



## VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

### Task Force Meeting Minutes - February 10, 2022

**Present:** ALH, ARC, BRK, BUR, GLN, MPK, MTB, SGB, PAS, SNM, SPS, BC Ambrose, FCSS Garrett, Oscar Barrera, Gor Galstyan, Jason Pfau, Dr. Loza, Gary Robinson

**Absent:** SNM, MRV Gordon Arnold

Meeting Conducted via MS Teams, no votes taken, recording available.

#### **VFCC updates:**

- Testing Command Point (CAD) Version 3.0. This is moving slower due to staffing but we are getting it done. There are no critical updates within this Version but some new features.
- AOV (available away from vehicle)-adds extra 60 seconds. This is an enhancement PHX has requested which will be available to VFCC in a future update.
- Staffing:
  - Working on hiring hourly employees; two of the candidates visited the Center
  - Adjusting to our recent loss.
- Tech Committee – working on MCT’s global protect, windows update and disaster recovery. Expect another security update.
- Finance/Data requests – ISO documentation provided to two agencies. Handled several specific data requests. Official (most accurate) data should be requested from Gor/Jason with Chief Officer approval.

#### **Workgroups: (request for volunteers, contact any workgroup member)**

- i. Communications Plan – Weddle: - Going to meet LAAFCA representatives by the end of the month. Discussed AVD - received quotes from Westnet and USDD, pending quote from Peraton. This will be included in the budget for next year.
- ii. Mayday/RIC – Brown: No updates. (Chief Brown was called away and will update next month).
- iii. QI – Alvarez/Gor: Will continue to investigate the data quarterly. Working on Tiered Dispatching by the end of 2022. Chief Alvarez thanked the group as this will be his last meeting before leaving to be Fire Chief of Santa Monica.
- iv. Emerging technologies: Tablet command API will be completed by the end of first quarter of 2022. Statement of Work and other documents are being addressed with Tablet Command while the API is being developed to ensure prompt deployment once API is completed. FireScope EIT meeting coming up in February. Chief Suen has offered to join and represent.

#### **Old Business:**

- Standard of Commands - Alvarez: The final copy will go to Tri-City chiefs for approval.
- Arson Task Force – Robinson: Updated draft of Verdugo Fire Investigation Task Force policy was presented to Area C. Specifically inception of creating the Board, operational process etc. Each City will need to return comments to Investigator Robinson prior to their next board meeting.
- Removal of type codes with less than 25% - pending answer from 5 agencies. JG prepared the CAD back end to handle tailored dispatch for these type codes per agency.

#### **New Business:**

- GIS Occupancy Map (Oscar) - additional information for the call taker about the occupancy type and zoning. LA County GIS Layer can be utilized to create a



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customized map for target hazard areas. Homeless encampments, neighboring areas etc., could be mapped for Arson perspectives. Chief Ambrose suggested a separate meeting/work group to examine deployment possibilities with this information. Inv. Robinson would like to explore Arson perspective.

- Key Station Audit/USAR – key stations were audited by Sell and Ambrose; how and who determines coverage. In case of major structure fire, USR32 requires a Class A driver which may be difficult to fill. Agreement to keep on the agenda and further look at automating move-ups. VFCC will discontinue out of City move up for E32.
- Staging – no updates. Chief James would like this to remain on the agenda and will set up a meeting with Chief Ambrose in the next few weeks.

#### Significant Event Review:

- Pasadena Gasoline Spill  
Originally reported as 50 gallon spill, ended up as 1500 gallons.  
Accident didn't engage the valve shut off as designed and the attendant did hit their alarm in their office, the relay got messed up and wasn't able to shut it off and that was the main issue of why it kept flowing. Group discussion of improving coordination and notifications. IC can notify VFCC to page BC's as VFCC was not fully aware of impact initially.

#### Roundtable

**BRK:** Recruitment will be next month; promotion opportunities will be announced next week.

**SPS:** Staffing is back up.

**MPK:** Announcement was released this week for hiring.

**ALH:** Just hired two recruits, one of them was let go, four firefighters to become PM.

**HBA:** Red 10 was requested for Super Bowl weekend. There is a large volume of aircraft at HBA this week.

**MTB:** FFPM Academy is scheduled in April and a prevention Captain position hiring is delayed.

**PAS:** Chief Augustin did 1 year update, completed captain's academy, one BC promotion, working on recruit class in April, hiring 1 plan examiner.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 10, 2022, at 10AM**