



## VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER Task Force Meeting Minutes August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Present:** ALH, ARC, BRK, GLN, MRV, MPK, PAS, SGB, SMD, SNM, SPS, FCSS Soto, BC Ambrose, Jason P., Oscar B.

**Absent:** BUR, MTB

Meeting Conducted via Webex [Recorded Link](#), Password: 4Vd8jbtZ

### **Work Group update:**

- Call Volume: No report
- Mayday: pending RTG, no report, Civil Unrest: In process, no report
- Communications Plan – CAD changes may benefit going to Com plans, nothing further.

### **VFCC CAD updates:**

- CAD upgrade update – Ambrose reported on progress of overall CAD fixes and system updates. There was one major update requiring 30 minutes of downtime as well as several cradle point firmware updates that occurred without incident. Significant meeting this week with NG Engineers for MDT revision.
- Pre Alerts – Discussion on any pre-alerts experienced in the system due to AVRR recommendation. Discussion on pre-alert auto-voice stepping on VFCC radio dispatch in SPS, MPK, and MRV. FSCC Soto to investigate exactly the time difference to avoid 'stepped on' dispatches. Based on this information VFCC will also advise the floor to make appropriate pause prior to audible if westnet fix is not feasible.
- Pending issues – Chief Zanteson (SPS) discussed process with Presidio/Allied for cradle point notifications. Discussion on revising the process with the vendor for notifications now that most are stable. Each agency can change the notification frequency and VFCC will be re-looking at notification levels in the next meeting with Presidio/Allied.
- MDT Work Group – Captain Brown (ALH) gave an update on MDT Work Group. The team will be presented with new maps and work group desired changes this week by NG.
- Type Code Changes – Discussion on feedback from recent Type Code changes. Chief Rueda (SMN) recommended scheduling a future meeting which would include data from both CAD and ePCR's. BC Ambrose advised that MDT map changes which will include the ability for units to see location of other units may help also alleviate questions on who is closest at time of dispatch.
- VFCC Staffing – BC Ambrose gave an update on VFCC staffing. VFCC still has an open admin position which is being evaluated and revised to address future needs of the Center. FCO interviews are forthcoming with the support of several TF members for the panels. The interviews will include members from the VFCC floor and TF members with a solid knowledge of Verdugo.

### **New Business:**

- Finalize Augmented Brush Response – Discussion on differences between LA City and LA County approach to burn index. The LA Basin RAWs data will be utilized and ultimately



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BRUSHA will be decided by Duty Chief in coordination with Area C coordinator. Discussion on future use of weather information for staffing and pre-deployment of each City. Chief Rueda recommended having LA County on our meeting to give their weather analysis/course. BC Ambrose will follow up.

- Clean up Arson call out process – Discussion on arson call out. VFCC would like to clean up the process and avoid a single point of failure and avoid confusion for floor personnel. Several factors to review with Arson Task force but ultimately VFCC can make notifications but we will need call down list for when local reps are not available. Capt. Brown mentioned this is being discussed at Arson Task Force and BC Ambrose can be included. Discussion on the responsibilities of the IC and first in Captains for cause and origin.
- Strike Team Deployment – Chief Bagan presented recent experiences with housing on recent deployment (the first ST since Covid19) and the challenges with the accommodations. Also discussed was the response times out the door for Strike Team. **It is important that companies up for strike team deployment be ready to minimize delay.**
- Significant responses – SGB presented recent second alarm commercial fire; BRK discussed recent border call in GLN and timing of transfer of command. Chief Alvarez explained how AVRR recommendations, second BC, and unified response worked extremely well on the Alameda incident.

### Roundtable

GLN – Recruit class starting at the end of the month, Type 6 arrival TBD

PAS – 15 FF vacancies, 12 recruits, expecting BC and Engineer exams. Re-working water tender policy. Type 6 expected Aug/Sept. Offering five spots for Safety Officer course – contact Chief Bagan for details

MPK – Academy starts Monday, Station 62 remodel set for 10/24

ALH – BC exam 9/1, will be looking for raters. Acknowledged Jason P for data assistance

ARC – Using Active 911

SGB – Thanks for the help on the 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm fire, Captains exam 9/15 - will be looking for raters

MRV – Happy to assist with work groups. VFCC acknowledged FFPM McKee for his assistance with several CAD related issues.

SMD – Working with VFCC to update Unified Response Agreement now that they are officially part of Unified Response

SPS – nothing to report

SNM – nothing to report

BRK – Graduated a class 7/16, another expected October and next year

VFCC – Planning changes to AM report format to include new OES rigs and weather data. Jason Pfau reported recent cradle point firmware update should improve GPS readings.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 0900 Location TBD/Webex**