



**VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER  
TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, July 9, 2019**

Agency	Primary	Alternate
Alhambra - ALH		
Arcadia - ARC	DC Spriggs	
Burbank - BRK	AC Alvarez	
Angeles Nat'l Forest - ANF		
Hollywood Burbank Airport - HBA		
Glendale - GLN		
LA City - LFD		
LA County - LAC		
Monrovia - MRV		
Montebello - MTB		
Monterey Park - MPK	Capt Weddle	
Pasadena - PAS	BC Brown	
San Gabriel - SGB	FC Wallace	
San Marino	FC Rueda, DC Dondanville	
South Pasadena	DC Zanteson	
Sierra Madre - SMD		
Vernon – VER	BC Peltier	
Verdugo Fire Comm.	BC Murphy	Finch, Pfau

**1. New Business:**

- a. Verdugo Task Force Minutes – Website Posting – Discussion and agreement that Minutes should not be posted on the public side of the website. BC Murphy to inquire on process to move location and allowing access by Verdugo Agencies.
- b. MTZ Response and Comms –Verdugo – Reminder that the MTZ response is automatic based on reported fire location. Recommended to listen to V-Fire 21 to see who is responding and set up a staging area with a Staging Manager early. BC Murphy discussed dead zone on north side of Verdugo Range. Will have GLN forward temporary communications plan to Verdugo and Verdugo agencies for dissemination. Plan in the final stages of development.
- c. IROC Training – Verdugo – Any agency personnel that are on IMT’s should attend IROC Training to learn to the system.
- d. IROC Information – Any permanent changes to apparatus (relocation to new station, move to reserve status, etc.) should be reported to FCSS Leary for IROC Update. Any new personnel require an email address and listed prior Fire Department experience.
- e. ESRI Licenses/ArcGIS – Verdugo – With the new CAD, wanted to confirm all agencies have GIS personnel with ESRI license’s to access possible new dashboard additions to Verdugo for viewing by Verdugo Agencies.
- f. Earthquake Mode – Verdugo –
  - i. Verdugo made announcement entering into Standby mode but never declared the initiation of earthquake mode. Caused some confusion. Reviewed the criteria (>4.0 or within 50 miles). Task Force recommending that if an incident is already operating on a TAC, to leave them on the TAC and assign a different channel for Earthquake Mode. For onscene personnel safety.

- ii. BC Murphy to follow up with BRK and HBA on Earthquake Mode process.
- iii. Chief Rueda – Need to develop Draw Down Policy. Change in response during increased call volume, set thresholds for recall and address augmented staffing into response model. Research Firescope Draw Down Guidelines.

## 2. Unfinished Business

- a. Strike Team/RTF Sign Up – Delayed – Website delayed due to printing issues.
- b. Websites for MDC – List provided to Verdugo for review. Consider Telestaff for roster viewing. Will contact HazMat to inquire on other useful sites. These sites will go through Verdugo.

Update on Continued Areas/Projects/Issues:

- A. Verdugo Fire Operations Committee Updates – None
- B. State 9-1-1 Working Group, Long Range Planning, and Advisory Board, LARICS, FIRSTNET – No Change
- C. CAD Projects –
  - 1. CAD Replacement: All contracts with vendors complete except VFCC Maintenance
  - 2. GIS: No update/change.
- D. Verdugo Staffing – 1 Person starting training next week. 2 Starting the Background Process, Verdugo Fire Manager Position will post the end of July.

## 3. Roundtable:

- a. PAS – 3 New Engineers, Captain’s Exam soon, 14 New Recruits on the floor, running another academy in September
- b. SGB – LA County Survey still in process, Decision probably a year away. 10 FF’s needed by the end of the year, will be requesting 6 raters for 2 day Engineer Manipulative Exam
- c. VER – 12 Employees retired in June, August 6<sup>th</sup> vote for moving to County.
- d. SNM – Westnet issues
- e. BRK – looking for Helmet Camera Policy to review
- f. ARC – 626 event again this weekend, expecting hotter temperatures with 10,000-30,000 attendance last weekend
- g. GLN – Training Center up and functioning, All welcome to utilize, Academy starting September with 15, BC Julian moving to EMS and a BC Exam scheduled the end of the month to find replacement for BC Smith

**Next Task Force Meeting:** Tuesday August 13, 2019 at FS21 – TBD.

- CHP Traffic information - <http://cad.chp.ca.gov/>
- CalTrans Quick Map - <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>
- Google Maps - <https://www.google.com/maps/>
- National Weather Service - <https://www.weather.gov/>
- LA County Fire, Fire Danger - <https://www.fire.lacounty.gov/forestry-division/fire-weather-report/>
- Fire Weather Snooper - [https://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/fire\\_weather/fm.php?special](https://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/fire_weather/fm.php?special)
- Intellicast Radar - <https://www.wunderground.com/maps/radar/current>
- Inciweb - <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>
- CalFire - <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents>
- South Ops GACC - <https://gacc.nifc.gov/oscc/intel.php>
- WILDCAD - <http://www.wildcad.net/WildCADWeb.asp>
- GEOMAC - <https://www.geomac.gov/>
- NIFC FTP Server - [https://ftp.nifc.gov/public/incident\\_specific\\_data/](https://ftp.nifc.gov/public/incident_specific_data/)
- Firescope - <http://firescope.caloes.ca.gov/>
- USGS Earthquake List - <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/map/>