

North County Zone Operations & Training Officers
San Marcos Training Facility
Minutes for June 14, 2006

Members Present:

Carlsbad Fire – Mike McFadden
Encinitas Fire – Joe Bunn, Scott Henry, Darrin Ward
Escondido Fire – Scott Alvord, Randy Licata
North County Fire – Dan Goldberg, Randy Meers
North County JPA Dispatch – Denny Neville
Rancho Santa Fe Fire – Tony Michel, Jim Sturtevant
San Marcos Fire – Brett VanWey, Rick Vogt, Greg Woolf
San Onofre Fire – Dan Ensminger, Jeff, Klante
Solana Beach/Del Mar – Dismas Ableman
Vista Fire – Randy Terich

Call to Order:

Scott Alvord called the meeting to order at 09:05.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were disseminated by email prior to the meeting and were reviewed by the members.

Motion: Dan Goldberg made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2006. Dismas Ableman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

San Onofre Reclassification Request

Fire Chief Ensminger of San Onofre Fire attended to request the group's recommendation to consider using their Type 1 engine as a Type 3 and to include this unit as a mutual aid resource for our zone.

He explained that San Onofre's only Type 3 engine is currently out of service. Their department has no vehicle replacement plan; some of their vehicles are 16 to 20 years old. Their management staff has recently approved two (2) new vehicles but is opposed to purchasing a Type 3 engine. They will though approve a Type 1 engine that will meet their facilities needs. This proposed type 1 (with necessary modifications) will meet all Firescope and NFPA requirements for a Type 3 engine. The engine is expected to be in service in approximately eight (8) months.

Chief Ensminger hoped his department could have more involvement with the North Zone. They have resolved some communications issues and now have commonality with Orange County, Camp Pendleton and San Diego. San Onofre Fire has also adopted the North Zone Training Manual and will be attending the Ops meetings.

Motion: Dan Goldberg made a motioned to accept San Onofre as a resource to the North Zone as soon as the unit is properly equipped. Randy Terich seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

This recommendation will be forwarded to Zone Chiefs.

Committee Reports:

Equipment

The group discussed forming an equipment committee at the last meeting. Scott Alvord noted that there is currently a county equipment committee. Their focus is on safety clothing and hose. Dan Goldberg discussed that a North Zone equipment committee could recommend zone standardization of equipment beyond PPE and hose to potentially improve purchasing power through economy of scale. It was a consensus of our operations chiefs that many agencies are currently not using the county equipment recommendations and supported the formation of a zone group. Denny Neville suggested requesting our equipment committee to evaluate how the county's PPE recommendations fit our zone's needs.

Regional Training

Randy Meers reported that Section 900 will be posted on the website by the July meeting. The Search & Rescue and SCBA sections are being reviewed and will be posted soon.

It was decided at the T/O meeting on June 14th that the next zone training sessions will cover hose evolutions and be facilitated on July 10th, 11th & 14th. There will be two (2) training locations; San Marcos and Rancho Santa Fe. Each location will have two (2) sessions to allow for complete participation.

- More information will be sent by email.

Communications

Denny Neville discussed the development of the standard zone Bendix-King fleet map. He passed around the proposed fleet map for the group to review. All CDF frequencies and south zone frequencies are included. Group 1 is designated for local frequencies. Denny will send an excel file electronically to all agencies to use in adapting your current programs. The group would like everyone to take this fleet map back to their department for review and come prepared to vote at the next meeting. Denny will contact the operations chiefs that were not present.

Mike McFadden requested suggestions on when to go to TAC 1. It seems there is some confusion when going into other jurisdictions. Denny Neville replied that some agencies utilize a travel channel while en-route and switch to the TAC channel when going on scene. Denny will bring in Heartland's model to review and possibly adopt. Scott Alvord will bring in Escondido's policy also. The group agreed that our current policy is not clear; this will be discussed at the next meeting. If any other departments have policies on this matter please email them to Scott Alvord.

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Denny Neville was asked and discussed the countywide paging system. He noted that it is still somewhat unreliable. The RCS equipment has been purchased; the goal is to be in place by the end of the calendar year.

Zone Qualifications

Rick Vogt gave an overview of the first working group meeting. They will be meeting again in July.

Jeff Hahn has been added to the ERD as a Safety Officer Trainee. Don Stevens will be added to the ERD as an Incident Communication Technician/Specialist Trainee.

Denny Neville discussed the statewide Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS). ROSS replaces MIRPS. The system was previously used only by federal agencies but has just become available to CDF, OES and contract counties in April 2006. The NCDJPA does not have effective capabilities in utilizing this system but plan to providing in-service training for their personnel for future use.

