



MINUTES
Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee
June 9, 2010
SC Fire Rescue Conference, Myrtle Beach

Members Present: John Reich, Alvin Payne, Karl Ristow, Bruce Kline, Mike Bedenbaugh

Members Absent: Ricky Platt, Wendell Wilburn, Joe Palmer, Tommy McDowell, Phil Jolley, Darryl Jones

Others: Jason Pope, Dan McManus, Ed Roper

- Chairman Reich called the meeting to order at 3:15pm and welcomed everyone
- Attendance roll taken indicated that a quorum was not present
- Dan McManus presented the budget report.
 - o Bruce Kline requested a copy of the US&R budget in detail. A copy will be e-mailed to the committee
- Alvin Payne requested fleet vehicle information including average annual mileage
- SLED authorized the purchase of three F-250 trucks from FY08 state homeland security grant. These vehicles have been ordered: Staff is working on processing various grants from FY07-09.
- Karl Ristow urged caution on accepting any additional specialized response responsibilities
- Dan McManus presented the US&R/Mobilization report. (See Attachment 1)
- Two individuals have applied for the Region 1 Mobilization Coordinator position
 - o Committee requested that all applicants submit a letter of intent along with a detailed resume for consideration
- Karl Ristow and Jason Pope briefed the committee on the mutual aid stakeholders meeting in St. Charles, MO. (See attachment 2)

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm

Respectively Submitted with two attachments,

Jason Pope

Attachment 1

Firefighter Mobilization and State US&R Program
Assistant State Fire Marshal's Report
June 9th, 2010

US&R Task Force One

Status: Deployable

Task Force One is currently available for a modified Type I deployment with

- 115 Active members strong, spanning 35 Departments and agencies

I have two Doctors interested in becoming Medical Directors for the team
Spring ORE with EMAC, SCEMD, NG a success!

No money is slowing the program to almost a full shut down

Meetings & framework:

- HSSAC, John Reich Attended
- Task Force Leader meeting, Tele-Conference, April 23rd
- HSSAC – SRT Meeting for SHSHP Grant submittals'
- State wide Haz-Mat Working Group
- State wide Canine Working Group

US&R Training/Prop development

- Construction continues on the new US&R training grounds
- Plagued with recorded rain fall, a hurricane and construction delays
- We are two months from completion of rubble pile prop

Equipment Cache

- 2011 US&R Suburban Delivered
- 2011 3 - US&R F-250 Trucks purchased w/ DHS grants
- ALL Type I cache has been re-inventoried for 2009 and entered into new tracking software.

Communications

- This still remains the teams Achilles heel.
- I will request grant monies for this on the 2010 DHS grant

South Carolina HART Program

- 2nd Quarterly training was in Beaufort/Jasper 04/28, 29,3010
- Operation Going coastal, March 3rd

Mobilization Coordinator's Report

1. To date, we have **240** registered fire departments with over **5,600** personnel.
3. SEMS version 2.0 has been released and is working well. We have the entire program written in modern code; we will not be using USC/ASG for any further technical assistance with SEMS.
4. The Mobilization Coordinator and Chief Ristow attended the IAFC Mutual Aid Stakeholders meeting in St. Charles, MO June 1-3, 2010. This meeting was a great opportunity to interact with our counterparts nationwide. Chief Ristow will be briefing in more detail.

5. ACTIVATIONS: None in 2010

6. The SCEMD Credentialing project is underway, and SC-TF1 will be participating by creating a new ID card that uses the FIPS 201 standard. SCEMD is initially targeting the special response teams that have been funded through state homeland security.

7. The State Fire Project was resubmitted to SLED DHS for grant funding. The total request was for \$450,000; if approved, we plan to purchase additional advanced identification instruments and wireless monitoring systems and issue them to established fire department hazardous material teams.

7. ID Card project: as of June 8, 2010, the following fire departments have completed the project.

Aiken Public Safety (City)
Anderson City FD
Bamberg City FD
Beaufort FD
Bluffton Township FD
Clover VFD
Colleton Co. Fire Rescue
Cowpens FD
Donaldson Center FD
Dunklin FD
Easley City FD
Greenville-Spartanburg Airport
Greenwood City FD
Hannah - Salem Friendfield FD
Lancaster FD
Midway Fire Rescue
Myrtle Beach FD
N Spartanburg Fire District
Palmetto Rural
Roebuck FD
Simpsonville FD
South Greenville FD
South Lynches FD
Sumter City FD
Sumter County FD
West Columbia FD
Williamsburg CO.
York City FD
York Co Fire Prevention Bureau

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel B. McManus, ASFM

Attachment 2

IAFC National Mutual Aid Conference

AAR

1-3 June 2010

Jason Pope and I were extremely grateful to the SC Association of Fire Chiefs for selecting us to represent them at this National Stakeholder Meeting/Conference. If you are not aware this conference is designed to bring together all the states, territories, and tribal entities in our Nation to work on developing, maintaining, and coordinating mobilizations plans for the fire service. Below is a synopsis of what was discussed and accomplished to include our recommendations as to what needs to be done for the future.

