and sent it back to the group for modification.

The meeting adjourned at 1700 on March 23rd

March 24, 2005

The meeting began at 0830.

MACS LESSONS LEARNED DOCUMENT

Greg West categorized the “Lessons Learned” document into three categories;

1. Agency Reps
2. MACS process
3. Facilities

The group reviewed the items by category and asked Greg West to rewrite under these new categories.

HAZ-MAT OSD

The Task Force reviewed the revised Haz-Mat OSD and approved it with minor changes. The Specialist Group is to make the changes. The Task Force also discussed the Assistant Safety Officer training requirements and determined that the Specialist Group would revise ICS-HM-222-5.

AIR OPERATIONS SPECIALIST CHARTER

The group determined that the liaison to this working group would be Ralph Domanski with Pat O’Bannon as a second.

Mission;

Bring together representatives from public service and military organizations to determine the potential for inter-agency operational capabilities and develop a plan of operations that could be utilized in Wildland and an “All Risk” environment.

Responsibilities;

1. To address Blue Ribbon Commission concerns.
2. Increase inter-agency operational capabilities.
3. Review rules of engagement and improve how agencies work together.
4. Review current training requirements and make recommendations for consistency and enhancement.
5. Evaluate technology to improve multi-agency incident aircraft operations.

Membership;

Governmental agencies that have air assets and respond to incidents. Primary membership will be in accordance with the FIRESCOPE decision process.

Meetings;

Meetings will be held as necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives as determined by the approved annual Air Operations Specialist "Plan of Work". Meetings will be held periodically, but at least annually, and not to conflict with Task Force meetings.

METROPOLITAN MEDICAL TASK FORCE

The FIRESCOPE Task Force needs to be prepared to make recommendations as to where in FIRESCOPE this resides. Should this be a separate OSD or an Annex?

There was discussion MMTF document review. Bob Praytor will forward documents to members for review.

FORMS MANUAL REVIEW – CHANGE SUBMITTAL FORM

The group held a discussion on a time-line to complete work. Bob Praytor will put together a small group to review the forms.

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

Jack Froggatt will speak to Command Team members to determine issues related to a JIC's existence. Jack will speak to Information officers April 12, 13 and 14.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 10, 2005 Redding – North Ops
May 11, 2005 Redding – North Ops MAC Orientation
June 7 & 8, 2005 San Diego – San Marcos Fire Department
July 13, 2005 Sacramento – Board of Directors
July 14 & 15, 2005 Bucks Lake – Joint Ops

ROUND TABLE

All members present reported on current events and issues for their respective Departments.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M. March 24, 2005