The group discussed the engine crew boss certification and task book. Most of the task book can be completed in training. Our zone could consider this as an ERD requirement. San Marcos gave a class to their Captains and initiated their engine crew boss task books. This certification would be used as a tool to evaluate/confirm competency for strike team members at the engine company level.

Rick Vogt distributed the revised zone ERD qualification form. The revision added a check box to verify the physical requirements are met. All ERD members will need to resubmit an updated form.

The group engaged in a discussion regarding the ERD physical requirements. They discussed the terms moderate vs. arduous. The group agreed that the Fire Chiefs should continue to be responsible to verify that their ERD members are at the appropriate fitness level in compliance with 310-1 standards. Scott Alvord will present the groups opinions to the zone chiefs.

Regional Blending

No report.

Old Business:

Policy Revision Process

Scott Alvord discussed the need for a procedure to make policy revisions. It was suggested a working group be formed to review the changes and bring to zone ops for approval. It was determined that least three (3) departments should be represented in this working group. Mike McFadden, Brett VanWey and Randy Terich volunteered to sit on the policy revision-working group. They will meet on an as-needed basis. If a north zone agency requests a policy review it will be

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sent to the working group for evaluation. If the working group determines a modification is necessary it will be forwarded to the subsequent ops meeting for action. New policies will also be sent to this group for evaluation and recommendation.

North Zone Website

Rick Vogt discussed some changes to the website and a need for allowing administrative access to individuals other than himself. The website space is currently owned/paid for by Rick Vogt. To allow others administrative access, the North Zone would have to own the web space. Rick estimated that this would cost about \$110 per year and Denny Neville stated that zone chiefs have a fund that could be used for this purpose. Scott Alvord will take this recommendation to zone chiefs.

Dan Goldberg discussed volunteering their agency to assist Rick with formatting and updating the website. In addition, Dan suggested adding an administrative section to the website to further advance the regionalization approach in delivery of services. More to follow.

New Business:

Time Change for July Meeting

Due to the Vista zone wide training at 0900 July 12th, the next Zone Ops meeting will be moved to 1300 hours on the same date.

County Ops Section

Scott Alvord discussed that the County Chiefs were interested in forming a County Ops Section. A preliminary meeting was facilitated where seventeen operation chiefs attended to discuss the matter. During their preliminary meeting the ops chiefs in attendance agreed to have a zone rep and their alternate attend in the formation of the new section's vision and methods for conducting business.

Motion: Denny Neville made a motion to have the Chairman of North Zone Ops, Scott Alvord be the zone representative and vice chairman Dan Goldberg as the alternate to the County Ops Section. Randy Terich seconded the motion. Vote: 8-Ayes, 2-Nos. Motion approved by majority.

Roundtable:

Dan Goldberg, North County – Their BLS pilot project has been terminated and they will be evaluating their third ALS ambulance which is currently cross staffed by a paramedic engine company. Their Pala ambulance contract will terminate on June 26th. The department will be holding FRO/WMD training this summer that will be paid for by UASI funds. He asked if any department has a policy on the Mark I auto injectors or Level B suits. It seems no one, including county and state have a policy on this subject. They have a new Leader ambulance that has been in-service for one month. They are anticipating delivery of a new Pierce Type 1 engine in about three (3) months.

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Randy Terich, Vista – He has developed a radio class power point presentation and suggested it be put on the website for department training.

Mike McFadden, Carlsbad – They are in the process of filling two (2) FF/PM vacancies.

Greg Woolf, San Marcos – Their new Station 2 should be opening by the end of the month. Construction bids for Station 4 are due by August. They currently have five (5) FF/PM in mentorship.

Denny Neville, NCDJPA – They are awaiting the decision of the Oceanside City Council to go forward with Oceanside's membership in the NCDJPA. The decision will be made by the end of the month. Elfin Forest will have a new Type 1 engine delivered in September. Don Heiser will become Elfin Forest's Deputy Chiefs when he retires from Encinitas.

Dismas Abelman, Solana Beach/Del Mar – Fire Chief Ott will become the new City Manager. John Trailer will be assisting Chief Ableman as a part- time interim chief officer.

Scott Henry, Encinitas – He announced that Darrin Ward would be replacing Mark Muir in Zone Ops. They are in the process of rebuilding three (3) stations. He inquired if anyone has any standards or policies on wildland staffing callbacks.

Scott Alvord, Escondido – He asked that if any agencies are having a problem with their orders placed through Scott Air. They are beginning the process of upgrading their CAD system in anticipation of implementing a CAD-to-CAD capability - this will probably be a yearlong project. Escondido is currently holding neighborhood meetings for a new fire station project. They hope to have groundbreaking by the beginning of the 2007. He will be attending a Firescope high-rise meeting in July and will report back.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on July 12, 2006, 1300 hours at the San Marcos Safety Center. ***Please note meeting time change.**