

North County Zone Operations & Training Officers
San Marcos Training Facility
Minutes for November 8, 2006

Members Present:

Camp Pendleton Fire – Bill Frankel

Carlsbad Fire – Chris Heiser, Mike McFadden

Encinitas Fire – Joe Bunn

Escondido Fire – Scott Alvord, Pete Montgomery

North County Fire – Dan Goldberg, Randy Meers, Kathy Ford-Brodersen

Rancho Santa Fe Fire – Tony Michel, Jim Sturtevant

San Marcos Fire – Chuck Morton, Rick Vogt, Greg Woolf

Vista Fire – Randy Terich, Don Shellhammer

Call to Order:

Scott Alvord called the meeting to order at 09:34 hours.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were disseminated by e-mail prior to the meeting and were reviewed by the members. No corrections were made.

Motion: Joe Bunn made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2006. Greg Woolf seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Special Presentation:

Steve Wigner of DCS Testing and Equipment gave a presentation about his company. They administer onsite hose and ladder testing for fire agencies. They currently contract with the San Diego area cities of Escondido, Oceanside and Chula Vista. Their testing is NFPA compliant and the final report is sent to the agency on a CD.

Their normal fee for hose testing is 35 cents per foot, but the San Diego area agencies that contract within the next two months will receive a rate of 22 cents per foot. They also test ladders at \$2.75 per foot or \$1.75 per foot if done concurrent with hose testing. If they enter into a zone-wide contract they could offer a substantial savings. This testing could be completed at several locations over a three to four month period.

Dan Goldberg requested DCS Testing and Equipment give us a quote for the entire zone and broken down by individual department. This proposal method would provide our departments' macro and micro option(s). [Scott Alvord & Dan Goldberg will provide them a list of estimates of hose type and lengths by department \(11-A\)](#). Mr. Wigner assured us he would have the proposal complete by our next meeting.

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Committee Reports:

Equipment

No report.

Regional Training

Randy Meers encouraged the agencies to send their position development tracks to Rick Vogt for completion of the training matrix on the North zone website.

The Search & Rescue policy is complete and will be forwarded to Rick Vogt for website posting. The Training Officers' discussed an issue with transverse hose load deployment methodology and agreed to make no changes.

Randy announced that the January, 2007 Zone drill would be a hose/ladder combination drill on January 18, 19 & 22, 2007, at 0900 and 1300. This will be held at Rancho Santa Fe (fire station 2) and Carlsbad (El Camino & Faraday). The rotation schedule and directions will be sent to all agencies prior to the training dates for planning purposes.

North County Fire Protection District is evaluating hosting a zone wildland drill at the SDSU Nature Preserve in Fallbrook. This would possibly take place in April 2007. More to follow.

The group reviewed the highrise drill; with the exception of some radio frequency problems the drill went well and had good participation.

Randy Meers reminded everyone that the current Palomar Fire Academy would be graduating on November 20th at Mission Hills High School at 1800 hours.

Don Shellhammer reported that the next San Diego County Training Officers' meeting would be held on November 29th at Rancho Santa Fe Station 2.

Randy Meers noted that he will be sending the annual training calendar to Rick Vogt for website posting. Scott Alvord will also forward a copy to Zone Chiefs, requesting their presence at their choice of the yearly drills (11-B).

Communications

Denny Neville was not present. Scott Alvord asked the group for feedback on a recent memo regarding the method of deployment for overhead positions that was sent to everyone by Denny. Rick Vogt suggested that the contact be made to each agencies duty chief. The duty chief could then filter the requests to his qualified personnel. Rick thought we should require a response back to dispatch within fifteen (15) minutes. He stated that the memo's plan to issue everyone in the ERD a pager would not work because members may be out of the service paging area and the agencies would not have any control as to who responded. The group agreed with Rick Vogt's recommendation. Rick will forward the edited language to Denny Neville to add to the draft policy (11-C). Scott Alvord will take this draft plan to Zone Chiefs, noting that there will be more information to come.

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Randy Terich discussed some issues that were identified by his crews regarding use of Command and TAC channels. The group discussed the issue at length and agreed that it is a training issue. [Dan Goldberg will ask Don Stevens to develop a PowerPoint training covering the utilization of Command and TAC frequencies \(11-D\) for distribution to all North Zone fire agencies.](#)

Zone Qualifications

Rick Vogt reported that only three (3) CICCIS packets had been received. He reminded everyone to send in their packets immediately, as they are looking at having a review meeting in early December.

Rick also discussed some recent issues with the STL scheduling. Certain weeks have experienced numerous vacancies. The group discussed the issue and agreed to make the scheduling matrix work through the end of the year, using CICCIS substitutes if necessary. They are hoping to make some changes to the next year's schedule; including adding one more STL per department and combining some departments.

Regional Blending

No report.

County Operations Group

The County Operations group did not meet this last month. Scott Alvord reviewed information from his recent attendance at the Firescope meeting in San Francisco. He reported that the new flagging system would be added to Firescope in addition to adding a RIC group, evacuation group and responder-rehab group to the highrise policy. He also told the group about a discussion at the meeting regarding the creation of Fireline Paramedics. The Firescope working group will meet again in February 2007, to revise the position manuals. Scott and Dan will report back San Diego County Operations Group committee activities to our North Zone.

Old Business:

October 2006 Action Item Status

8-A Complete – The Search & Rescue policy has been approved and will be posted.

