



**VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER  
TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**Attendees:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Alhambra - ALH	Deputy Chief Ray Mosack	
Arcadia - ARC		
Burbank - BRK	Assist. Chief Dave Schmitt	
Angeles Nat'l Forest - ANF		
Bob Hope Airport - BUR		
Glendale - GLN	Battalion Chief Bill Lynch	
LA City - LFD		
LA County - LAC		
Monrovia - MRV		
Montebello - MTB	Battalion Chief Dan France	Captain Osorio
Monterey Park - MPK		Captain Ryan Weddle
Pasadena - PAS		Captain Josh Ward
SGB-SNM-SPS = SSS	Fire Chief Mario Rueda	
Sierra Madre - SMD		
Vernon – VER		Captain Craig Peltier
Verdugo Fire Comm.	Don Wise / Jason Pfau / Alison Finch / Oscar Barrera	EMS Cohort Krystal Baciak

Housekeeping: MTB – CH55 Retiring 12/29, Interim DEP55 is Dan France. AREA E/AREA C Coordination update. Tableau reporting: agencies not having had the training/briefing need to coordinate with Alison Finch. Recommendation from Area C Operations Committee: \*\*\* Strike Team rotation occurs upon dispatch, check-in, and demob; there’s also a need to realign Strike Team within Verdugo System due to Area E/Area C formation changes \*\*\*\*

**I. New Business:**

**A. Text-to-911:** Soft-launch effective 12/1/16. All four major telephone carriers plus ComCast cable have been tested. Availability for Text-to-9-1-1 will be initially and limitedly through the following agencies until further testing and county-wide rollout is completed next year. Impacts to Primary PSAPs has been limited to less than 1% of their overall call volume and to secondary PSAP’s like Verdugo and LA County Fire even less.

<b>PSAP</b>
Arcadia
Azusa
Baldwin Park
CHP
Claremont
Covina
El Monte
Glendora
Irwindale
La Verne
LA County Fire
Monrovia
Pomona
Sierra Madre
Verdugo Fire
West Covina

- B. **RTF-4 Daily Log in:** The Verdugo website has been update to now accommodate RTF-4 daily log-in process. Please contact the USAR Coordinator's if there are any questions. The look/feel/format is the essentially same as the Daily Strike Team log-in process but identifies both apparatus and personnel capabilities/specialties for the day.
- C. **WIFIRE:** WIFIRE is an integrated system for wildfire analysis, with specific regard to changing urban dynamics and climate. The system integrates networked observations such as heterogeneous satellite data and real-time remote sensor data, with computational techniques in signal processing, visualization, modeling, and data assimilation to provide a scalable method to monitor such phenomena as weather patterns that can help predict a wildfire's rate of spread. Scenarios can be run for up to a 6-hour projection.

The products of WIFIRE will be initially disseminated to project collaborators (SDG&E, CAL FIRE, USFS) covering academic, private, and government laboratories while generating value to emergency officials, and consequently to the general public.

WIFIRE may be used by government agencies in the future to save lives and property during wildfire events, test the effectiveness of response and evacuation scenarios before they occur and assess the effectiveness of high-density sensor networks in improving fire and weather predictions. **Should an agency need WIFIRE analysis for a brush event, LA City Fire can support the request through their Air Operations division.** Further information on the project through UC San Diego is located here: <http://wifire.ucsd.edu/>

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

- A. **ISO and Accreditation Surveys** – GLN Fire undergoing ISO Review; SPS undergoing ISO Review. **Burbank is now Class 1 and Accredited!**
- B. **TICP 2016 – No change.**
- C. **FOOTHILL RADIO PLAN** – Quarterly meeting held 10/27 with LAC, VNC, Verdugo, and LFD. Review of Response, Radio Coverage and Auto/Mutual-Aid zones are starting to ensure that agreements are being met. V-1 through V-5 are now simulcast. Identified a need to work on a staging channel for working events.
- D. **ROSS/CICCS Data Entry Project – No Change.**
- E. **NG-9-1-1 (RING) Project** – ESInet migration pushed to Jan/2017.
- F. **Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) – No Change.**
- G. **ICI System P25 RADIO – No Change.**
- H. **Operations Committee Updates** – Recent Verdugo Numbered Memorandum on use of Mayday policy.

- I. **State 9-1-1 Working Group, Long Range Planning, and Advisory Board, LARICS, FIRSTNET – No Change.**
- J. **CAD Projects –**
  - 1. **CAD-to-CAD: No update/change.**
  - 2. **CAD Replacement: No update/change.**
  - 3. **GIS – Will be utilizing in-house staff to support the work.**
- K. **PulsePoint Project – PRESS CONFERENCE – DATE/TIME TO BE DETERMINED.**
- L. **TF Action Items – We need your local and/or city PulsePoint AED information!**
- M. **Verdugo Staffing –** Probationary FCO Matthew Ovanessian hired effective 10/16/16 – welcome Matthew! One person has been offered conditional employment and in medical process. Interviews continue for two remaining Fire Comm. Operator positions.

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### III. Roundtable:

**ALH** – Promoted 2 recently; sending folks to Tactical Medic class to support PD efforts;  
**ARC** – Captains exam – thank you to those that sent raters. 1 promotion. Possibly another shorty.  
**BRK** – Engineers exam resulted in 2 new promotions; looking for new engines (KME won contract).  
**BUR** –  
**GLN** – BC exam coming up 11/15. Recruits still active in Burbank  
**LAC** –  
**LFD** –  
**MD** –  
**MPK** –  
**MRV** –  
**MTB** – T55 responses into VER? Should be T55 over Q61 from MPK due to street alignment. FCSS Soto to update. Radio System Update: EHP’s done for the VER RF site. Garvey RF site is funded. Coyote Hills RF Site is proposed and will include ISSI switch to combine both ICI and Orange County System. There are P25 challenges with that design so SFS Corporate Yards are also being looked at. Local PD’s will also be coming onto MTB system soon; MTB will be going to P25 by this time next year, more likely by June. Starlight Reservoir will help Foothill Communities and into POM for coverage. Going from 10 channel system to 12 channels.  
**PAS** – New Deputy Chief Bryan Frieders; finished BC exam and promoting 1; recruit academy in progress. Getting ready for RB Parade / RB.  
**SSS** – FIRSTNET data network (LASO).  
**SMD** –  
**VER** – 8 candidates for FC position; council interview process next week; 1 inside/7 outside.  
**VFCC** –

**VERDUGO FIRE TASK FORCE AND AREA C OPERATIONS COMMITTEE WILL MEET NEXT YEAR!**

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

**Next SOG Meeting:** Tuesday January 10, 2016 at Verdugo Fire Communications at 08:00 hours.