

**North County Zone Operations & Training Officers**  
**San Marcos Training Facility**  
**Minutes for May 10, 2006**

**Members Present:**

*Camp Pendleton Fire* – William Frankel  
*Carlsbad Fire* – Chris Heiser, Mike McFadden  
*Deer Springs* – Dick Gardner  
*Elfin Forest* – Dawn Pettijohn  
*Encinitas Fire* – Joe Bunn, Darrin Ward  
*Escondido Fire* – Randy Licata  
*North County Fire* – Dan Goldberg, Randy Meers  
*North County JPA Dispatch* – Denny Neville  
*Oceanside Fire* – Mike Margot  
*Rancho Santa Fe Fire* – Tony Michel  
*San Marcos Fire* – Brett VanWey  
*Vista Fire* – Don Shellhammer, Jeff Hahn, Randy Terich

**Call to Order:**

Dan Goldberg called the meeting to order at 09:05.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes were disseminated, reviewed and approved.

**Fitness Standards**

Nick Pavone attended to report on the Zone Chiefs recommendations for fitness standards for personnel listed in the North Zone ERD. The Zone Chiefs would like each agency to adopt the 310-1 physical fitness standards for all ERD members and management positions at the rank of Battalion Chief and above. All departments need to be in compliance by July 1<sup>st</sup>. It was recommended that the language indicating the level of physical fitness in the current STL Rotation policy be modified to reflect and incorporate the 310-1 physical fitness levels. Each agency's "fitness coordinator" will verify that their fitness program meets or exceeds these standards.

The current ERD application form will be modified to include a section that verifies the new physical standards are met. Updated forms will need to be resubmitted by all ERD members to Rick Vogt reflecting the individual's compliance to the 310-1 guidelines.

**Committee Reports:**

Equipment

The formation of an actual equipment committee was discussed. This topic is routinely listed on the Operation's Meeting agenda but seldom reported on due to a lack of formal committee structure. The establishment of this committee and their function will be agenzized for the next meeting.

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### Regional Training

The group reviewed the zone training schedule:

- May – Ladders
- July – Hose (prepare in June)

Randy Licata suggested a matrix for both tower sites to eliminate duplication or scheduling problems.

Randy Meers reported that the first North Zone drill will be facilitated this month with the subject matter being ladders. All Zone Training Officers are planning on attending to observe the drills in their on-going development efforts. An executive summary will be provided back to the Operation and Training Chiefs describing the results of the drill.

The upcoming Wildland Drill will take place on May 15, 16, & 17. The list indicating the three (3) dates and the respective resource commitments was passed out with a request to fill any vacant slots.

### Communications

Denny Neville updated the group on the County Fleet Map. Due to changes at Heartland, a new county fleet map layout will be presented at the next meeting.

Randy Terich was reminded to send the group his power point on scene size-up communications. This matter was discussed at the previous Operation meeting with a goal to minimize “non-required” radio communication.

### Zone Qualifications

No report.

### Regional Blending

No report.

## **Old Business:**

### Weather Updates

A website has been developed to deliver daily fire weather forecasts. The reports will be posted daily at 0700 hours. This time change was accomplished by NCFPD Fire Chief William Metcalf and his staff. A significant advantage of having daily fire weather forecasts published at this time is to allow fire department’s increased time to augment staffing when indicated.

- The fire weather website is:  
[http://newweb.wrh.noaa.gov/sqx/display\\_product.php?sid=SGX&pil=FWF](http://newweb.wrh.noaa.gov/sqx/display_product.php?sid=SGX&pil=FWF)

## **New Business:**

### UASI Funding

Bill Frankel discussed the 2006 UASI funding. A regional working group recently formed, discussed and developed a strategy for San Diego County based upon

projected available dollars. The group agreed that the top two (2) projects should be:

1. CAD to CAD communications.
2. Interoperable radio communications.

#### Updates to North Zone EOM

Dan Goldberg discussed the matter of how to maintain the EOM guidelines with respect to updates. It was recommended that a standing committee comprised of multiple agencies be formed to periodically review policy changes. The group also felt that routine modifications should occur on an annual cycle (with the exception of mandated changes driven by regulatory agencies that need immediate modification) to prevent confusion. Anytime a change is made the affected guideline will reflect a new revision date and the specified change(s) will be disseminated to all agencies.

#### **Roundtable:**

*Bill Frankel, Camp Pendleton* – He noted that he has several openings in the Week 21 STL schedule and is looking for assistance in filling the vacancies.

*Randy Licata, Escondido* – He thanked everyone who helped in their recent Captain's exam. They will be conducting an Engineer's test on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. They have hired four (4) new firefighter/paramedics.

*Tony Michel, Rancho Santa Fe* – He asked anyone who may have information on a Butler building for their training facility to contact him.

His department will be conducting badge pinning ceremonies for two (2) new firefighter/paramedics.

*Joe Bunn, Encinitas* – They will be conducting an Engineer's exam on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Brett VanWey, San Marcos* – Their new Station Two will be opening soon; they recently hired three (3) firefighter/paramedics, but still have two (2) vacancies.

They will be conducting EMT interviews for a new peak-period BLS ambulance that will go into service in July.

*Jeff Hahn, Vista* – He reported that on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 09:00 they will be conducting a free training opportunity that will present and review the McCormick Fire fatality. Interested attendees should contact Jeff.

*Mike Margot, Oceanside* – They are still in the process of conducting a Fire Chief recruitment. They will be holding a Battalion Chief's exam on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Dick Gardner, Deer Springs* – They will be changing their current organizational structure by adding seven (7) battalion chiefs and two (2) division chiefs.

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*Darrin Ward, Encinitas* – Mark Muir has been promoted to Fire Chief and Darrin will assume the position of Operations Chief. Battalion chief positions were not added due to financial issues but are still being evaluated. City Council will be reviewing the plans for three (3) new fire stations.

*Dan Goldberg, NCFPD* – Dan reviewed the recent North Zone mapping meeting conducted at Oceanside and gave a brief report - the target hazard and wildland groups will now be attending the mapping group meetings to coordinate efforts; during the next mapping meeting a demo will be presented by Oceanside Fire regarding their MDC and AVL systems for evaluation by our Zone. NCFPD recently took delivery of a “Leader” ambulance which is a departure from their Life Line fleet. Dan gave a history of the UASI grant funds and some of the changes occurring in the application process. Dan updated the group on a Senior Officials workshop recently attended and some of the changes forthcoming - one example is that the FBI and OES terrorist updates that typically were sent to San Diego fire agencies had stopped. The breakdown occurred as a result of local restructuring of the SDSO, FBI and OES but as a result of the workshop would be reactivated.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

**Next Meeting:**

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

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