



**VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017**

Attendees:

Agency	Primary	Alternate
Alhambra - ALH		
Arcadia - ARC	Deputy Chief Barry Spriggs	
Burbank - BRK	Assistant Chief Eric Garcia	
Angeles Nat'l Forest - ANF		
Bob Hope Airport - BUR		
Glendale - GLN	Deputy Chief Bill Lynch	
LA City - LFD		
LA County - LAC		
Monrovia - MRV		
Montebello - MTB	Deputy Chief Dan France	
Monterey Park - MPK	Captain Ryan Weddle	
Pasadena - PAS	Training Chief Seaton King	Radio Supervisor Steven Page
San Gabriel - SGB	Deputy Chief Richard Beckman	
SNM-SPS = SS	Captain Eric Zanteson	Battalion Chief Mark Dondanville
Sierra Madre - SMD	Captain Brett Bartlett	
Vernon – VER	Captain Craig Peltier	
Verdugo Fire Comm.	Don Wise / Jason Pfau / Alison Finch	Dr. Loza-Gomez / FCSS Soto

Housekeeping: Swearing in ceremony photo (former BRK) Fire Chief Dave Schmitt, Bremerton, WA with Seattle, Washington Fire Chief Harold Scoggins, Arlington, Washington Fire Chief Bruce Stedman and North County Fire/EMS Fire Chief John Cermak (photo attachment).

I. New Business:

- A. REGION 1 Meeting:** Recap from meeting with CalOES Chief Stone and PSAP Managers in the region. Also noted, MTB is still part of Area C. MTB is however a part of AREA E for Strike Team. There needs to be follow-up meeting scheduled with REGION 1 Chief regarding reorganization of LA County resources/teams by Area Coordinators. (Attachments)
- B. Tableau Reports:** Reports which use the “name” of the Captain should not be used for performance reporting until the next CAD system is rolled out. The current CAD is not picking up all instances where a Captain’s name is associated with a response for response counts. Please use just to determine activity levels. The report associated with a Captain’s name for average response times is not an issue.
- C. JUMPER Responses (PAS):** The FRL for a JUMPER response in PAS has been changed to:

2E 1G 1RP 1BP 1B* STA32. The only truck on the incident is T32 which is part of the Rescue Cushion deployment team (STA32.). The previous response levels were tying up a resource and the truck was being under-utilized.
- D. MCT Troubleshooting:** Steve Page explained the document to the group. It should be widely disseminated to all Captain’s to support troubleshooting. A report will be reviewed at next month’s Task Force meeting to determine if there are still any outliers that need to be addressed. (Attachment)

- E. **Counterfeit USB to Serial Chips (MCTs):** An agency recently had an issue with some of their MCT Docks where they could transmit but not receive data. It turned out to be caused because the docks had counterfeit USB to serial chips that were disabled through a windows update.
- F. **Area Code 213/323 Overlay:** To accommodate the growing need for telephone numbers in California, the boundary between the 213 and 323 area codes will be eliminated effective July 8, 2017. Meaning all phone numbers with auto-dialers/speed-dials will need to be reprogrammed to dial the full 10-digit numbers. Dial 1+the area code+7 digit number. "When in doubt, dial it out!" (Attachment)

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

- A. **ISO and Accreditation Surveys** – ARC and MRV and SNM/SPS/SGB are each undergoing Standards of Cover Survey.
- B. **TICP 2017 – No Change.**
- C. **FOOTHILL RADIO PLAN** – Radio programming for ANF is needed this year. They are changing their frequency on the transmit side. Program channel 17. TICP is updated/correct – unknown date on implementation (Aug/Sep?).
- D. **ROSS/CICCS Data Entry Project** – Please contact FCSS Melissa Leary with your FF1 and FF2 personnel for entry into ROSS and CICCS databases. We need the following agencies data:

BRK-GLN-PAS-SPS-SNM-ARC-MRV-SMD-SGB-ALH-MPK-MTB-VER-BUR

- E. **Personnel Separations:** **BRK-GLN-PAS-SPS-SNM-ARC-MRV-SMD-SGB-ALH-MPK-MTB-VER-BUR**
- F. **NG-9-1-1 (RING) Project – No Change.**
- G. **Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) – No Change.**
- H. **ICI System P25 RADIO – No Change.**
- I. **Verdugo Fire Operations Committee Updates** – Code-2/Code-3 Responses, numbered memo draft sent to Tri-City FC's for approval. Approx. 2-3% of CAD Type Codes will fall into Code-2 category. IRCP discussion.
- J. **State 9-1-1 Working Group, Long Range Planning, and Advisory Board, LARICS, FIRSTNET – No Change.**
- K. **CAD Projects –**
 - 1. **CAD-to-CAD: No update/change.**
 - 2. **CAD Replacement: Demo scheduled 6/14/17.**
 - 3. **GIS: No Change.**
- L. **Text-to-911: No Change.**

- M. **Verdugo Staffing** – Until the background investigators migrate to a new contract, no further background processes will occur. Verdugo has four current Fire Communications Operator vacancies. Interviews for FCO will commence upon having the new background investigator contract in effect.

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III. Roundtable:

ALH – .

ARC – E106 will be a Paramedic Assessment Engine effective July 9.

BRK – New BC = John Owings on C-shift. Completed FF recruitment with orals at first of July and tower sometime in January.

BUR –

GLN – LFD Brush Drill June 14, 15, 16 (BC12 in Sunland). MTZ lunch is June 14 at Coco's in Sunland.

Trying a new Kenwood tri-band mobile in E26. P-25 (no smartphone). 3 speakers (UHF, VHF, etc.) – no separate volume control. 50% of Motorola radio in terms of cost.

LAC –

LFD –

MPK – Has draft USAR policy and will send to EA wise; will be on next Ops agenda.

MRV –

MTB – Kudos to VER for new ICI Water Tank site. MTB cell is being expanded to 12 channels, 7 sites. VER repeater project almost complete (Water Tank). Will be done in a few weeks. Garvey Reservoir being worked on (needs some proxy help). SFS repeater also being developed out throughout the summer. Sites will be turned up soon. XLC-Access will also be sited there in receive mode. Data circuit to MTB Reservoir? Need for backup MCT equipment (any agency having spare radio equipment?). SPS may be able to help. BC's test just finished and hopefully have new BC in place. FC's recruitment ongoing – hopefully filled in July.

PAS – In midst of Engineer exam. Thank you for support. Looking at Lateral FF/PM Oct/Nov.

SGB – SSS done July 21. SGB will have BC5 implemented then. Chief Doehler is new FC. USAR policy question. USR32 is default USAR for those agencies not having USAR. Looking at developing policy for change to send closest.

SPS – Thanks to everyone for HazMat response!

SNM – July 20 end date for 3-cities. Mario Rueda is still Chief for all SSS agencies until July 20 and remains FC for SNM thereafter. There'll eventually be a FC/DC in SPS and creation of 3rd BC spot out of Station 91.

SMD – All good.

VER – HazMat drills? Please include VER if possible for continuity and consistency. Regional drill tower is available to group if needed. Supports different HazMat scenarios as well.

VFCC – Dr. Loza – is seeing an uptick with Fentanyl and related opioid overdoses. Overdoses require multiple heavy use of Narcan to alleviate situation. Not so much Heroin, but other types of synthetics. Please advise Dr. Loza of any of these types of situations for tracking purposes. Current synthetic opioids should be avoided with any type of skin contact. Just brushing residue away could cause an overdose with that amount of minimal contact.

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

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