

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

Members Present:

Camp Pendleton Fire – William Frankel
Carlsbad Fire – Chris Heiser, Mike McFadden
Deer Springs CDF – Dick Gardner
Del Mar Fire – Tom Wolf
Encinitas Fire – Mark Muir
Escondido Fire – Scott Alvord, Randy Licata
North County Fire – Dan Goldberg, Kathy Ford-Brodersen
Oceanside Fire – Mike Margot
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
Solana Beach – Dismas Abelman
Vista Fire – Randy Terich, Don Shellhammer

Call to Order:

Mark Muir called the meeting to order at 0930 hours.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were sent by email prior to the meeting.

Motion: Scott Alvord moved to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2006 meeting. Chris Heiser seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Equipment

No report.

Regional Training

It was reported that the Ropes/Knots and Salvage/Overhaul sections have been posted in the Zone Training Manual. The Truck Module will be posted soon. The sections on Search/Rescue and Pre-Fire Planning should be ready in a couple of months. The Extrication section is in the final review.

The group was reminded again that Escondido Fire would 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.

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Communications

No report.

Zone Qualifications

Todd Newman reported that most departments have submitted the ERD materials that were recently requested.

Todd distributed the final North Zone ICS Overhead Rotation Policy. It was suggested that a new "Administration" section be created on the Zone Website. This document should be included in that section.

The ICS Qualification System Committee members were discussed and nominees were taken:

Training Chief Rep - One (1) member

Mike Margot was the only nominee for the training chief's representative.

Motion: Randy Licata made a motion to accept Mike Margot as the training chief's representative on the North Zone ICS Qualification System Committee. Brett VanWey seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Operations Chief Rep - Two (2) members

Scott Alvord, Chris Heiser, Pete Lawrence and Randy Terich were nominated for the operations chief representative. Written ballots were distributed. Scott Alvord and Chris Heiser were selected as the new operation's representatives by majority vote.

Regional Blending

Scott Alvord reviewed the Pre-Fire Plan Committee's work. There will be an area in the new GIS maps that would identify pre-fire plans. A minimum qualifier needs to be identified for structure pre-fire plans.

The Sheriff's Department is getting on-board with the mapping project. This will be funded by a countywide grant. Chief Fisher should be credited with the work he has done to make this possible.

Mark Muir gave a review of last month's Zone Chiefs meeting. A power point presentation was given to the chiefs by the Operations Group covering the Zone ICS Overhead Rotation Policy and the new website. The chiefs were impressed by the work that the Operations & Training group had done. He will email the power point to the members.

Old Business:

2006 Goals

The group brainstormed ideas for goals for the 2006 year and decided on the following:

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1. Integrate the pre-fire plans
2. Mapping
3. Complete training manual (engine/truck module)
4. Adopt EOM at each agency
5. Evaluative exercises
6. Inter-agency training – EOM/training
7. Accreditation program (zone)
8. Zone training cover plan
9. Zone training drills (RIC, wildland, high-rise, MCI)
10. Zone teleconferencing for training equipment (quarterly)
11. Determine high-wildland criteria
12. Expand and improve zone website

The group will set a timeline for these goals at a future meeting.

Motion: Bill Frankel moved to approve the Zone Operations & Training 2006 Goals as listed. Tony Michel seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Zone Training Plan

The group discussed regular multi-agency zone training. Each agency would be asked to commit one engine to a regular training. Each month a different section of the Zone Training Manual will be the focus. The agencies will be notified in advance of this section prior to training. Randy Licata will put together a calendar and post it on the website. If the multi-agency training schedule is put in place and all agencies participate, the zone may be ready for a Chief's Drill in December. Dan Goldberg suggested that the drills be video taped and used at a later date for critiquing and videoconference training.

New Business:

Annex D Incident

Chris Heiser discussed a recent MCI bus incident that created the activation of the Annex D system. This was the first time the new system had been used. It was noted that the system was accurate in text, but theoretically there were some problems. Todd Newman suggested that the IC first request in-zone ALS ambulances to get resources started prior to activating the Annex D system.

Roundtable:

Mike McFadden, Carlsbad – He thanked all the agencies that helped out on the plane crash incident at Palomar Airport last month.

Chris Heiser, Carlsbad – They have had a few incidents recently that required mutual aid; he thanked everyone for all their support. He noted that the Zone

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Chief's meeting presentation went well. Carlsbad will be having a promotional battalion chief and captain test in March.

