



**VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

Attendees:

Agency	Primary	Alternate
Alhambra - ALH	Assistant Chief Ray Mosack	Interim Chief Tom Phelps
Arcadia - ARC	Deputy Chief Mike Lang	
Burbank - BRK	Assist. Chief Dave Schmitt	
Angeles Nat'l Forest - ANF		
Bob Hope Airport - BUR		
Glendale - GLN	Battalion Chief Bill Lynch	Deputy Chief Vince Rifino
LA City - LFD		
LA County - LAC		
Monrovia - MRV	Battalion Chief Chris Fabrizio	
Montebello - MTB		
Monterey Park - MPK	Battalion Chief Randy Harper	FF Ryan Weddle
Pasadena - PAS	Battalion Chief Seaton King	
SGB-SNM-SPS = SSS		FF Newton Ong
Sierra Madre - SMD	Captain Brent Bartlett	
Vernon – VER	Battalion Chief Andy Guth	Battalion Chief Tom Painton
Verdugo Fire Comm.	Don Wise / Jason Pfau / Alison Finch	FCSS Kazazian

Housekeeping: ALH CH7 Bill Walker transitioned to Santa Monica Fire as new Fire Chief. ALH Interim CH7 is Tom Phelps.

I. New Business:

- A. DECCAN International – CADA-ADAM Solution:** We invited Deccan International (A decisions-support software solution for Fire & EMS) to make a presentation at the May 10, 2016 Verdugo Task Force meeting beginning at 9:00 am and lasting approximately 1 hour. They gave a great overview of their products/modules, which are now being considered for implementation by the Verdugo Fire Executive Committee.
- B. Incidents – Radio Acknowledgements:** A reminder that for all full-assignments, and any assignment assigned a tactical channel other than RED-1, units are to verbally acknowledge by their Unit ID on the radio that they're on the correct channel (non-directed to Verdugo). I.e. – "E33 on RED2" (verbally on RED-2).
- C. Verdugo Type Code/Call Volume Review Committee (redux):**
- Effective May 1, 2016, FALL2 (Minor Fall/BLS): this particular code was reduced to 1 Paramedic Engine or 1 Engine as closest unit; the transport would then be upon request only once units have arrived on-scene and assessed. **GLN has rescinded this particular item as of May 2; the balance of the Verdugo agencies agree to return to the former response matrix in order to be consistent throughout the system.**
- D. Chemical Suicides:** Chemical suicide, also call detergent suicide, reportedly gained popularity in Japan via instructions posted on the Internet. In Japan the use of lethal gas, created by mixing certain brands of detergent with bath salts, is increasing in popularity over the years. This type of suicide is gaining momentum in the U.S. as well. PowerPoint Presentation and related materials reviewed. (attachments)

- E. **Code 3 Requests - Police Department (redux):** A recent Monterey Park incident didn't allow for field personnel to provide Verdugo with ability to convey all the details of a duress situation. Verdugo System Users will use Code: F1, F2, F3 (varying levels of escalation) and Ryan Weddle will send EA Wise verbiage/levels used by LFD/LAPD to correspond with the Code Policy (Verdugo Numbered Memo to be developed and distributed shortly).

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II. **Update on Continued Areas/Projects/Issues:**

- A. **ISO and Accreditation Surveys** – BRK Fire undergoing ISO review.
- B. **TICP 2016** – Final version completed 4/25/16; to be submitted to LAAFCA for final approval. (attachment)
- C. **FOOTHILL RADIO PLAN** – LAC V-5 (VHF) found in the Foothill Radio Plan is now simulcast, meaning it is no longer being manually voter-steered from Command & Control as it has been in the past. Further meaning:
- Minor improvement in most areas
 - Significant improvement over some areas
 - V-5 is likely to be the first-up utilized Command Channel for the Foothill Plan
 - Clearance is still needed on VFIRE-21 in the event that the channel is being used elsewhere in LA County
 - V-4 Simulcast:
 - Planned for use in the near future; not there yet
- D. **ROSS/CICCS Data Entry Project – No Change.**
- E. **NG-9-1-1 (RING) Project** – Migration to ESInet August/2016 for Verdugo Fire and Burbank PD.
- F. **Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) – No Change.**
- G. **ICIS P25 RADIO** – Glendale expected to cutover mid-June.
- H. **Operations Committee Updates – No Change**
- I. **State 9-1-1 Working Group, Long Range Planning, and Advisory Board, LARICS, FIRSTNET –**
- J. **CAD Projects –**
1. **CAD-to-CAD:** Vendor selected. **No update/Change.**
 2. **CAD Replacement: No update/change.**
- K. **PulsePoint Project** – City Council approval 4/12, followed by implementation. Need for AED locations from the community. PIO opportunity + 9-1-1 Education opportunity. Approximately 9 weeks from council approval to implementation.
- L. **TF Action Items – None.**
- M. **Verdugo Staffing** – FCO Bulletin is now opened and will remain open through May 20, 2016.

III. Roundtable:

ALH – CM retiring. Police Chief will be interim CM 5/25. Chief Phelps will be in place as interim FC for 3-6 mos. BC's testing upcoming and Captain's test month following and FF test soon. Placed order for new Engines and an RA. Chief Walker left place in good shape.

ARC – UUT defeated; Chief Norwood retires July 9; BC's exam in June and will need help with proctors.

BRK – ISO survey; engineer test upcoming.

BUR –

GLN – Tom Propst retiring early June; FF academy upcoming in Sept. (16 to be hired). Waiting on outcomes of UUT. Graduated 9 new AO's.

LAC –

LFD –

MPK – Rick Burroughs retiring 5/16; Active Shooter at ESLA College this Friday; EAP forthcoming. Some new promotions.

MRV –

MTB –

PAS – Lot's of testing and academy's; recruitment coming up at all levels;

SSS –

SMD – UUT defeated; working on staffing up PD again; presentation next meeting for FF appreciation.

VER – Nothing new; chipping away 6/26/16 cutover. WestNet installs in a couple of weeks.

VFCC – Two trainees doing well. 4 vacancies. **Task Force is canceled next month but SOG Meeting will meet at regular date/time shown below.**

Next Task Force Meeting: ~~Tuesday May 10, 2016 at Verdugo Fire Communications at 09:00 hours.~~

Next SOG Meeting: Tuesday June 14, 2016 at Verdugo Fire Communications at 08:00 hours.