

# **VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER Task Force Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2022**

**Present:** ALH, ARC, BRK, GLN, MPK, MTB, SGB, PAS, SMD, SPS, BC Ambrose, Oscar Barrera, Gor Galstyan, Gordon Arnold.

Absent: HBA, MRV, SNM, Jason Pfau, Dr. Loza,

Meeting Conducted via MS Teams and in Person (Wallace and Hatch), no votes taken, recording available.

### VFCC updates:

- CAD/Operations:
  - We are working on a generic MDT login to avoid using personnel as this locks user out of logging in to other apparatus.
  - Connectivity issue has continued since March 18, all of the vendors and GLN and VFCC IT are troubleshooting. Symptoms are slow map performance and/or inability to use buttons on the MDT.
  - Testing dual sim cards (T-Mobile) on MDTs.
  - GIS/address verifications are continuously tested and updated.
  - CAD for certain freeway responses is an ongoing issue, a potential solution will take staff time to program.
- Staffing: FCO bulletin going out next week. Hourly option did not work: one candidate withdrew, another failed background. We will be looking for panelists for upcoming interviews.
- Tech Committee: No updates.
- Finance/Data: Budget is in the final stage; official rates will be communicated in few weeks. No significant increase for the contracting agencies.
- GIS: Presented some layers for upcoming TC Maps. Will be installed on MDTs as well.

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

- i. Communications Plan Weddle: RCP
  - Planning to invite the training officers next month
  - o Reorganizing the home zone
  - o BRK purchased new radios for each member
  - o Com Plan gives multiple frequencies at time of dispatch
  - Outline will be given to OPS committee for review
- ii. Mayday/RIC Brown: No updates (Added to May Agenda)
- iii. QI Sell/Gor: discussed the removal of transport on certain type codes success thus far, we will continue to monitor the data. Currently, we are analyzing Alarms and upgrades to STR.
- iv. Emerging technologies: Ambrose attended a Scout 3.0 launch meeting. The new platform is basically Interra. The deployment will be over the next few months and is fully supported by OES Director and CAL FIRE Chief. The maps, IAP's and SA available will be a very good complement to Tablet Command.

### **Old Business:**

- Standards of Command -will send the Master Copy with the minutes
- Arson: Moved to May Agenda
- Key Station audit/move ups: remove from agenda per Sell



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### **New Business:**

- Peraton has reported that API for Tablet Command in an upcoming version of Command Point will be delivered in mid-May. We will have one thousand Tablet Command licenses for phones and thirty total for I-pads.
- Training Cadre: will be given onboarding information to be ready prior to API launch.
- Tiered Dispatch: Sell and Ambrose will be touring CONFIRE

### **Significant Event Review:**

Bradbury IC MTB: Tabled

#### **Roundtable:**

**BRK:** Chief Hatch: continuing to work with the last class of rookies who will be off probation. Working on budget. Moving from Firehouse to ESO for NFIRS.

SPS: having some staffing issues

**SMD:** Down two Captain spots, two FFPM just started, new Pierce Engine in service.

**MPK:** BC Thompson Promotion, engineer and captain promotions are coming. May 14, 10 AM to 2 PM fire service day and open house of new station. MPK BCs are assisting MTB with staffing.

**ALH:** 5 FF openings, will be running Eng. Exam in May.

**SGB:** NFIRS will be going to APS next month. Asked the City for a 40hr BC spot. Received 2021 Dodge 3500 RA. Replacing the radios by June.

**ARC:** In the middle of a build for a Fire Engine, working on Ambulances. June-July will be an Eng. Exam. **PAS:** Recognized Dispatchers at Verdugo. From 1000 firefighter applicants, they are planning to hire 20.

Some promotions will be in place next months. Email Captain Haddad: Shaddad@cityofpasadena.net for upcoming Highrise training.

**GLN:** purchased new MSA SCBAs, Rescue Cushion put into service, academy prospects currently in backgrounds

**MTB**: Needed to step out early, no report.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 12, 2022, at 10AM