1. EMAC: We received a brief from EMAC personnel on the interstate mutual aid process. The presenter made it clear that though the EMAC process seemed to be slow, proper training on the entire process will increase efficiency. Specifically, having deployment costs predetermined so we can respond quickly with accurate figures on a REQ A will ensure a quicker process.
2. Database/Records management/Cataloging: There is work by many states and the IAFC to identify a system to track resources and document mutual aid events nationwide. There seems to be many products out there and just as many ways to accomplishing the task without an electronic tool to assist. Tennessee and Ohio briefed the group on their efforts to date concerning this issue. It does appear that Ohio has a product that is ready to be rolled out to anyone who wishes to use it by September. Their product does seem to be very good and has been validated through use during mutual aid activations. Jason did update the group on SEMS, its portability, and ease of use during numerous activations this past year. It was suggested by the group that one product, used by all, would be best. Also it should be noted that most states are not operating database/management programs when responding to mutual aid events.
3. Some of states discussed their business plan towards mutual aid. In a nut shell they have identified and communicated how mutual aid will be reimbursed (or not) when they respond out. This may be something SC should address in the near future so we can prevent challenges in the future.
4. IAFC is looking for us to develop mission ready packages. A mission ready package in their ideology would be in the sizes of task forces, strike teams, etc. Once these packages are developed they also want for us to cost them out. The idea here is when EMAC or others shop for teams (or asks for reimbursement information) we will be ready thus reducing time to spin up resources.

5. Regional Break out Group Findings: We were grouped by FEMA Regions so we could update everyone on our progress and challenges. Our breakout group was made up of states from FEMA Regions 3 & 4.

Common Issues:

- Having an accurate lists of resources
- Identifying benchmarks for deployment (how much should a department plan to give)
- Legislative support to include funding
- Include all stakeholders (EMS, IMTs, etc)

Suggested Fixes:

- Educate elected leaders (local, state, federal)
- Regional interactions to include exercises
- Standardize resource and type them
- Standardize credentialing

A few other groups noted the following fixes:

- FEMA Grants to support mutual aid
- Marketing
- Emergency Management Association for IMAS

6. IAFC Go Teams: These teams were developed to liaison between requesting agencies and the IAFC for requesting and/or provisions of support services. There are currently 2 team members per FEMA region that will respond when requested. There is thought to add more to this effort in the future. Requests for assistance can come from the following:

- Fire Chief
- Affected department
- County/Local government
- State government
- Federal government

They have a 24 hour call center; the requesting agency must fill out a request for assistance form; the team is under the authority of the IAFC's Emergency Management Committee. One final note is that they will come and speak at

conferences to brief the membership and answer questions. ***We would highly recommend that this happens at the next Chiefs and Firefighter conference.**

7. IMAS is looking for a more immediate response for Interstate Mutual Aid. They are encouraging states to work together to make this happen. They are open to helping schedule regional exercises to test systems based on a 90 in 90 (90 people in 90 minutes) criteria (or whatever the states wish to do).

Recommendations: We recommend the following course of action to enhance our mutual aid capabilities in the state and region:

- a. Identify our fire service
 - i. Identify all Fire Departments in the state
 - ii. Identify all firefighters and their training levels in the state
 - iii. Collect and type all fire service resources available in South Carolina
- b. Resource Identification
 - i. Identify and catalog all SC Teams (i.e. IMTs, Technical Rescue, etc)
 - ii. Identify fire service mission ready packages
 - iii. Cost out the mission ready packages
 - iv. Develop a marketing plan for mobilization and implement
- c. Next Generation Mobilization
 - i. Interstate agreements and response
 - ii. MABAS?
 - iii. Notification process adjustment
- d. Future IMAS Conferences
 - i. It is my recommendation that our mobilization coordinator attend future conferences. He has a great rapport with the other coordinators in the nation and would service SC well in this capacity. Karl Ristow.