



VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Task Force Meeting Minutes June 8, 2021

Present: ALH, ARC, BRK, GLN, MPK, SGB, SMD, SNM, SPS, BC Ambrose, Jason Pfau, Oscar Barrera, Gor Galstyan, Gordon Arnold, Capt Payne, Dr Loza

Absent: MRV

Meeting Conducted via MS Teams, no votes taken.

Strategic Plan: (Ambrose)

- **Meetings held for QI, Comm. Plan and Mayday/RIC teams, updated Plan of Work will be sent out**

VFCC updates: (Ambrose)

- CAD/GIS – work continues on fixing GIS data anomalies, State funding is available and we have hired a contractor to perform clean-up of the data. Despite a few delays the vendor has begun the process; freeways were not appearing correctly in CAD, and was an identified issue early in the CAD upgrade. Peraton has given a fix which is in testing for deployment. A bug with the MDTs was recently identified. When the enroute button is clicked it should turn yellow and become green when acknowledged; the button is remaining yellow regardless. This issue is being worked on by the Peraton Team. Tablet command/Peraton quote received for API integration and needed revision. Both TC and Peraton are working through the issues. VFCC has been leveraging our partners at Phoenix and Sacramento for acceleration of fixes as well as TC API deployment. AUN (Assigned Unit Notification) for paging is per agency; text comes when logged in (works with google messages and I-messages). This feature is not considered as official notification, but to be used as a situational awareness tool. Contact a VFCC Supervisor for AUN sign up. To date 176 are signed up for AUN.
- Agreements – SPS/SMN in process. Met with DNY to discuss updating MTB AA agreements and clean up gray areas in sending resources. VFCC will be meeting regularly with DNY.
- Staffing – four trainees are almost done with call taking training and will be going to radio training. One FCO resigned last week.
- PSAP meeting/ MTZ meeting – discussion of air/ground frequencies. Update on resources and impact of less camp crews being available this year. FIRIS/WIFIRE to continue with State funding.
- Pulse point was down because of a computer which needed upgrading. Red 1, and scanning from Red 2-Red 8 to be added to Pulse point. PP audio is fed through a radio app and has a delay.
- Two missed dispatches- ALH and GLN, in both cases BC's were informed accordingly and incidents were reviewed by VFCC.
- Tech Committee (Jason Pfau) – a map upgrade will be soon available for MCTs. It was pointed out by PAS that users who do not have pinch zoom hardware ability do not see the hydrant layer on the map. Adjustments are being made to optimize maps to view hydrant layer automatically for those without the optimal hardware. Security and extra-steps to connect MCTs; connections go through private Tunnel and additional Tunnel for added security. The system is designed to be very secure, which also limits some functionality.



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- Finance/Data Update (Gor) – working on upgrading consoles and chairs. Implemented Microsoft Power BI for Live Data.

Workgroups:

- Communications Plan – Weddle: Nothing new to report. Working on Train the Trainer.
- Mayday/RIC – Chief Brown will send some updates via email
- QI – Alvarez:
SMOKEI change went to Ops Committee and will be presented to the FCs. The other call types consolidation and cleanup is set for more long term. BC Ambrose to pull type codes for STR fires from LA and Ventura counties for comparison. Other codes that are rarely used may be phased out.

Old Business:

- Tactical Worksheet – Rueda: NFPA requires a Tactical worksheet, if it's stored correctly could be beneficial after many years. Discussion ensued that Tablet Command electronic versions are saved automatically.
- Standards of command – Alvarez: new standards of command issued in Burbank. Draft was sent out to potentially make this a Verdugo-wide policy. BRK version is effective July 1 for their personnel.
- Dr Loza - Per BC Ambrose Ventura County is not asking Covid questions. LA county is still asking Covid questions. Only two calls with SICK2 type code last week in Area C; will be working on revamping EMS type codes, distinguish between 8 and 9 y.o. OD, DROWN hands only chest compression, asking "are you comfortable with mouth to mouth?" for OD calls.

Major Events:

- BRK - large apt fire on Grismer St. Truck was delayed due to access.
- ALH fire - was a place of worship having access issues to sub-floor where the fire started.
- ARC- issues with County Captain accessing Verdugo channels, this was addressed.

Roundtable

PAS – DC opening to be filled in two weeks, two captains promoted, opening for Engineers. Station 33 is currently in construction.

MTB – staffing issues; currently short 14, actively trying to recruit.

ARC – Type 6 will be picked up.

HBA – Tac channel for fuel spill desired, BC Ambrose to follow up.

SGB – nothing to report.

ALH - 3 captains and 2 engineers promoted.

MKP - Station 62 moving along with remodel. Is there a policy determining when to lower flags?

SMD – One engineer promoted. OES type 6 to be picked up.

SPS – Arson dog could be used anywhere in the region.

SNM – Nothing to report.

BUR – 18 new Firefighters starting on the 30th, few promotional tests.

GLN – Type 6 is at Camp Pendleton for Fire School, upcoming Captain and BC exams. FFPM academy starting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: July Task Force - CANCELLED