

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

**Members Present:**

*Camp Pendleton Fire* – William Frankel  
*Carlsbad Fire* – Mike McFadden  
*Encinitas Fire* – Mark Muir, Joe Bunn,  
*Escondido Fire* – Scott Alvord  
*North County Fire* – Dan Goldberg  
*Oceanside Fire* – Mike Margot  
*Rancho Santa Fe Fire* – Jim Sturtevant  
*San Marcos Fire* – Todd Newman, Brett VanWey, Greg Woolf, Chuck Morton  
*Solana Beach* – Dismas Abelman  
*Vista Fire* – Randy Terich

**Call to Order:**

Mark Muir called the meeting to order at 0910 hours.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes were sent by email prior to the meeting.

**Motion:** Scott Alvord moved to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2006 meeting. Mike Margot seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

**Committee Reports:**

Equipment

No report.

Regional Training

The group discussed the progress of the EOM:

- Pre-Fire Planning, waiting for formatting.
- Salvage & Overhaul, posted.
- Search & Rescue, two meetings out.
- Extrication, one month to adopt.

A discussion ensued regarding the pre-fire plans, the definition and number limits. The group felt the individual agencies should have the ability to make as many as they need. Scott Alvord will develop a basic definition for all departments to use.

Scott Alvord discussed the upcoming RIC drill. He noted the March dates are still a go. Firefighter self-rescue will be incorporated as part of RIC. They will also practice air management and survival techniques. The drill will run for the entire day. Each agency will be required to sign a hold harmless agreement.

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### Communications

No report. Denny Neville not present.

### Zone Qualifications

Todd Newman disseminated the list of STL contact information. The STLs were reminded to communicate with their Trainees prior to a strike team dispatch. This would enhance logistics. He also reminded the group that when selecting alternates they should try to choose those who are geographically spread out for closest in-zone response. Substitutes were discussed. The vacancies for a primary STL do not move to secondary. This simply moves the vacancy. When filling vacancies on the roster you should strive to maintain a geographical balance so as to not have all positions located in the same area.

The STL information is posted on the website. Please forward any information to Rick Vogt. The system will be closely monitored for the first six months of implementation. Kathy Brodersen will be asked to send everyone her email groups of the STL and Trainees.

The group again discussed the number of STLs, now that most agencies have Battalion Chiefs. The group felt that to increase the numbers would threaten the ability to maintain currency. The committee will monitor the number concern to ensure this new system is effective.

A group discussed Vista and NCFPD OES responsibilities. This may affect those respective agencies. The situation will be monitored to assess its impact on the zone's system.

A discussion ensued regarding when a position couldn't be filled (Primary, Secondary, or Tertiary). They agreed that it's simply a position that couldn't be filled.

## **Old Business:**

### 2006 Goals

Mark Muir reviewed the twelve goals that were determined at the last meeting. A long discussion ensued that reviewed the positive strides the Zone Ops and TO's have made. It is somewhat slower than anticipated. The group restated their commitment to identifying and implementing a regional concept in the delivery of services. In an analogy of the Zone EOM, the training manual is 90% complete. The remaining 10% is implementation and evaluation, followed by accountability.

## **Roundtable:**

*Scott Alvord, Escondido* – He reminded the group of the County Wildland Drill planning meeting on March 22 @ 0900 in Poway. The drill will take place on May 15, 16 & 17.

*Todd Newman, San Marcos* – He discussed how agencies utilize water tenders in initial attack deployment. His recommendation is that this particular unit type not be included as initial attack during auto aid, rather as a specific request based upon incident needs. This will be discussed at Zone Chiefs.

*Dismas Abelman, Solana Beach* – They have five (5) candidates for their upcoming Engineer's exam.

*Bill Frankel, Camp Pendleton* – They have a Fire School scheduled from June 12 – 16. He is the program manager for their new HQ Fire Station. He discussed their two (2) vehicles that were hit on the I-5 within the last two weeks.

*Mike McFadden, Carlsbad* – He noted that Chris Heiser was unable to attend today due to their Battalion Chief and Captain recruitment. They will be receiving their new Type-1 engine soon; this will complete their all enclosed cab fleet. Their city council approved a new truck company. They may be having a live burn training soon.

*Mike Margot, Oceanside* – He reported that their new Station 8 would have their open house on March 28 from 0930 to 1130. They currently have placed sixteen (16) new recruits in the field. All of their ambulances have been converted to dual medics. They have also recently taken delivery of a new water tender and may be getting a 105' truck. They are currently getting ready for an Engineer's exam.

*Randy Terich, Vista* – They will be conducting a Captain's exam in April and a Battalion Chief's exam in May. Eight employees are back in Mississippi helping rebuild houses. They will be receiving a new OES engine.

*Mark Muir, Encinitas* – They are receiving new engines and rebuilding three (3) new stations. Their department reorganization to include Battalion Chiefs is being reviewed by their city council.

## **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on April 12, 2006, 0900 hours at the San Marcos Safety Center.

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