



## VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

### Task Force Meeting Minutes September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Present:** ALH, BRK, GLN, SGB, SNM, SPS, FCSS Soto, BC Ambrose, Jason Pfau

**Absent:** PAS, MTB, ARC, BUR, MPK, SMD, MRV – personnel not available due to Bobcat IC

Meeting Conducted via Webex, no recording available. No votes.

#### **Work Group update:**

- Call Volume: No report, DC Alvarez requests this return to agenda October
- Mayday: pending RTG, no report, Civil Unrest: In process. Ambrose presented review of policies for research and lack of similarities to earthquake/emergency mode.
- Communications Plan – Ambrose reported changes to CAD which are pending that may help with this project, no other progress.

#### **VFCC CAD updates:**

- CAD upgrade update – Ambrose reported on progress of overall CAD fixes and system updates. After one of the software updates we experienced issues with Truck recommendations – VFCC is aware and NG is working on the issue. Ambrose and Brown presented changes from the MDT work group. The work group members will be getting a test version of the new MDT software. The deployment was delayed when Jason Pfau identified errors and sent it back to NG. Brown reported that the maps shown in the demo are very good. Once deployed users will also be able to log in to their MDT from CADWeb.
- Pre Alerts – VFCC is looking at issues related to pre alerts. Since the system looks for the closest rig the way the pre alert works it ends up alerting recommended apparatus that are not going to be dispatched. This has caused several alerts to stations who are not going to be dispatched. VFCC will be making adjustments to avoid the unnecessary tones.
- Type Code Changes – Discussion on previous changes alleviating several problems. The closest unit and home unit are both recommended for ALS. The group agreed to continue to monitor and revisit with more data. VFCC will pull data related to the change for next meeting.
- VFCC Staffing – BC Ambrose gave an update on VFCC staffing. VFCC still has an open admin position which will be posted soon. FCO interviews are next week with the support of several TF members for the panels.

#### **New Business:**

- Augmented Brush Response – deployed for the first time this week. Discussion on adapting to align with preposition mobilization score. Chief Rueda would like a Verdugo document defining the threshold so the Area has a better understanding of the burning index and factors to determine preposition, augmented response, and augmented staffing. Chief Rueda would like to codify what point we are considering so there is no confusion as well as look beyond just State assistance but how we as an area we can put up monetary contribution to create a local strike team when needed. BC



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Ambrose will continue to develop these documents as well as combine with a proposed draw down document.

- Preposition Update – Chief Ambrose presented the worksheets and weather information needed to request preposition from OES. The recent weather event was the first time Area C had mobilized two preposition strike teams and two prepositioned water tenders. The backfill preposition strike team was made up of OES Type 1 Engines. Several lessons were learned on the preposition process as well as new understandings on how these resources can be used within our area and the region. A review of the process will be performed by VFCC personnel and other stakeholders to understand lessons learned. The preposition apparatus and personnel can also be used for extreme weather which may result in mud and debris flow.
- Significant responses - None reported

### Roundtable

GLN – nothing to report

BRK – Would like call volume TF back on calendar for October or November

ALH – Appreciate VFCC assistance with BC exam, would like to use VFCC recruitment video for new hire training. The updated video will be available for anyone to use.

SGB – Captains exam 9/15

SPS – nothing to report

SNM – nothing to report

Dr. Loza – Discussed call type codes and gave information on Covid Vaccine deployment. VFCC will add Dr. Loza to agenda for next meeting.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 0900 Location TBD/Webex**