9-B Pending – Don Shellhammer reported that this training issue is on the SCTOA agenda this month. [He will report back to the group in December.](#)

10-A Pending – Rick Vogt is hoping to have an area CICCIS meeting scheduled for December.

10-B Complete/Ongoing – Dan Goldberg & Rick Vogt distributed a draft of the newly created *North Zone Administrative Section*. The formation of this manual will be ongoing. Rick Vogt requested agencies send him or Dan any policies to include in this section. The group agreed to form a separate committee to review the administrative policies. Rick Vogt and Dan Goldberg volunteered to serve on this committee. [It was also agreed to create a forms section of the EOM that Dan and Rick will take care of \(11-E\).](#)

10-C Complete – The Life Hazard Control Zone policy will be going to North Zone Chiefs' tomorrow.

10-D Complete – Scott Alvord met with Denny Neville and concluded that there is no special tone available for the life hazard notification.

10-E Complete - Denny Neville sent an email report that per Section VII of the Region VI Area Coordinator's Handbook; STLs are to report a minimum of once every 24 hours to their Region VI Rep, OES Agency Rep, or the operational area dispatch center. The group agreed that STLs should contact North Comm and they will forward the message to Monte Vista. This policy will go to the Zone Chiefs' tomorrow for review.

10-F Continuing - Denny Neville sent an email report that reviewed the Annex D process. [He suggested that the Annex D Operational Communications Plan be revised to reflect the Annex D routing.](#)

10-G Continuing – Dan Goldberg distributed NCFPD's CO detection form for review. [The group agreed to reformat the form and add it to the forms section of the EOM.](#)

10-H Continuing – Scott Alvord and Randy Terich met to discuss the power saw policy. The group discussed if it should reside in the EOM or the Training Manual. [They agreed to have Scott Alvord combine the language in EOM sections 606 & 608 and add the power saw guidelines to the equipment list.](#) The power saw operations detail would also remain in the training manual.

10-I Complete – CAD contact groups are not needed due to a recommended change in the STL notification policy.

New Business:

2007 Goals and Objectives/New Officers

Scott Alvord reminded everyone to start thinking about the goals and objectives and officers for the upcoming year. We will be electing new officers and discussing goals at the next meeting.

Roundtable:

Greg Woolf, San Marcos Fire – They are in the process of recruiting three (3) or four (4) FF/PM's. Their new Station 4 is currently out for bid that closes on December 12.

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Bill Frankel, Camp Pendleton Fire – They just received approval to purchase two (2) more Type 3's that will be delivered by next fire season.

Randy Terich, Vista Fire – Proposition L has passed which will increase his city's sales tax. This may allow for the building of two (2) or three (3) new fire stations and the hiring of 15 to 18 personnel. They have currently hired two (2) new FF/PM and still have one (1) opening.

Randy Meers, North County Fire – North County has received delivery of their new Pierce Type I engine. They have received bids for a new Battalion Chiefs' vehicle and are reviewing them. They will be conducting Reserve Firefighter testing next month. Administrative Captain Mike Bongorz is expected to retire soon and they will be conducting an internal recruitment for this position.

Don Shellhammer, Vista Fire – He asked how many agencies have washers and dryers for employee's personal uniforms (not PPE). The group discussed the issue.

Mike McFadden, Carlsbad Fire – They will have two (2) new ambulances in service within a couple of weeks. They currently have three (3) FF/PM vacancies.

Scott Alvord, Escondido Fire – He told of a recent plating house fire in his city. He discussed the many challenges with the chemicals involved and lessons learned. Escondido Fire currently has two (2) FF/PM vacancies due to a couple of retirements and recent promotions. They are awaiting delivery of three (3) new Pierce engines. They have been delayed due to a couple of quality control issues. Their truck will be moving to a station at the east end of their city.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on December 13, 2006, 09:30 at the San Marcos Safety Center. The Training Officers will meet prior to the operations meeting at 08:30.

Minutes submitted by:

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ACTION ITEMS
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	WHO	WHAT	WHEN	STATUS
9-B	Goldberg, Van Wey, Shellhammer	Develop a system to identify the training needs of the Zone	Report due by December meeting	Pending
10-A	Vogt	Schedule CICCIS area meeting	By December	Pending
10-F	Neville	Annex D Operational Communications Plan will be revised to reflect the Annex D routing. MCI Policy 510.00	ASAP	Pending
10-G	Goldberg, Vogt	Reformat NCFPD CO form and add to forms section.	ASAP	Pending
10-H	Alvord, Terich	Alvord to combine the language in EOM sections 606 & 608 and add the power saw guidelines to the equipment list.	ASAP	Pending
11-A	Alvord & Goldberg	Send a zone hose list to DCS Testing for hose test proposal.	ASAP	Pending
11-B	Meers, Vogt, Alvord	Meers to send the annual training calendar to Vogt for website posting. Alvord to forward a copy to Zone Chiefs.	ASAP	Pending
11-C	Vogt, Neville	Vogt will forward the group's recommendation regarding STL requests to Neville to add to the draft policy	ASAP	Pending
11-D	Goldberg, Stevens	Goldberg will ask Don Stevens to develop a PowerPoint training covering the TAC vs Command portion of communication policy	ASAP	Pending
11-E	Goldberg, Vogt	Create an Administrative and Forms Section of the EOM.	ASAP	Pending