

North County Zone Operations & Training Officers
San Marcos Training Facility
Minutes for January 11, 2006

Members Present

Camp Pendleton Fire – William Frankel
Carlsbad Fire – Chris Heiser, Mike Kennedy
Deer Springs CDF – Dick Gardner
Del Mar Fire – Tom Wolf
Elfin Forest Fire – Dawn Pettijohn
Encinitas Fire – Mark Muir, Darrin Ward
Escondido Fire – Scott Alvord, Randy Licata
North County Fire – Dan Goldberg, Randy Meers, Kathy Ford-Brodersen
North County JPA Dispatch – Denny Neville
Rancho Santa Fe Fire – Jim Sturtevant, Tony Michel
Oceanside Fire – Mike Margot
Rancho Santa Fe Fire – Tony Michel
San Marcos Fire – Todd Newman, Brett VanWey, Greg Woolf, Rick Vogt, Chuck Morton
Solana Beach – Dismas Abelman
Vista Fire – Randy Terich, Don Shellhammer, Jeff Hahn, Joe Napier

Call to Order

Mark Muir called the meeting to order at 0904 hours.

Approval of Minutes

It was noted that there was one (1) opposition on the motion regarding the proposed *North Zone ICS Overhead Rotation Policy*. The minutes were corrected.

Motion: Randy Licata moved to approve the corrected minutes from the December 14, 2005 meeting. Randy Terich seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Old Business

GIS System Project

Joe Napier briefed the group on the progress of the GIS System Project. A 450K Homeland Security grant was received and will be used to purchase 36 MDC's for the Zone command vehicles. The City of Vista will assume the leadership role in the project. All agencies will sign a MOU for partnership in the project. Ownership of the MDC's and the data will belong to the individual agencies.

Strike Team Leader Proposal

Todd Newman reviewed the last meetings discussions and distributed the newest version of the *North Zone ICS Overhead Rotation Policy*. Rick Vogt discussed the scheduling and made the following notations/suggestions:

- Departments should rotate ERD Strike Team Leaders on a yearly basis to maintain currency.
- All 18 Strike Team Leaders, including substitutes are required to participate in the working group.
- Del Mar/Solana Beach will provide two (2) Strike Team Leaders or substitutes. One (1) from each agency.
- Each agency's Fire Chief will determine their ERD Strike Team Leaders.
- The Qualification Evaluation Form will be used for Strike Team Leader information purposes only. Substitutes will be determined by the Qualification Evaluation Form ranking.
- Departments should use the Qualification Evaluation Form to determine their most suited Strike Team Leaders and substitutes internally.
- Individuals are reminded to keep a log of their incidents and activities.
- A track of courses may be needed to prepare newer Firefighters for ICS positions.
- The Strike Team Leader Working Group will be used as a learning tool.

Chris Heiser discussed his research on CICCIS and NCWG requirements. He expressed his concerns on limiting the Zone Strike Team Leaders.

Individuals took turns to share their concerns and discuss the pros and cons of the most recent draft policy.

Motion: Dan Goldberg made a motion to present the most recent version of the *North Zone ICS Overhead Rotation Policy* to the Zone Chiefs with a mention of the group's discussions. Randy Meers seconded the motion. Vote: 10 Ayes, 2 Opposed.

Although there were varying opinions, the group praised the committee for doing a great job.

Committee Reports

Equipment

No report.

Regional Training

Randy Licata updated the group on the status of the Zone Training Manual. The goal for completion of the final document is March 2006.

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Don Shellhammer reported that a UASI grant training and information meeting will be held on January 19, 2006 @ 1300 at the County Facility, Bldg. 4.

Escondido will be hosting a zone-wide RIC drill at a vacant K-Mart building on March 27-31, 2006. Contact Mike Bertrand, by phone at (760) 839-4437 x 6405 or by email at mbertrand@ci.escondido.ca.us, if your agency is interested in participating or you have any questions.

The Training Officers and the Operations group will coordinate a date for the next Chief's drill. A Gantt chart needs to be adopted prior to scheduling the drill.

Rancho Santa Fe will be hosting an ICS 300 class early March 2006.

Communications

Denny Neville reported that the county is still working on a new fleet map.

Zone Qualifications

Todd Newman reported that the last meeting wrapped up the historical recognition program. They will be seeking direction from the State and County Chiefs as to where to go from here.

Regional Blending

Nothing to report.

New Business:

New Officers

A discussion regarding new 2006 officers will be continued at the next meeting.

Roundtable:

Randy Terich, Vista – He thanked everyone who sent resources to their recent structure fire.

Tony Michel, Rancho Santa Fe – Their new Battalion Chiefs will be starting on Saturday, January 14.

Chris Heiser, Carlsbad – They will be having Battalion Chief and Captain Testing in March. They will be sending out a request for raters.

Mark Muir, Encinitas – They are looking for Division Chief / Battalion Chief raters for January 24, 2006.

Scott Alvord, Escondido – He thanked San Marcos, Rancho Santa Fe and Vista for sending engines to one of their retiree's funeral service. The department will be modifying their policy on line of duty services vs. retiree services.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1058 hours.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2006, 0900 hours at the San Marcos Safety Center.

The Training Officers will meet at 0800 hours, prior to the general meeting.