



## VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER Task Force Meeting Minutes March 9, 2021

**Present:** ALH, ARC, BRK, BUR, GLN, MPK, MTB, PAS, SNM, SPS, BC Ambrose, Jason Pfau, Oscar Barrera, Manny Soto, Gor Galstyan, Gordon Arnold

**Absent:** MRV, SGB, Dr. Loza

Meeting Conducted via MS Teams, no votes taken.

### **Strategic Plan: (Ambrose)**

#### 1. Communications

- Communications Plan (Timeline 3 months).

#### 2. Fire Ground Safety

- Mayday/RIC Plan (Timeline 6 months).

#### 3. Quality Improvement

- Continuous quality improvement from the time 911 call is received to units arriving on scene (Timeline ongoing).

#### 4. Emerging Technologies

- MDT Revision Work Group.
- Tablet Command Deployment.
- SCOUT 3.0 Deployment.
- WIFIRE Deployment.
- RMS DATA  
(Timeline based on project).

### **Plan of Work implemented to check the status of the projects**

### **VFCC updates: (Ambrose)**

- CAD/GIS – From 236 issues 3 remain open; freeway intersection verification being one of the main issues still being addressed. An enhancement to cross streets due by end of 1<sup>st</sup> Q.
- MDT – Deployed to Test Group, area-wide deployment expected end of March.
- 4 new FCOs have completed initial training and are beginning call taking.
- PSAP meeting – February meeting discussed updating PD general information guide which is distributed to PSAP's. Discussed various calls which PD may or may not respond to.
- Tech Committee (Pfau) – latest mobility test.
- Finance – Expect a 5% increase in rates for next year, some cities had significant drop in call volumes as assessed value increased. Meetings with the Tri-City Finance Directors are pending.

### **Workgroups: (Ambrose)**

- i. Communications Plan – Weddle: plan was presented to Area C Chiefs last week, will coordinate a test group and develop a comprehensive training.
- ii. Mayday/RIC – Brown: getting inquiries on who is interested in the project, RTG curriculum will be the same. Script will be sent out to Task Force in April.
- iii. QI – Alvarez: Call type clean up every year, evaluating response times and effective response force, evaluating CAD changes. The group will also be reviewing consolidation of fire type codes. Discussion on using Single Family, Multi Family, Commercial in lieu of the current multiple type codes. This will be reviewed by the Group.
- iv. Tablet Command/Scout - Ambrose



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### New Business:

- Tactical Worksheet –Lynch: unifying it for all Area C cities. Copies to be distributed at Area C BC training and deployment.
- CAD Data Reporting – Spriggs: some data was not showing (transport-time, event-concluded, etc.). There was a glitch in the RMS transfer which has been addressed. Discussion of pre plan software and integration to Tablet Command.
- Area C Training Chiefs –Brown: Forming an Area C Training Group, possibly integrating Tablet Command Training with it. More to follow next month.
- Dispatcher Appreciation Week April 11-17. Chief Ambrose has a list of shirt sizes.

### Major Event: MTB 4<sup>th</sup> Alarm Apt Fire (Wells/Goltara)

- The original Incident was misc. outside fire that shortly upgraded to STR fire.
- Winds about 30m/h, lack of visibility and cars blocking access. An 8 unit building which was one of four on the property.
- Squad 50, Engine 50 were on scene first as still alarm.
- Communication plan at dispatch would have been beneficial.
- Unified Command would have been helpful.
- Lessons learned from VFCC perspective on how to better move up choices and to contact DNY early in the incident to check on available resources.

### Roundtable/ Goals for VFCC 2021

GLN – Lynch retiring March 19; Fire Academy starting in May, Covid Vaccination continues; GLN has certified vaccinators.

BRK – Alvarez: Vaccine clinic with BRK unified School District 2 days a week. Academy going on 19 recruits.

SNM – Rueda: Signup for BC training.

SPS – Zanteson: First Due integration with Tablet Command.

SMD – Nothing to report.

MPK – Weddle: Vaccine clinics with ALH Unified School District. Training for A & B shifts.

ALH – Brown: Captains' exam coming up, FFs exam was last week, Chief Bray retired, Chief Phelps is retiring Dec 2021.

BUR – Pianka: Triannual drill on March 17. Some channels are needed if Verdugo can provide. Alert Code 2 changes the response for Airport, possibly changing.

ARC – Spriggs: Nothing to report.

MTB – Goltara: Captains promotion test, 7 candidates were successful, Engineers will be short. 13 FFs on their 6-month testing, another similar class setup



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### **Tablet Command Volunteers:**

BC Mike Brown Alhambra  
FF/PM Kyle McKee Monrovia  
BC Chris Stavros Glendale  
Eng Tony Corrao South Pasadena  
BC Tray White Burbank  
DC Brad Davis San Gabriel  
DC Newton Ong San Gabriel  
DC Ryan Weddle Monterey Park  
DC Eric Zanteson South Pasadena  
BC Anthony James Pasadena

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday April 13, 2021 MS Teams**