



**VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017**

Attendees:

Agency	Primary	Alternate
Alhambra - ALH	Battalion Chief Shonkwiler	
Arcadia - ARC	Deputy Chief Kevin Valentine	
Burbank - BRK		
Angeles Nat'l Forest - ANF		
Bob Hope Airport - BUR		
Glendale - GLN	Deputy Chief Bill Lynch	Battalion Chief Brian Julian
LA City - LFD		
LA County - LAC		
Monrovia - MRV	FF/PM	
Montebello - MTB		Captain Pelaez
Monterey Park - MPK	Captain Ryan Weddle	
Pasadena - PAS	Battalion Chief Seaton King	Captain Bill Cuskey
SGB-SNM-SPS = SSS		Fire Chief Mario Rueda
Sierra Madre - SMD		
Vernon – VER	Assistant Chief Andy Guth	
Verdugo Fire Comm.	Don Wise / Jason Pfau / Alison Finch / Oscar Barrera	Dr. Angie Loza-Gomez

Housekeeping: Contract Dispatch Agency rates will remain as they were last year.

I. New Business:

- A. LAW or BOMB Incidents:** The "verbal" dispatch for an incident with the type code of **LAW** or **BOMB** is now: "**AGENCY ASSIST.**" FRL warnings have been updated in CAD as reminder for dispatchers.
- B. ELECF & APPL – Reduction in Responses:** As was performed in May/2016 with the reduction of apparatus responses with GASI and SMOKEI, both ELECF and APPL have been recommended for reduction as well by the Tri-City Call Volume Task Force. Deep evaluation would occur thereafter. Changes will be effective April 1, 2017, once CAD is updated.
- C. VER HAZMAT Apparatus:** Vernon Fire will continue with having their HazMat company responding to any Area C HazMat incident as 3rd apparatus response to support mutual training and orientation in Area C.

II. Update on Continued Areas/Projects/Issues:

- A. ISO and Accreditation Surveys –** Agencies under review by ISO: ARC, GLN, MRV, and SGB undergoing Standards of Cover Survey. **Congratulations to SPS for CLASS 2 and SNM for CLASS 3 ratings!**
- B. TICP 2017 –** First draft is out for review by agencies effective this month.
- C. FOOTHILL RADIO PLAN –** No change.
- D. ROSS/CICCS Data Entry Project –** No Change.
- E. NG-9-1-1 (RING) Project –** ESInet migration pushed to March 29, 2017 for Verdugo Fire cutover at 8 a.m..

F. Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) – No Change.

G. ICI System P25 RADIO – Culver City transitioned 2/26; MTB P25 by end of FY (6/30/17). MPK working through standing up their infrastructure to support coverage.

H. Operations Committee Updates – none.

I. State 9-1-1 Working Group, Long Range Planning, and Advisory Board, LARICS, FIRSTNET –

1. LARICS: Verdugo is investigating potential use of LARICS broadband services as a subscriber to support the CAD replacement project. System coverage needs to be vetted.

J. CAD Projects –

1. **CAD-to-CAD: No update/change.**
2. **CAD Replacement: Direction received from Executive Committee to upgrade CAD with NGSC.**
 - i. Verdugo Radio Progress group assigned to recommend architecture for MCTs and Station Alerting transport and interconnectivity paths.
3. **GIS** – Will be utilizing in-house staff to support the work.

K. Text-to-911: Completion of the project is expected within the next 90 days within LA County.

L. Verdugo Staffing – Three current openings with interviews scheduled today for the names remaining on the certified list for Fire Communications Operator. Fire Communications Operator Jennifer Speed is also resigning effective Friday April 7, 2017. She was hired April 17, 1996 and has been with Verdugo Fire for slightly over 19 years in total.

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III. Roundtable:

ALH – Chief Mosack retiring in next couple months; finishing up projects. Will be going to Mt. Sac full-time thereafter to teach.

ARC – Hosting ISO Officer Safety Course May 9, 10 (addendum) AR-330 class is on hold until further; DA's office has OSHA call-out team (have a 1-800 #) Environmental OSHA Crime Unit 213-974-3607. Want to be notified by fire dept. on-scene for OSHA or crime/environmental crime situations.

BRK –

BUR –

GLN – Bulletin out for lateral FF/PM. Thank you to those helping to proctor the last exam. Welcome of BC Brian Julian to Task Force.

LAC –

LFD – May 14, BC Craig White will be representing LFD at TF meetings. Had 3 acre fire recently, significant fire and couldn't go direct on it due to fire behavior so had to go downhill; found human remains afterwards. BC Guy Tomlinson going to Command 42.

MPK –

MRV –

MTB – 5 retirees and 5 new ff's. BC and Captains test upcoming. Welcome to Acting BC Fernando Pelaez. Looking for a new Chief.

PAS – Welcome to Captain Bill Cuskey new Training Captain. New openings by end of year.

SSS – Golden Streets – I.C. essentially commanding no apparatus. Per Chief Valentine, MAC was on-scene along with LAC dispatchers. Up to 100K people were participating throughout all of the cities that were a part of the event. AAR coming up to consider a need to assign apparatus for future events.

SMD –

VER –

VFCC – Final notice that CAD will have additional digit added to VFC# to support higher number of incidents.

Next Task Force Meeting: Tuesday April 11, 2017 at Verdugo Fire Communications at 09:00 hours.

Next SOG Meeting: Tuesday April 11, 2017 at Verdugo Fire Communications at 08:00 hours.