



VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER Task Force Meeting Minutes January 12th, 2021

Present: ALH, ARC, BRK, GLN, MPK, MTB, PAS, SGB, SMD, SNM, SPS, BC Ambrose, Jason Pfau, Jason Garrett, Oscar Barrera, Manny Soto, Gor Galstyan, Dr. Loza, Gordon Arnold

Absent: MRV, BUR

Meeting Conducted via Microsoft Teams. No votes taken.

Review previous minutes

- No Comments.

VFCC updates: (Ambrose)

- CAD –GIS issues were separated from CAD, those are being pulled daily and looked into. In December we had 196 YTD total issues, now 215, but the number of remaining issues is dropping significantly. New version of CAD is currently being tested and can be live next week. Sacramento and Phoenix are also looking to deploy CAD, continues meetings and discussions are held with VFCC.
- Personnel – 5 job offers were made. 4 FCO's will be starting in the next few weeks.
- MDT Work Group – a few items on the list will be delivered late in future updates; view point maps were purchased by NG and there are things that will take longer to fix and polish. 3 categories of issues that are being fixed based on importance. (I.E. Unit Status, Maps), Increase font size, address disappearing when going full-size. (NOTE: some features such as pinch-zoom on maps will NOT work on MDT's with older hardware or WIN versions.
- Jason Pfau –New version of CAD being tested for deployment. SPS and SNM digital RMS and ERS issues discussed.
- NG was purchased by Venture Capital Peraton

Old Business: (Ambrose)

- Work Group updates- identify critical items;
 - Comm Plan (Weddle, Lynch Ambrose met and discussed how to update the Comm Plan). Changes in the radios are planned in the future to we would like to implement initial com plan changes prior. Proposed Changes to the comm plan were presented.
(Weddle) – Multi company CMD, TAC and Direct options were presented.
FDUMA. Transitioning of RED1 to out bounding only and RED2 to system wide admin (EMS & Single Unit).
(Ambrose) deployment will require training.
(Manny) – outbound only and 2nd person on radio needs to be looked into.

New Business: (Ambrose)

- VESTA failure – ATT/Motorola techs working on system, failure after 2pm with intermittent call drops, FCSS had techs return, immediately called PSAPs with cell. BC's alerted to respond to PSAPs and relay on RED2. Crew from VFCC sent to GPD to



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establish dispatch. PSAPs re-contacted with emergency cell and MA5 as back up. Around 5pm phone lines were back.

- On each 4th Tuesday of the month a meeting with PSAP's is set.
- ATT to provide report to VFCC.
- MA5/LARTACS permission from SRC.
- Full AAR and review forthcoming.
- Changes to Emergency Mode and role of BC's at PSAPS's.
- (Rueda) – any failure at Verdugo should be communicated to the piers. That will allow all the parties to plan the use of the resources.
- (Zanteson) – informing LA City, LA County about failures to use their resources. Metro called back as they could reach VFCC. Only agency not contacted was SRC which is now in the desk guide.

Major Events Review

- VESTA Failure.
- PAS had a 2nd Alarm Apt Fire – more to follow on the next meeting.
 - PPE was inspected by third party lab (contacts will be shared).
- Sharing audios from the Major Incidents would be beneficial.

Roundtable

- GLN – New Emergency Manager Captain Jon Payne started January 4th. T26 back at home.
- BRK – Academy starting February 8 and first round of Covid vaccination done in-house.
- SNM – SICK2 calls plateaued, possibly resurrecting Tactical Alert plan.
- SPS – CAD RMS system being worked on; a router was offline- working Presidio and IT. Staffing down to 3.
- SMD – First round vaccination was done.
- MPK – Covid-19 vaccination first round was done. RA 62 relocated FS61.
- ALH - Covid-19 vaccination first round was done. RA wait time significantly decreasing.
- SGB – RA 251 helping with the calls.
- ARC – Week of January 20 will be round 2 for the vaccinations.
- PAS – Vaccination done in house (70% of people done). New Fire Chief will be appointed soon. A Deputy Chief position with a promotional exam is set. Exams for 3 BC will be conducted from now to June. Looking to hire 20 FFs. FS 33 started remodeling.
- Dr. Loza – helping PD with vaccination. State EMS Agency gives the approval to local EMSs to help with care and vaccination (more to follow). More DHS Policies about crisis (policy 8-55) setting up care process outside the hospitals.



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NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 8th, 2021 at 0900 Location TBD/Microsoft Teams