Tony Michel, Rancho Santa Fe – They are starting three (3) new firefighter/medics this week, they still have an opening for one more.

Dismas Abelman, Solana Beach – Solana Beach will be holding a bi-annual engineer's test next month. They do not have any current openings; this will establish an eligibility list.

Dan Goldberg, North County – He reported that Captain Sid Morel has been promoted to Division Chief/Fire Marshal. They will be holding engineer and captain testing in April and May. They have openings for six (6) captains and six (6) engineers.

He suggested researching a regional promotional process. Please contact him if your department might be interested.

North County Fire has a new BLS ambulance that was put into service on January 30. This will be evaluated after the 6-month trial period.

Randy Terich, Vista – The City Council approved a ½ cent sales tax increase to be used for a new city hall and fire stations. It will now go on the November ballot.

Don Shellhamer, Vista – He reported that they would be holding a captain's exam in April.

Bill Frankel, Camp Pendleton – Weather permitting, they are hosting a fire school on Friday, February 10th. They have put out a RFP for their new Station 5. Tentative completion will be in 2007 if RFP's come in as budgeted.

Scott Alvord, Escondido – He thanked all the departments that helped out with extra ambulances on an incident last week.

They are meeting with Palomar Hospital to discuss the off load delay situation. Palomar Hospital is having difficulties with ER staffing. They may have to go to Zone Chiefs and County Chiefs to resolve the issue.

Three (3) neighborhood fire stations are being designed. The projects are moving along quickly. They plan to be out of the old Station 1 by July 1st.

They are conducting in-house firefighter/medic promotional testing for their current EMTs. They may also be looking at recruiting externally.

The city just approved the purchase of three (3) Type 1 engines from Pierce. They will be having an engineer's exam in May.

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Greg Woolf, San Marcos – They are in the process of hiring firefighter/medics. They currently have four (4) openings. They will promote one (1) EMT. They only received 11 applications from the JPA.

Todd Newman, San Marcos – He reported that there is a push at the Federal and State levels for multi-hazard certification. NIMS will be requiring core competency in all areas.

He also noted that there would be an OES training session in North County. They will cover orientation training, fire assist agreements, resources and etc. He will notify the training officers when the date is announced.

Escondido may put a peak demand ambulance in service with two (2) EMTs sometime in May.

Mike Margot, Oceanside – They currently have sixteen (16) new firefighter/medics completing the academy this week. When Station 8 opens in mid-March, the department will have 23 employees on probation. They will be phasing out their EMT program.

They just received a new water tender and they will have battalion chief and engineer testing soon.

Mark Muir, Encinitas – They just finished a battalion chief assessment center and promoted a new BC. Their re-organizational plan is moving ahead. Three (3) of their existing stations will be demolished and rebuilt.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1100 hours.

Next Meeting:

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

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

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**North Zone Training Officers
February 8, 2006 0800
Meeting Minutes**

The North Zone Training Officers met prior to the general Zone Operations & Training meeting at the San Marcos Training Facility.

Members Present:

*Randy Licata, Escondido Fire
Brett VanWey, San Marcos Fire
Mike Margot, Oceanside Fire*

*Mike McFadden, Carlsbad Fire
Don Shellhammer, Vista Fire
Jim Sturtevant, Rancho Santa Fe*

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 0800.

Demonstrations:

None.

Training Manual Update:

- Carlsbad completed the Extrication section. Brett VanWey will review and post it on the website.
- No updates on the Pre-Fire Plan section. Encinitas is responsible for this chapter.
- The Search & Rescue section is about two (2) months from completion.

2006 Chairperson:

Randy Meers of North County Fire was nominated to fill the 2006 chairperson position for the North Zone Training Officers.

Motion: Randy Licata motioned to accept Randy Meers as 2006 North Zone Training Officer's Chairperson. Brett VanWey seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

ERD Representative:

Mike Margot of Oceanside Fire volunteered to represent the Training Officers on the ERD Committee. The offer will be taken to the general meeting for approval.

Other Business:

- Don Shellhammer will continue to be the San Diego County Training Officers representative.
- Ken Matsumoto will be contacted by Mike Margot to get the Specialized Training Manual Update.
- Established Goals for 2006 that were presented in Zone Ops as the same.

Meeting adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 0930.